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Dear Friends,

How lovely it is to be back in Australia for the next month or two, to enjoy some time with our children and grandchildren, to speak in churches about progress made in Kitgum, and hopefully to take a little “time-out” for some R and R!!

NOTE: The itinerary for our speaking engagements is included on page 3 of this issue.

We arrived in Adelaide on December 10th after a wonderful trip from Uganda with Emirates airline. As “frequent flyers” we were able to up-grade the first segment of the flight from Entebbe to Dubai to “Business Class” at no extra cost. It was wonderful to be able to stretch our legs out and also enjoy the full “silver-service” that comes with such an up-grade. When we arrived at Dubai and checked in at the desk in the terminal we were told that our tickets to Perth had been changed.

Immediately we thought, oh, no!! What has gone wrong?

The gentleman at the desk informed us that the economy section of the aircraft had been over-booked for the next leg of our journey from Dubai to Perth, but since we were “Silver Skywards” members, our seat allocation had changed from the very last two seats at the back of the plane in Economy class up to the first two seats IN BUSINESS CLASS !!!

What a blessing it was to fly in absolute comfort all the way to Perth. PTL !!!

“Land Lease Title Deed Plan” & “Certificate of Title”:

Unfortunately, we are still waiting for confirmation from our lawyer in Uganda regarding these two vital documents. Both documents are needed before we can submit plans to Kitgum Town Council (KTC) for approval to commence construction of “permanent” buildings in Kitgum.

After waiting for over 8 months now for the cumbersome and frustrating process to be completed, we were so close to seeing it finalized prior to leaving Uganda. The very last step involved the signature of the Minister for Lands on the documents. He was “out of the country” and would not return until after our departure for Australia. So we wait. We trust that it is all completed when we return next February.

“Toucal” complete:

The toucal was completed just a few days before we returned to Australia. It will provide invaluable shelter from the incessant heat during the coming year and a great place to sit and enjoy a “cuppa” with visitors.

Small shrubs have been planted around the edge of the concrete slab. It looks great!



Update re Christine:

In the September issue of “Cornerstone News” we told you about “Christine” (the wife of one of our workmen: Patrick). She survived two operations in Gulu hospital (about 120kms away) and is now back home in Kitgum. We held a Christmas party for our workmen and their families during our last week in Kitgum. Sadly, Christine was too unwell to come. She is fighting a daily battle with cervical cancer. Some days she is ok, other days are a real struggle.

Please continue to pray for Christine, Patrick and their 4 children.

Workmen’s Christmas Party:

On Friday 27th November we held a Christmas party for our 3 workmen and their families. It was a great afternoon of fun and celebration. The men had never seen a cricket bat or stumps, and throwing a “frizbee” and “triple-blade boomerang” were new experiences for them all. To hear the men’s laughter and see the joy on the faces of the young children as they opened their small bag of simple gifts was something we shall never forget. Sadly, upon our return to Australia the celebration of Jesus birth has become so commercialized that it seems a person’s love is measured by the value of the gift given! How sad that is.



Gate Entrance completed:

Another task completed in recent months was the pouring of a concrete slab across the entrance to the property so that the gates can now be fully secured. Previously the gap under the gates was large enough to allow small chickens to enter and scratch away all of the mulch placed around young seedling plants. The main purpose however was to ensure that the gate “drop bolts” would locate positively in a solid concrete slab, rather than be easily dis-lodged from the original small cement block installed when the security fence was first erected.



Speaking Engagements while in SA:

We will be speaking at the following venues between December 27th 2009 and February 7th 2010:

Sunday December 27th 2009: One Tree Hill Uniting Church at 10 am.

Sunday January 3rd 2010: Birdwood United Church at 10.15am.

Sunday January 10th 2010: Cornerstone Uniting Church at 10 am.

Wed. February 3rd 2010: Aldinga Uniting Church (time to be confirmed, possibly lunch/meeting)

Sunday February 7th 2010: Modbury Church of Christ at 10 am.

Annual General Meeting:

The **Annual General Meeting of Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc. will be held on February 7th 2010 at 2.00pm at Modbury Church of Christ, 955-957 North East Road, Modbury.** Reports will be presented by the Chairman, Directors and Treasurer and election of vital Management Committee positions will be conducted. A “Nomination Form” is attached with this Newsletter.

Secretary & Treasurer vacancies 2010:

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the Foundation are both vitally important roles that will become vacant at the AGM. We appreciate the commitment and service given by Don McKenzie (Treasurer) and Denise Turvey (Secretary) over many years. Thank-you both for all you have done as part of the team seeking to bring the love of Christ to young people in Kitgum.



PLEASE NOTE:

If you are able to help in either of these areas, please pray about becoming involved at the Committee level of the Foundation. Positions on the Committee are open to all financial members of CFA. If you are not currently a member of the Foundation, but feel that God is calling you to become more involved, please contact Wayne & Bev (0423 354 772) or Denise Turvey (8264 5005) for further information.



NGO Re-registration & Work Permits:

NGO re-registration of CFA must be done during 2010 to enable our Work Permits to be renewed. As part of the process the 2010 Annual General Meeting minutes recording the names of both the **Secretary and Treasurer** will be scrutinized by the NGO Board who either approve or reject applications for both NGO re-registration and Work Permits. Put quite simply: **WITHOUT A SECRETARY & TREASURER : NO WORK PERMIT** Please consider how you might help at the Committee level.

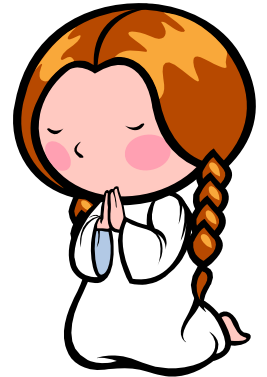
We are looking forward to meeting with as many of our supporters as we can during our time back in South Australia. We trust that you have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family as you celebrate the precious gift of God's Son: Jesus.

With our love, *Wayne and Bev*

Prayer Points:

Praise God: For the greatest gift of all: for Jesus, our saviour, redeemer and friend
For friendships being made with other Christians based in Kitgum
For our safe arrival back in Australia
For His protection over us and our workmen throughout 2009

Please pray: For God's provision of a Secretary & Treasurer for the Foundation
For us as we speak about the work of CFA in Kitgum
For continued financial support for the project
That the "Land Lease Title Deed" and "Land Title Deed Plan" will be completed soon



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