

6 Months on the mission field in East Arnhem Land, Australia.

350 Airvan hours, 650 landings, transporting medical workers, builders, rangers, teaching staff, ministers, medical evacuations, and many, many Yolngu people.

The Holy Spirit is working in Yirrkala, our homeland. We see the Lord at work here everyday, in the hearts of the people.

MAF is the largest Christian organization in East Arnhem Land and we spend most of our spare time witnessing to the Yolngu people.



These pictures were taken recently of fellowship on our MAF house deck.

Sam Marika on the right has become a good friend of ours. We meet three times a week and we plan evenings

where we speak and pray with pre-Christian Yolngu.



Together with Peter, the Guitarist, and Stephanie, his soloist wife; these form the heart of the East Winds Gospel Choir. We spend evenings in the bush sitting alongside Yolngu and sharing the Gospel.

Tragically, Sam recently lost his sister, Dr Marika. The evening before her unexpected death, a MAF family prayed with her and she said she felt the presence of the Lord around her. The next day she died on a hunting trip. Their



mother, Eunice (pictured above), has been devastated. Clare has been supporting her spiritually and practically. Dr Marika was possibly the most famous Aboriginal lady, renowned for her work in indigenous education, she recently received an Honors PhD. The funeral has lasted three months.

Reaffirming our faith More recently Clare and I reaffirmed our faith by being Baptised in the sea. Sam was with us in the water, a union of Balanda (white folk) and Yolngu.

Kiri leaves the nest for Melbourne

Kiri has been awarded a place at an Anglican boarding school in Melbourne and starts this coming term. The education in Gove has not met her needs and we are excited that Tintern School for Girls has recognized our ministry, providing for her needs. Kiri also returns to our much loved Vineyard church in Lilydale where she will be amongst people we trust to guide her.

Where are we? We live in Yirrkala, in the northern corner of the Northern Territory—a vast landscape of desert equivalent to a piece of land stretching from London to Morocco, with one major road—the Bruce Highway. We live

in Morocco! The Bruce Highway is 750 km away across rugged barren dirt tracks—impassible in the wet.

What people do we serve? The Yol-

ngu are indigenous people. Very spiritual, very friendly; a people group within Australia having little to do with the typical Australian. They live in distant homelands of up to 50 Yolngu, where they hunt buffalo and fish. Homelands are accessible by air or well equipped 4x4 vehicles in the dry season.

Prayer points

- That Kiri does really well in her new school and that she settles into her new life in Melbourne and remains in her faith.
- That our work and relationship with Sam continues to grow.
- To the Yolngu youth that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ reaches their hearts.



Spaghetti our camp dog



Essential bush facilities.

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