



Australian Christian Mission

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SIX MONTHS TO LAUNCH

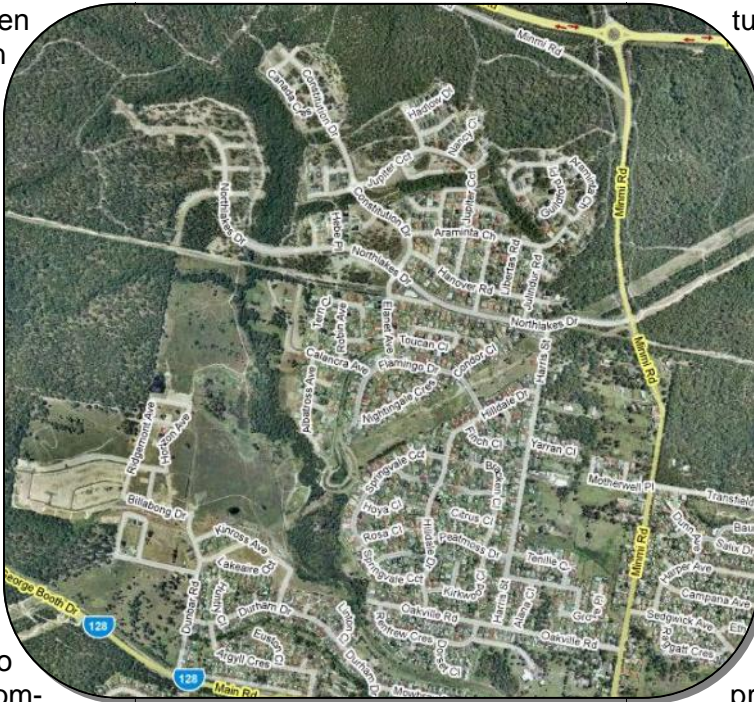
Seems like we've been waiting years to begin the new work at Cameron Park. In some ways it *has* been years, since we had it in our hearts to plant new churches here since our arrival in Australia way back in 1998!

Now that the time has finally arrived, we are quickly realizing how much work really needs to be done before we can even think about having public services! The good news is, we're closer than ever.

It wasn't too far into our work with the local community group that it became apparent that the local council was in no hurry to build the \$2.5 million community centre that we featured in our last newsletter. We are confident it will be built, and we're confident it will be the permanent home of the new church. However, we cannot depend on the completion a government project to begin the church we've been working so hard on.

When it became obvious that we needed to find another venue if we were to start the new work in the short-term, I made an appointment to see the principal at the local school. It seemed reasonable to us that we should follow-up on the offer he made last year for us to use their new auditorium.

Principal Dwyer is no stranger



An aerial view of the Cameron Park community

to us, since Dawn and I now coordinate the Scripture teaching at Edgeworth Public School. Our meeting was extremely positive and his welcoming attitude toward the new church convinced us that the Lord was already at work.

The new auditorium falls under the government's stimulus package to invest in school construction and as such, has been fast-tracked for approval and construction. All indications are that the building will be available before it's proposed completion date in early December... the Lord is good!

Not only is Mr. Dwyer happy for us to begin renting the auditorium on a weekly basis, he has also given us a number of oppor-

tunities for the church to get further involved with the school. This includes volunteering to assist with reading programs, playground activities, etc. We hope to plug our church members into community needs like this.

Meanwhile, we will have our first official meeting of the Northlakes Community Association in our home on July 1st. Lord willing, we will have the minimum number of members to incorporate the association, which will provide a better means to raise funds and lobby the local council. The contacts

we've made through the community group have been so valuable. We never would have had contact with members of the community in this way on our own.

We're excited to announce that we have settled on a name for our new church... Northlakes Christian Church! After weeks of discussion and consideration, we decided to name the new church after the development where it will be located. Not really original, we know, but strategically important for what we hope to accomplish.

After we had decided on the name, we also decided that since the owner of the development had created the name, we would seek their blessing on using it.

It's not so much of a legal issue, since the community centre will be located on Northlakes Drive, clearly making it a public reference. However, we certainly didn't want to give the developer any reason to oppose us.

The unexpected blessing in all of this was the opportunity to discuss what we're doing with the developers. I'll never forget the phone call I received concerning what the church was all about.

"If I understand correctly, this is an inter-denominational church that will welcome people of all Christian faiths, right?"

"No," I said, "Not at all. It will be a non-denominational church, where all are welcome to worship and live out their faith according to what the Bible says, rather than what an organization or creed says."

"Oh," was the reply. "We're quite happy with that and would love for you to use the name 'Northlakes'."

Incredible! I can't wait for the opportunity to invite the directors to attend our first worship service!

