

We remain most grateful for your ongoing support for the work of the Gaius Trust.



Since returning from the UK deputation in July 2019 Stephen Bignall and Henry Louie have continued to serve several remote communities in outback New South Wales [Folks in Pilliga pictured left and Gulargambone right] during the ever worsening drought but so far they have been spared the devastating bush fires that have come to many parts, fuelled by dry brush, high temperatures and strong winds.



Henry and Maria have supplied the following points for thanksgiving and continuing prayer:

- God has called 6 people in the church closer to himself, they are consistent, coming on a regular basis
- The Lord has opened other doors in small surrounding communities to go in and do kids club programmes
- A couple by the names of Nigel & Michelle Smith from coastal Newcastle who have come, helped Henry to preach as well as repair / maintain houses in Pilliga, many are dilapidated.
- Folks came together in Coonabarabran, Baradine, Gulargambone & Pilliga to teach the gospel to youth
- The Gilgandra church is taking more responsibility for its local ministry

Continue to plead for:

- an end to drought, for struggling farmers and burdened communities, for water supplies
- spiritual rain for us and surrounding areas where we go with bible programmes
- our health, we both have medical challenges, Henry is now 64
- for hampers we are preparing and our Pilliga BBQ - feeding folks body and soul [Sun 22/12]
- Henry as he prepares to speak at various events incl. the BBQ and the upcoming baptism of Stephen & Fiona's daughter Jessica Bignall (19) [Sat 7/12]

Stephen has just completed a six sermon series on Psalm 107 at Wee Waa, truths very applicable to our situation; an enterprising church elder has been distributing the recording of one of the messages "Drought maker - Drought breaker" via "Whatsapp" to folks on their phones outside the immediate congregation, and been met with positive response.

In closing, there is an exciting possibility of supporting a committed and hardworking couple, David and Rose Cox [picture right]; he has pastored Dubbo Christian Family Church NSW [a primarily indigenous congregation], evangelising the Aboriginal community for over 20 years but never had the opportunity to undertake full time study for the ministry; though he has mentored, taught and facilitated the training of others. David is the architect of the "day in the Word" teaching conference run twice a year [for the past 8 years], to gather and equip remotely situated believers, teach and apply sound doctrine from the Scriptures. A program has now been prepared for him by Christ college Sydney (reformed, evangelical) for 2020 - to equip him as he seeks to renew his vision, be challenged in his thinking and better prepared in teaching and training others, in particular aboriginal believers out west. The Gaius Trust hopes to contribute to their needs over this time. Rose is a gifted aboriginal sister; supporters may remember their young adult daughter Janelle who accompanied the Bignalls on deputation 3 years ago.



Please continue in prayer for these men and their wives, families and possibilities. The Gaius Trust continues to support Henry financially on a monthly basis and to make grants towards the high fuel costs which aboriginal pastors incur due to the long distances that they need to travel. If you would like to contribute to any of these needs, you can do so through give.net via our website (gaiustrust.org), or by **cheque** to Gaius Trust, sent to 15 St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DA.