

On Track



Sending out Gospel Nomads

In March, five couples and three individuals attended the Gospel Nomads Orientation Week at New Dunesk, Ardlethan NSW. This is the largest Nomad Network we have had since the ministry began.

PIM's vision is to see people living in the remote and sparsely populated areas of Australia become mature and faithful followers of Jesus. The PIM Gospel Nomads help bring this vision to pass through using their time and mobility to serve the Lord Jesus Christ wherever He leads.

At the Orientation week at New Dunesk, the Moderator-General, Rev. David Burke, led comprehensive studies on evangelism, discipleship and apologetics. Daily devotions and teaching on pastoral and practical theology were provided by the Rev. David Hawkin, PIM Committee member and Minister of Griffith Presbyterian Church. Colin and Alison Morrow of the PIM Mungo Patrol (NSW/VIC) contributed significantly to the gospel effectiveness of the event.

Ron and Lynn-Marie Hick (Mittagong), who have been part of the network since it began in 2021, helped immensely in preparation for the event and were active and keen participants.

'There was good attendance at Nomads, small enough to be personal but big enough to allow for a variety of interactions. The atmosphere was welcoming and supportive.'

New to the Nomads for 2024 were Bob and Jenny Allen (Tuggeranong).

'We were so impressed by the quality of the teaching from David Bourke and David Hawken and came away feeling so much more equipped to care for people and to have gospel conversations as God opens opportunities and prepares hearts. We were also deeply blessed to spend time with the other potential Nomads and a current PIM Ministry Team, Colin and Alison Morrow. New Dunesk is a wonderful place and we are excited by what God is doing there.'

We enthusiastically recommend the Gospel Nomads to other people who are considering PIM involvement in their season of life and encourage people to pray for God's ongoing blessings and provision for the Gospel Nomad ministry.'

Much work is now being done to organise and deploy the PIM Gospel Nomads in 2024 to the glory of God.

The Gospel Nomads Orientation Week is held every year in March at New Dunesk. If you would like to learn more about the Gospel Nomads and how you can get involved, visit pim.org.au/gospel-nomads or get in touch with Stuart by calling 0438 868 964 or emailing superintendent@pim.org.au.

Gospel Partnership in VIC, NSW and QLD

The Superintendent has been on an extended PIM ministry trip. He left Albany at the start of March and returned home at the end of April.

By Stuart Bonnington

A very warm welcome has been extended to me as I have preached the Word and spoken of the PIM at the churches in Shepparton (Kyung-Rae and Sarah Ee), Myrtleford (vacant), Griffith (David and Beth Hawken), Henty-Lockhart (Craig and Amie Nicholas), Temora (Derek and Anna Yu) and Miles-Roma (Glen and Liz Perkins). Opportunities have abounded to share in the glorious message of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and about PIM and its vision. The level of Christian commitment and generosity I have enjoyed and the enthusiasm I have encountered for the ministry of the PIM has been very heartening.

Personal contact on behalf of the PIM has been made with many, many friends old and new. I am very thankful for the consistent expressions of kindness and warmth I have experienced.



I have been able to meet all the current PIM Ministry Teams in person - Alvin and Narrelle Chai, Colin and Alison Morrow, Noah and Nerroli Vasiliades and Doug and Marcia Walker.

Our PIM ministry teams are outstanding Christian men and women, deeply dedicated to sharing the gospel, making disciples for Jesus and caring deeply for all they come in contact with. The Lord has been very gracious to the PIM in this way. Prayer is requested for safety, faithfulness, fruitfulness, and perseverance.

📍 From the patrols

Easter in Bombala

The historic St Andrews Presbyterian Church building in Bombala rang loudly 'to the praising of His Name and the preaching of His Word' over the Easter Weekend.

Keen supporters of the PIM and locals from the area joined Noah and Nerroli Vasiliades (Snowy Mountains Patrol VIC/NSW) in Bombala for a weekend of Bible teaching. The theme was 'Building for Christ: Nehemiah for today's Christian'. Participants were encouraged to consider the gospel needs of those living in remote and very remote inland Australia and how God might call them into a mission partnership through PIM.

On Easter Sunday morning Matilda Liberty, new born child of the Vasiliades, was baptised in a very joyful worship service. Those gathered heard an uplifting message from God's Word delivered by Noah entitled 'Delighting in Lordship of Christ through Prayer' (Ephesians 1:15-23). The congregation then joined in a community BBQ where new friendships were made and old ones renewed.

Noah and Nerroli would welcome your Gospel partnership as they seek to build a prayer and financial support team. To find out more, visit www.pim.org.au/patrols/snowymountains.



