



Many Languages in Christ

*Listen Plan Do
One Peg at a Time*

Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

A.M.S. Connections

On 24 July Daniel met with the Queensland Executive of the Anglican Men's Society at Cherside Parish and discussed how to better involve members of ethnic communities in membership in AMS.

Following that meeting on 4 August in Toowoomba the local AMS branch led by Jim Smith asked Bishop Daniel to speak at a dinner and warmly welcomed several South Sudanese men who were also invited to attend. They appreciated being asked and it was a real opportunity to share stories across the cultural divide and consider being members of AMS. A great initiative to set in motion for other branches.



Jim, Andy, Bishop Daniel and Daniel at the Cherside meeting.



Members of the Toowoomba AMS Branch with their Sudanese visitors.

Springfield Hello Plans

Rev'd Charlie Lacey and Daniel met at Springfield on 29 July to plan a Hello Evening. Charlie has a warm empathy for refugee groups and a ready welcome in any moves to bridge cultural gaps to help integration. As with most events at present, final plans are on hold because of Covid lockdowns.



Rev'd Charlie meeting with Daniel at Springfield.

Survey Update

Peter Mamuor, Jacob Agoot, Peter Kur, three students at St Francis College met with Jacob Abuoi and Bishop Daniel to provide feedback on the design of the upcoming Ethnic Congregations Survey. They confirmed the nature of the questions as appropriate and offered constructive advice about the best way to deliver the survey and collect the results.



From left: Jacob Agoot, Bishop Daniel, Jacob Abuoi, Peter Mamuor and Peter Kur.

ROTARY Changeover

Toowoomba Garden City Rotary Club incoming president Jeremy Freyburg, invited Daniel and his wife Rachel to their annual Changeover Dinner on 8 July. Daniel was guest speaker and gave a presentation sharing his family story as a refugee. He also spoke about the current situation of South Sudanese in the local community.

It was a great opportunity to say thank you and at the same time highlight common problems encountered by ethnic groups in a new country and culture. Jeremy said that his project for the year would be to engage South Sudanese in a meaningful way.



Clockwise from top left: Daniel during his address. President Jeremy welcoming Rachael Jimma. Some of the Rotary Members and their guests at the Changeover Dinner.

Youth and Young Adults

Peter Dutton, the Youth and Young Adults minister at St Bart's Toowoomba and a consultant for the Matthew Hale Public Library had an eventful meeting to plan how he could involve Daniel in youth events in the diocese. In return he is more than willing to attend similar events run for ethnic youth. This could be the start of a profitable synergy.

Peter and Daniel



Covid Continues...

The on and off Covid 19 Lockdowns have been a major event disrupter to plans for events in Caboolture, Yeronga, Collingwood and Springfield parishes. Also a number of important meetings have had to be postponed. It doesn't mean these things will not happen, it is simply not possible to say when. We appreciate the efforts of all government agencies as they work to keep us safe.

