

## **WALK A WHILE NEWS – APRIL 2015**

### **Let's Raise the Cross over our Nation**

Sorry you haven't heard from us at Walk a While recently. We have been under enormous pressure for some months now, dealing with a challenge to our permission from Central Lands Council to build the Cross in central Australia.

We kept our prayer team informed of all that we faced and we are grateful for their diligent prayers throughout the ordeal. I believe one of the greatest strengths of Walk a While is the committed group of people who pray with us and for us on this Aboriginal vision to raise a cross in the heart of Australia.

The challenge we faced was stirred up by someone who thought they knew what was best for the indigenous people. This person said, "just because aboriginal people want something, that doesn't necessarily mean they should have it." I can understand what they were trying to imply (as it pertains to gratuitous giving), but in regard to the Cross, this is not the case. There have been so many confirmations about the importance of this Cross to the aboriginal people, that it simply must be a vision that God has laid on their hearts.

The challenge to our permission to build the Cross has really held us up. Central Lands Council decided to convene a new meeting with the traditional landowners to re-confirm that all the traditional owners and elders wanted the Cross. We could not focus on fundraising while facing a challenge to the project. But we thank God that even while we were dealing with this issue, many people have faithfully kept giving and we now have over \$300,000 in cash donations. On top of that we have several awesome paintings from some of the famous indigenous painters from the red centre, plus other generous donations of goods and services.

That significant meeting was scheduled three times, but finally went ahead on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Haasts Bluff. It was a mighty event. At that gathering it was again made perfectly clear that all the aboriginal people concerned definitely want the Cross to be built on Memory Mountain (also called Roundhouse Mountain). The Central Lands Council

representatives were amazed at the turnout of the elders and how united they are in the vision for the Cross. Central Lands Council said that we can move ahead once again and build the Cross - and that a new permit will now be granted. They expressed confidence that the permission to build the cross can no longer be challenged, as we have now successfully been through the process twice.

I wish you could have been there for the meeting. How it all went down was quite supernatural and I will share more about that in the future.

I have included a photo of some of the people who were the decision makers for the Cross. The white bleached fellow is me - just a brother walking with them to see their God-given vision come to pass. I took this photo to celebrate the time when this gathering of indigenous elders and leaders once again confirmed their commitment to the project. I believe this moment in time will be looked back upon in years to come as a significant spiritual turning point in Australia's history.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. We truly appreciate you.

So now it's full steam ahead! Let's show the nation what the united body of Christ can achieve. It will not just be a few people who will bring this vision to pass - it will be those people who have an ear to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying for our nation.

We have strong prayer coverage, but more is always welcome as we get on with the job of raising funds to get this Cross up as soon as possible. Once it's erected, we will have a *Sing Along* (worship) celebration that will rock our nation.

When the Cross is raised many will be excited and want to be involved. Will you be one of the people who watched and wondered what was happening? Or will you be one of the people who'll be able to say you helped make it happen?

With thanks and blessings,

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