

Web Update

One of our recent projects was redeploying the Perspectives Australia web site www.perspectives.org.au. It is now implemented using the drupal content management system, which makes it much easier to maintain. We have captured geographic information for each course, so when you check the details for the course you will see a map, and it is possible to search for courses by postcode. The next task is to train up the state and national coordinators to update their own

information. We are also working on building the resources listed on the web site. Hopefully work on the Missions Interlink web site will progress during the summer. At the moment it is stuck in the committee stage! Fortunately they seem to be happy with a fairly loose arrangement where we develop as we understand the need. This is partially required by the difficulty in getting a group of people to come to a common understanding without a lot of time!

Have a great Christmas

Isaiah 40:3-5
The Message

*Thunder in the desert!
"Prepare for God's arrival!"*

*Make the road straight and smooth,
a highway fit for our God.*

*Fill in the valleys,
level off the hills,*

*Smooth out the ruts,
clear out the rocks.*

*Then God's bright glory will shine
and everyone will see it.
Yes. Just as God has said."*

ICCM AU

Yes, David is organising another ICCM conference, this time in Australia. Actually it will be held on Sydney's Northern Beaches in February. We already have 7 people coming, which is great. ICCM is the International Conference on Computing and Missions. It is where mission IT folk and leaders meet together, learn and encourage each other. This one is being hosted by the Missions Interlink NSW IT Network, the chair of which is David. Hopefully after the conference there will be a national network (there are more mission IT people in Australia outside Sydney than in it!). Some details are still being worked out (eg some of the speakers), but it should be a great time.



ICCM AU 2000



On the Goat Track

David & Katrina Miller

On the road again

We spent October travelling western NSW & South Australia as part of David's long service leave. Camping most of the time, we travelled from Sydney to Broken Hill, staying in Nynguen on the way. Broken Hill was fascinating from a mining and art perspective. We then travelled to the Flinders Ranges, seeing the Indian Pacific pass through Peterborough, where train lines from 4 states used to meet. We based ourselves in Hawker at a great camp ground. Unfortunately our car, and Katrina's condition meant we didn't get to see much of the national park itself. After a few days we drove down to Whyalla, a steel town, and attempted to camp in a 30 knot southerly on a beach. While this was technically successful, we decided we didn't like the experience (and Sally, our dog, who was travelling with us, agreed.)

So to avoid the wind, we drove from the Eyre Peninsula back to the Clare Valley, and stayed in Clare. We spent the next 5 days wine tasting which was great. Then it rained, so we left and drove back to the Eyre Peninsula, staying in Cowell in our 2 man tent, where it again rained. Hmm. Next day we travelled to Coffin Bay, which was protected from most winds, and very scenic. Oysters and fishing is all the thing there, so we had some



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Upcoming Events

- ICCM-AU in February 2008
- Penrith Perspectives February 2008
- ICCM Asia in October 2008

Kenaniah the head Levite was in charge of the singing; that was his responsibility because he was skillful at it.
1 Chron 15:22

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Kate's Korner



Greetings dear friends, Once again Christmas fast approaches and no-one is ready for it, let alone the end of another year. We all know how challenging Christmas can be so I pray that in the hustle and bustle we all remember the real reason for Christmas, a small babe born to save the world. Praise God! I give thanks to God that my health continues to be very good with the help of the medication I am taking. I thank God for the medication too. We were told at my last check-up that I will be able to continue to take the medication next year on compassionate grounds. My cardiologist is very pleased with how things are going. Praise God!

Last week we celebrated our 12th Wedding anniversary. Who would have thought? God did! We celebrated by going to see 'The Nutcracker' ballet at the Sydney Opera House. We had a challenge to get there on time but once there we really enjoyed it. I have never been to the ballet and it was extraordinary. The costumes, the ballet, and the very talented dancers combined to make a night I won't forget soon. Fantastic. The music was wonderful too! I finished BSF two weeks ago and with that the Treasurers position. It was ok but not my gifting. We will be studying Matthew next year and I am looking forward to it.

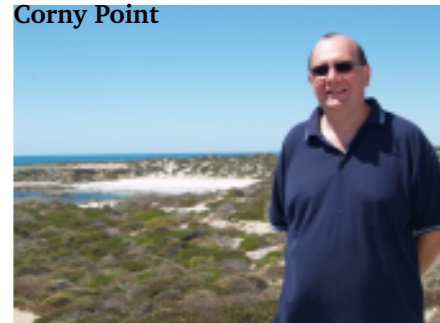
My patchwork continues although the class finished last Friday. I have a few WIP's (for the uninitiated, Work In Progress) to keep me happy over

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oysters. Actually, if you didn't fish, most of the towns there don't have a lot else to do! David had organised Telstra NextG Mobile Broadband (prepaid) on his mobile (for remote support purposes), so was able to web surf from the tent at the bottom of the Eyre Peninsula!

