



# INDIGENOUS MINISTRY LINKS AUSTRALIA

\*EVANGELISM \*CHURCH PLANTING  
\*MINISTRY TRAINING \* BRIDGE BUILDING  
\*NETWORKING  
\*BREAKING THE POVERTY CYCLE



“...Christ in you,  
the Hope of Glory.”  
Col 1:27

**Thank you for your partnership in  
what God is doing among  
indigenous Australians.**



Everyone in Yikarrakal has now committed their lives to Christ

New Believers are preparing for Baptism

It is an interesting season. The world is getting more complex and yet the solution to so many problems is to make things simpler.

That is our approach to indigenous ministry. If something seems too hard we reduce it down to it's most essential elements and smaller simple steps and we get there. We are successful at church planting in remote and English as a second language indige-

nous communities partly because of our simple approach to ministry.

Where food can be 3 times town price and most community "jobs" are "work for the dole" positions we don't have money for buildings...so we meet out of doors. This has the added bonus that people hear what The Church's message is and as Paul says "The Gospel... It is the power of God to save all who will believe" (from Rom 1:16). We couldn't pay a pastor but we work on a principle of Body Ministry so many people get to lead and minister and grow through the process.

The laws in Australia are getting more complex and harder to comply with for large ministries particularly where the majority of our leaders have limited literacy and minimal formal education. This year we are making a huge push to get each local church legally and functionally independent with their own boards of governance and more fully directing their own ministry's finances. This is a huge amount of work. When there were only half a dozen groups it was easier just to do a lot of things for them in order to release them to just win souls, worship pray and make disciples which they do amazingly. But now managing 36 bank accounts representing churches, teams, and ministries in 3 states and the NT, we



Galiwinku believers want more than just religion!

(a handful of cross cultural ministers) risk spending more time administrating than ministering God's Word just to comply with government requirements. So we have to share the load with our Aboriginal leaders in this area as well. It involves tackling many complex and delicate issues so please pray for us that we might have the wisdom and enabling grace

by the Holy Spirit. There is a lot of training and mentoring involved and making changes to administrative arrangements. We need perseverance both physical and mental as just registering signatories to bank accounts can involve days of travel with signatories to the nearest town with a bank to be identified. I have to report though that the process has been going very well so far and people are really stepping up.



We have had two of our key leaders in Arnhem Land pass away in the past few months and yet the sorrow

of those losses has been softened by the joy of seeing a younger generation rising up to continue the ministry.

Well this was just meant to be a couple of paragraphs but seeing our leaders step up to the challenge has been most gratifying. The sense that this is God's time for these changes and greater autonomy by the local fellowships is so strong that it gives us a real peace.



Fresh Hunger for God in Cape York

All along we are continuing to see people coming to Jesus and lives and families restored and new communities asking us to partner with them is starting churches.

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Carl Musch  
Chairman Indigenous  
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