



Many Languages in Christ

*Listen Plan Do
One Peg at a Time*

Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

Everything I have been doing this year, but more importantly, everything that is needed to be done, depends on ALL OF YOU having a say in the Ethnic Congregations Survey.

Anything you want done and anything that needs to be done will only happen if we have a large number of people completing the survey to give a strong voice to the needs of ethnic congregations.

I will be focused on getting this done in the month ahead.



Survey discussions at: Yeronga with warden Mamuor and Rev. Rebecca King; St Paul's Ipswich with Rev. Stephen Monseigneur.



Hello from the Lakes

On Sunday 17 October we had a great morning service followed by a Hello Lunch at the Lakes Anglican Church. Rev Dan Berris and his wife Kerry put me up for the night before, at their home. Rev. Dan did a great job of involving the whole congregation, a diverse group from many nations. We shared food from different countries, "hello" in our own language and stories of who we are.

All underlined by the worship of one God by one community.



From top left:

Kerry, Rev. Dan and Daniel.

"Come and Get It" lining up for lunch from a number of national dishes.



Dan and Daniel in a question and answer session of "Who Am I" at the service before lunch.

The whole Lakes crew say "Hello" to you.



Synod 2021

At Synod this year, I planned to take the opportunity to meet as many clergy as I could.

Unfortunately my son Abot was badly injured in a fall at our house and I ended up at the Mater Hospital overseeing his care. My family really appreciated the support and prayers of many people during this event.

At right are a couple of photographs that were taken at catch-ups before this all happened.



James Waitbaka, Rev Stephen, myself and Rev. Charlie

James, a synod rep from St James Toowoomba with me and other clergy before the Synod Service in St John's Cathedral.



Child Safety Training

At Morooka on 20 October I assisted Avryl Grattion in delivering the mandatory Child Safety Training programme to clergy and leaders from South Sudanese congregations. Again, language has always been problematic, and it was clear that this method of supported translation makes this vital training available in a comprehensible way. Thanks Avryl.



Bishop Daniel with Avryl Grattion Rev. David Aleer

GFS and Rachel

Rachel Jimma, my wife, was invited by GFS to attend their Personal Development Weekend to talk about the influence of God in her life. Her heart-felt presentation touched the members present and sparked much admiration for her strong faith in the face of terrible adversity.

In spite of being very nervous, Rachel took some friendly advice to simply let God give you the words to say at the moment and trust, as you always have, that what you say is what people need to hear. Perhaps more importantly, there was an opportunity to talk one on one and share other people's stories afterward.



Rachel telling her story with Daniel alongside.

The GFS members.