After a few more days we went back to Cowell and caught the ferry to Wallaroo on the Yorke Peninsula, and we sought a camp ground protected from the Southerly due that night (basically we were getting a calm day, a day of Northerlies/Westerlies followed by a Southerly that came overnight and stayed around on the third day). So we stayed in another little town called Ardrossan on the East Coast, again in the 2 man tent. There is a One Steel Dolomite mine there, and a port for the Wheat and Barley trade. Most of these crops around the region (and there

Corny Point



Kate's Korner Cont'd

the break when we will get together again. I am just doing another block for my sampler quilt called 'Aubrey's Rose'. Lots of triangles (96 for one block). I think that makes 9 or 10 blocks now. I love doing patchwork. Thank you to those who have given me material and advice (always appreciated) over the year. You may just see them in a block, in a future quilt.

Just a note about our month in South Australia. We had a great time. Camping is a challenge at the best of times but with the wind even more so. Sally really enjoyed it too and was a bit bored



Eyre Peninsula near Coffin Bay

were a lot) were suffering badly from the drought.

We spent the next day wandering around the ports looking for protected campgrounds and ended up at Corny Point (look at a map). We stayed at a recently upgraded caravan park. The two big industries (if you can call them that) must be fishing and surfing (apart from farming). But we spent a few days there and relaxed and had a look around. From there we drove to Adelaide and spent 5 days with our friends Allan & Glynis. We even got to attend a 2 year old's birthday (their grand daughter). Having

when we got back. It was great to catch up with friends too. We totally recommend the Clare Valley. If you ever come to dinner you may just get a sample of the lovely wine we returned with. We saw lovely scenery, were sympathetic to the plight of the wheat farmers coping with, or not coping with the drought. It was extremely dry there and we saw many failed wheat fields. We loved the Bakery shops too!! It's a great place to visit.

I want to wish you a happy and Holy Saviours Day. Thank you for your love and continued support of us and Davids ministry. I pray

been to Adelaide before we concentrated on the Adelaide Hills area, which is very scenic.

The last leg of our trip saw us head from Adelaide to Victor Harbour, for some of the coolest weather we had on our whole trip (well, during the day time anyway). Unfortunately the bridge to Granite Island was closed for the first time in 10 years. So, even though we have visited there twice, we haven't yet seen the penguins! After a few days there we returned to Sydney via Hay.

that the New Year is a blessed one for you and your families.

Shalom and love from Katrina and Sally, (woof!).



An Aussie using technology to transform lives.

The keynote speaker at this years ICCM conference in the US was an Aussie, John Edmiston. David first met John in Manila, and David travelled from Indianapolis Airport to Taylor Uni with him for ICCM. He is a fascinating guy, who does a lot with technology for a non-technologist.

In the 90's he discovered that he could reach more people with the Gospel online than face to face. He'd wake up in the morning, and more people would have become Christians through his sites. So it isn't surprising that this non-techie turned to technology when he visited the southern Philippines in 2001 as a missionary and noticed the number of internet cafes and the dearth of theological training. So he has established the Antioch Internet Bible Institute (aibi.gospelcom.net) to provide free/low cost training to Asia's pastors.

Recognising a need for entry platforms for indigenous missionaries into unreached people groups in the southern Philippines he set-up evangelistic Internet cafes as small businesses that both support the indigenous missionaries (three can be fully supported from an icafe with 21 computers) and provide a safe, neutral entry platform and a means for community contact and transformation.

These days as well as all the above he is lecturing in Internet Evangelism and Cybermissions at the Fuller Theological Seminar and serving on the Joint Information Management Initiative task force of the World Evangelical Alliance - Missions Commission.

If you want to learn how to reach others on the Internet or even how to run an internet cafe, John runs a training course, on the web of course. See www.cybermissions.org.



Flinders Ranges



Prayer

- Give thanks that Katrina will continue to receive her new medication in 2008.
- Give thanks for a good break for us in South Australia.
- Pray for the ICCM AU conference in Sydney during February, that there will be good attendance, and that it will be of benefit to all.
- Pray for planning for ICCM Asia.
- Pray that progress will be made with Missions Interlink web planning so that work can progress.
- Pray that we will hear God's voice regarding future ministry.



What's Next

We will be having a short holiday at home after Christmas. Sometime during the first 6 months of 2008 we expect to take another month of David's long service leave.

We are seeking God to understand what he might want us to be doing in the future.

David is organising ICCM AU in February and ICCM Asia in October.

David may run a Perspectives Course in the Penrith area in early 2007 if there is enough interest.