Pictured: Noah Vasiliades (second from left back) with a key group of PIM supporters at the Bombala Easter Weekend event.

Thank you Paul and Janae

Since mid-2021, Paul and Janae Denness and their four children have lived at the PIM ministry facility, New Dunesk, on the Newell Highway, 2km south of the small NSW Riverina town of Ardlethan.

Paul has laboured to improve and establish New Dunesk so that PIM can inspire, equip and send the Lord's people into remote and very remote Australia to evangelise, disciple and extend Christian pastoral care.



Through his efforts and supervision, Paul has seen the development of a conference centre ('The Piggery'), a well-appointed camp kitchen and a fully equipped amenities block. Janae was involved in the very important ministry to the interior, helping to organise events behind-the-scenes and build New Dunesk's reputation for scrumptious morning teas, suppers and abundant, delicious meals.

The Committee would like to extend their sincere appreciation and thanks to Paul for all his work at New Dunesk and wishes him, Janae, and the family well as they take up new work and study pathways in 2024.

What's coming up at New Dunesk

Over the coming winter months, PIM will be hosting two practical workshops at New Dunesk, each with a unique purpose and vision:

Country Preachers Workshop 7-10 June

PIM is once again partnering with Langham Partnership to offer the third installment of the Country Preachers Workshop. This course is very practical in its presentation, catering to both the first-time preacher and those who are seeking to develop their preaching abilities further.

The workshop is made up of seminars and small groups, known as preaching fellowships, where participants learn how to study a Bible passage, and build a sermon that is faithful, clear and relevant.

Cost: \$250 (includes camping facilities and all meals)
More information: pim.org.au/event/country-preachers-workshop

Country Believers Leadership Workshop 1-4 August

A new event for 2024, this workshop will provide practical training and biblical guidance on how to be a church leader in the areas that God has placed you. Whether you are an elder, bible study leader, youth group leader, Sunday School teacher or are preparing to take on a leadership role in the future, this workshop is applicable to everyone.

Cost: \$250 (includes camping facilities and all meals)
More information: pim.org.au/event/country-believers-leadership-workshop

Support the PIM through a bequest

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"I give to The PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (NEW SOUTH WALES) PROPERTY TRUST for Presbyterian Inland Mission [here insert a description of the bequest together with the amount of money or description of property or other gift] free of testamentary charges and duties for the General Purposes of Presbyterian Inland Mission to be used by Presbyterian Inland Mission in any state or territory in Australia and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary of the Trust shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors."

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For any inquiries, please contact the PIM Superintendent Stuart Bonnington on 0438 868 964 or email superintendent@pim.org.au.

Inland update

Nehemiah is well known for inspiring and organising the reconstruction of the wall of Jerusalem which had been destroyed and lay in ruins.

For us under the New Covenant made in the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, the rebuilding of the wall symbolises the establishment of God's Covenant Kingdom until the Lord Jesus Christ comes again, in all the world and among all people. Mission in the Bible is a seamless activity irrespective of where or among whom. We are to go to everyone, everywhere.

The PIM has a distinctive geographical focus in fulfilling the mission Jesus left to His people - reaching the 2% of Australians (about the population of Tasmania) who live in the remote and regional areas of Australia. Though a small percentage of people, this regions covers 85% of the land mass of our continent.

Nehemiah helps us in this mission.

He actively became aware that the Lord's cause was at a very low ebb, expressing great spiritual concern (Nehemiah 1:1-3). Nehemiah did not remained unmoved or unconcerned about circumstances in Jerusalem. No, he sought out information. What of us? Are we aware that there are vast areas of our country where there are no churches, nor any organised gospel witness of any kind? Are we concerned?

Nehemiah's response in the first instance to the distressing circumstances in Jerusalem with its broken-down wall was not to work but to pray. He was an evangelical pray-er before he was an evangelical activist! (Nehemiah 1:4) He prayed and started with God, the Covenant God (5-6a), continued in a heartfelt desire to confess sin, embrace God's promise all the while getting right with God (6b-10) and ending with a request for God to make the way open for His servant to serve Him (11). We need to pray before we work. We would love more and more people in the PCA (and beyond it) to join us in regular prayer for remote and very remote Australia and for PIM's efforts to evangelise, disciple and care in Jesus' name.

Please contact me directly by phone or email if you are spiritually concerned for remote and very remote Australia and you want to pray that 'the wall might be rebuilt, that the kingdom might come 'in the regions beyond' (2 Corn 10:16).



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