Now I know there are those of you who would have said a lot

Church-Plant Wish-List

Logo/Identity Development	\$500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Website Setup/Development	\$1000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacBook Pro Laptop	\$1500	<input type="checkbox"/>
ProPresenter Projection Software	\$400	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video/Data Projector	\$1500	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audio Equipment	\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music Equipment	\$1500	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signs/Banners	\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/>

cializes in church website development, again at a reduced price. Fortunately, sufficient funds were donated here in Australia to pay the initial setup cost of \$1000! We're happy to have checked that off our list, and hope that the new website will be up and running sometime in August.

more, possibly even giving a thorough explanation of the tenets of the Restoration Movement. But isn't it amazing to see God use even the smallest suggestion to begin the change that's needed? I don't know if what I said will take root and grow, but I'm happy to have been there to say it!

Following our decision to use the name Northlakes, we began to work with a graphic designer in Atlanta who also happens to be a Christian. He agreed to develop our logo/identity at a fraction of the normal business cost! As I am writing, we are already into our second drafts and hope to have something to share with you in our next newsletter.

We have also decided to have a more professional web presence, and have chosen to go with Cloversites, a company that spe-

Our logo/identity and the website are critical at this stage of the church plant. We will begin to use them in the lead-up to the church launch, which we hope and pray will be some time in January. All of our advertising will direct people toward our website, which will look professional and appealing, and will inform those interested about who we are and what's being planned.

There are a number of other items we would like to get before the official church launch, which we've listed on our "wish list" here. Keep in mind that this is exactly as the name implies... a WISH list of all the things we would love to have, but not necessarily everything we'll end up with! Some are necessary, some we'll have to compromise on, and there may be a few things we'll never see... but we'll never know until we try!

As you can see, the first two on the list have been taken care of already. If you would like to help with anything, please contact us about it! We'd love to see the list fulfilled by year-end!



We have had a great time having Cris Bancroft from Canton, OH with us for well over a month now. He has been doing a great job with the youth, as well as worship ministry and getting involved in the local public high school. He has been a great blessing to us during this time of transition in the church.

Growing up with 3 brothers, Cris, has been getting a good dose of what having 3 sisters would have been like! Poor guy! The girls are enjoying having him around as well! He is very easy going and willing to do anything. He is very good at making homemade pizza! We will be sad to see him go at the end of his internship in August.



Rob, Lynne & Katie Branham

For more than a month now, the Branham family have been flying, driving, speaking, presenting and doing their best to raise support to join us on the new church plant here in Australia. I'm sure they would have

far say that they are having a fantastic time, but they certainly have a way to go to raise their full budget.

Please pray that they continue to do well in raising start-up costs, a monthly budget, and

enjoyed using their trip back to the US to visit with family and have a nice vacation, but as most of you know, that's not much of an option when you're trying to raise

funds! All of their reports so

generally raising awareness of what the Lord is doing Down Under.

Most of their time will be spent in Rob's home state of Missouri, but they also have trips to Indianapolis, Nashville and Florida planned. If you or a church that you know would like to hear from the Branhams, please let us know and we'll see if they have room in the schedule.

You can find out more about the Branhams by visiting their website at:

aussiechristianmission.com

You can also get to their website from the home page of our website.

New workers in Australia



Jesse, Cynthia & Josiah Frame

For years we have been praying for the next minister at the Charlestown Church of Christ. In early 2009, the Frame family visited Australia in an extensive "try-out".

On April 26th, a congrega-

Now begins a long list of prayer requests. First of all, we would ask your prayers about the immigration process. It's changed a lot since Dawn and I moved to Australia, so in many ways we are learning. The ap-

tional meeting was held to officially invite the Frames to fill the position. By June 1st, Jesse & Cynthia accepted the invitation and began the long process of getting themselves to Australia!

plication was submitted on June 24th, and is expected to take around 3 months to go through.

In the midst of all this, Cynthia is due to have their second child in early September! We're certain the Frames would appreciate your prayers that everything goes well with the baby. Also, we would ask your prayers that this would not delay the immigration paperwork, since there will be an additional family member by the time they hope to arrive in early November! We'll keep you up-to-date!

For more about the Frames and their plans, visit their blog from our website, or by typing the following:

nmsia.blogspot.com



The girls are near the end of their second term of school this year. They are all doing very well. Lauren had her braces taken off in June, and has joined the stage band at school as one of the singers. She is enjoying it very much. She is always inviting new friends along to youth group and getting involved any way she can.

Leah has had a great time working on "Starstruck" and is currently sitting exams to enter high school in the extension class, on her principal's recommendation. She has really come out of her shell this past

year.

Anna is doing very well with her keyboard. She is a very fast learner and is enjoying it very much. It is so nice hearing her play. She is also involved in the school dance group and loves performing. She keeps us on our toes, that is for sure!

We are looking forward to the new church plant and it is very exciting to see how things are unfolding. It will be so nice to have some workers alongside us when we are finally up and running. The girls are already excited to start a youth group and get things moving,

so I'm sure they will have a lot of input as things draw closer!

Thank you for all of your prayers and support as things unfold for us here and fall into place. God has blessed us in so many ways here on the field and we are most blessed by knowing you are behind us and support us in the work God is doing through us here in our little community in Australia!

Love,

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