

# On Track



## New life in Mount Magnet

**There has been wonderful traction over the past twelve months in Mt Magnet as Alvin and Narelle continue to minister to the local community.**

The church is well attended, averaging 20-30 local people on a weekly basis, sometimes with visitors from other areas. The Sunday school ministry has also grown since it was incorporated into the adult service, and the new curriculum is helping to ensure the kids are growing in their knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

A local Indigenous lady recently commented "I've never seen so many people at church, and I've been here all my life!"

For a small town of around 380 people, this is extremely encouraging.

Earlier in May, the church had the privilege of celebrating new life as they witnessed two baptisms: a baby girl of two church attendees and a newly born-again local woman who has faithfully been attending Mt Magnet church and Bible study this past year. It was a joyful and wonderful celebration of God's gracious covenant.

Alvin's work continues to revolve around evangelism and discipleship. Recently, he and Cecilia, the only active Christian Badimaya in town, launched a backyard Sunday service for their Indigenous friends.

The most recent session was attended by seven indigenous people. Towards the end of the service, Jacinta, another Badimaya, decided to commit her life to Christ. In her words "I want to put my faith in Jesus. I know He is my Lord and my Saviour, and I want to turn my life around for Him."

Jacinta and her partner have been meeting with Alvin for Bible study and counselling. Praise the Lord for displaying His love and mercy to this precious couple! Alvin has requested prayer for them that they will "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 3:18).

God's faithfulness has been evident in Mount Magnet, from his general provision to saving grace. To see his work in transforming not only the landscape with rain but also the lives of his people for eternity is nothing short of miraculous. Please pray for the gospel ministry in Mount Magnet, that they may continue to serve the Lord with joy and perseverance. He is good and worthy to be praised.

*This article includes extracts from Alvin and Narelle's regular newsletters on the work at Mt Magnet. If you would like to become a subscriber to this newsletter, or a financial contributor to Alvin and Narelle's work, please email Andrew at [ceo@pim.org.au](mailto:ceo@pim.org.au).*



## God's strength on the road

Kim Jaeger, PIM worker in Tasmania, writes:



"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always" Psalm 105:4. This verse was so relevant to me, four years ago when I was starting in patrol work. Each day was what we call 'cold calling'. Every visit to a rural home was a new face and I had no idea what to expect when I drove through a gate or knocked on a door. This is a common experience for new PIM teams, and the first year of a new PIM patrol was largely made up of visiting strangers.

One day I was calling on homes along a rural gravel road which wound itself along the bottom of a valley. I found that either no one was at home when I knocked on the front door or the farm gates leading to the houses were chained and locked. I was unable to

visit. Suddenly, a wave of fear came over me and I irrationally thought that everyone on that road would be my enemy. The overwhelming urge was to turn around and drive home. I pulled up on the side of the road and literally did what Psalm 105:4 tells us to do. I sought the face of God and looked to his strength.

As the Bible promises, God strengthened and sustained me so I was able to keep going. The next two visits that day established two of my best rural relationships. One of these, Dave, has now become a good friend. Initially, we met occasionally but now we meet each month and send text messages between visits. We discuss many things including the things of God and the Gospel message. Dave says I am further along the road on spiritual matters than he is, so I continue to pray that he will come to know Jesus personally. Dave shows lots of interest in my patrol work and is a great encouragement to me.

God's strength on that day four years ago has led to a firm friendship today, mutual encouragement and Gospel witness. It is definitely worth driving for.

*Kim needs additional people to join his financial support team. If you'd like to be part of Kim's ministry in Tasmania please contact him directly or email Andrew at [ceo@pim.org.au](mailto:ceo@pim.org.au).*

### 📅 Current events

## Gap Year applications now open

PIM's Gap Year programme offers an exciting way to spend a year learning new skills, meeting interesting people and thinking about how you might serve the Lord in the future.

Noah, our first ever Gappie, has chalked up a range of fantastic experiences. Now in the second half of his gap year, he has gained valuable experience and new skills working with sheep, cattle and crops. He's also learnt how to operate a range of machinery. He is actively involved in the life of the Temora Presbyterian Church and is teaching two Scripture classes in local primary schools.

Noah recently returned from a six-week posting to a property at Dirranbandi in Qld. While there he met new people and enjoyed yet another diverse experience of life in the outback on a cattle station. He is now back at New Dunesk hard at work helping us get the property ready for 2022.



We are now open for 2022 Gap Year applications. Lord willing, we aim to have two Gappies spend the year with us, investing in their own futures and looking for ways they can serve the Lord. The programme is open to 18-20 year olds.

For more details, visit [pim.org.au/gap-year](http://pim.org.au/gap-year). To register your interest, email [gapyear@pim.org.au](mailto:gapyear@pim.org.au). You may even like to make plans to visit New Dunesk yourself!

## Progress at New Dunesk

We are excited by the momentum at New Dunesk this year. Even though we have had to cancel work teams and juggle all manner of hurdles, the work on the property is steadily moving forward. The campground is nearing completion, the amenities blocks have been installed and the piggery is taking shape. We look forward to having you visit sometime in 2022!



Above: A new orchard for future visitors at New Dunesk to pick apples, pears, oranges and other delights of God's provision.



Above: Amenities blocks in place

## Postponed

Like the rest of the country, we have had to postpone many things. The Country Elders Preaching Workshop was one such postponement. We had 25 people, mostly elders and lay preachers from rural NSW, eagerly signed up to participate in this exciting three-day course. Plans are underway to reschedule for late March next year.

## UFOs discovered at PIM

Each month we receive into the PIM's bank account a number of Unidentified Financial Offerings. These amounts appear on our bank statement with insufficient details for us to be able to work out who generously gave them. If you give to PIM regularly by way of bank transfer and have not been receiving receipts from us, please email [admin@pim.org.au](mailto:admin@pim.org.au) and together we may be able to solve a mystery.

## Walkers back on patrol



After a season of being off the road, Doug and Marcia Walker are back on patrol again.

They are enjoying spending time encouraging God's people living in isolated areas as well as building relationships with people who do not know Jesus. Their patrols often start or end by dropping into St George or Roma, where they serve the local churches through preaching, leading a Sunday service and fellowship.



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### CEO's corner

## From Andrew to you



With border closures, limits on public gatherings and restrictions to visiting family and friends, it is easy to get despondent. It is easy to get distracted by all the things we can't do. Cancelled plans have become the norm.

Even amidst the frustrations and disappointments of our current

circumstances, I find it helpful to remember to give thanks to the Lord for all the things we can still do, and to take the opportunities to serve Him and those around us.

As I write this, I am, once again, locked down and a magnitude 6 earthquake has just rattled our house. I am reminded that there is so much in this world that you and I are powerless to control. Yet today is God's provision and we can do our work for the King. The night may come when we can no longer work in the way that we are accustomed to (John 9:4). But that time is not here yet!

There are enormous opportunities to bear witness to the love of God: here at PIM, in our local churches and in our own neighbourhoods. We must press on diligently and make the most of the opportunities around us. The church's commission to make disciples of the Lord Jesus, even in a nation that seems to be moving further away from God, remains unchanged.

Even in times such as this God is still at work rescuing lost people. I have been encouraged by many reports from some of our PIM teams, and from local churches, of people far from God connecting with a church by technological means for the first time ever. Let us press on, and not give up – the Son is still shining.

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