



# Many Languages in Christ

## Listen Plan Do One Peg at a Time

### Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

## Getting Started

Welcome from Bishop Daniel. I intend to put out a simple two page newsletter like this each month that tells stories about what is happening with this project and includes photos.

I was appointed as the Resource Church specialist for Ethnic Congregations in December 2020. The first step was difficult as I had to define the project and what might reasonably be achieved. In consultation with Stephen Harrison, ED of the PMC, an initial project plan was drafted.

You can see two pages from the paper opposite, but there is a link to view it attached to the email that brings you this newsletter.

The aim is to listen to peoples opinions, plan actions that answer needs and actually DO things that make a difference.



Above: Two pages from the Ethnic Congregations Project paper.  
Left: Stephen Harrison presenting Bishop Daniel with his licence.

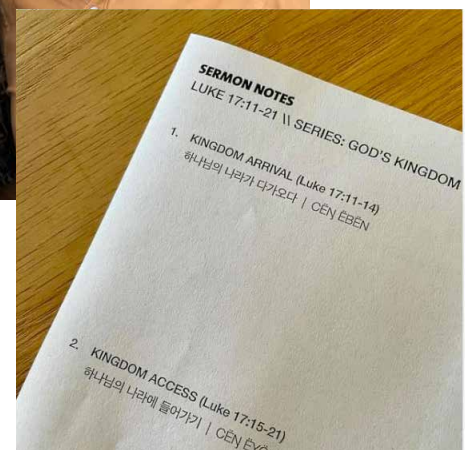
## St Bart's Support

St Bart's Toowoomba, one of our resource churches, has been a vital link in getting this project started by offering support to Bishop Daniel. Rev. Adam Lowe has provided office space and support together with much helpful advice.

The parish has already embarked on the first step towards service integration by providing sermon notes in Dinka, Korean and English during the service. It may be a small step, but a huge flag to acknowledge the efforts to recognise the Sudanese and Korean members of the congregation and promotes acceptance in a real way.



Above: Daniel and Rev. Adam  
Left: Copy of the notes headings in English, Korean and Dinka.



## A Language Story

In January at Ipswich Bishop Daniel had a meeting with leaders in the Dinka communities to talk language as a barrier to fitting in to the general community. There is much to work through, but now great opportunities to achieve some positive translation results for the benefit of all ethnic congregations.

*From left: Peter Mayen, Abraham Akech, Bishop Daniel and Daniel Akech.*



## Hello to Avriel

Bishop Daniel travelled to Cabourture to meet Rev. Avriel Green and the leader of the Dinka congregation, Rev. David Aler. It was a great opportunity to talk freely about needs and ways to co-operate more in the parish. Daniel has been invited to come to a Sunday service in April to preach and tell his story - it will be a chance to share and talk together. This is exactly the way to get the project known and appreciated.



*Above: Rev. Avriel and Daniel.  
Right: Rev. David and Rev. Avriel*



## Out and About



*Above: Daniel and his wife Rachel at St James, Toowoomba.  
Right: Bishop Daniel with the congregation in January.*



*Christmas Day Service at Centenary Heights High School, Toowoomba.*

