

BARNI YUNGGUDJA MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA



"Coming Together As ONE in CHRIST"

THE HAYSTACK

The latest news and updates from Barni Yunggudja Aboriginal Corporation



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Welcome

by Ps Grant & Kim Hay



We welcome everyone along to our first Volume of The Haystack for 2021. It has been a while since we have done our quarterly Haystack.

Quite a lot has happened since our last edition in 2020. As you know we were unable to go out and do any ministry during 2020 because of the epidemic.

During that time we started up our own livestream service every Sunday evening at 6pm (SA Time) which has been going really well.

We are also doing a fortnightly livestream Bible Study on Tuesday evening's at 6pm as well. We hope that you can join us sometime on one of those livestreams via our Facebook page.

Over the next few pages we will be sharing what we have been doing over the last few months and what we are doing now.

God Bless you all.



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Livestream Services & Bible Studies

Last year in April 2020 due to the lockdown because of the pandemic we were unable to minister among many of the Aboriginal communities. Many of the Churches were livestreaming their services to reach their congregations so we decided after much prayer to livestream a service to reach out the Aboriginal people we know and those we haven't as yet met. During this time we have reached to many Indigenous and non-Indigenous people not just in this nation but also overseas.

We even had someone from Canada come on board. This person was amazing to be in contact with. We would see him for a while and then he wouldn't be there for a while. We found out that he would be locked up for preaching the Word in Canada. That didn't stop him though as he still continues to do it to this day. Whilst he is in jail he is also spreading the Word of God.

We have also reached all the way up into Queensland as well.

Even though the lockdown is over we still feel to continue with our livestream services and Bible studies to reach out to those who may still be unable to get to Church or don't have a nearby Church to go to with the Word of God. We are believing for many lives to be touched by God as we continue to reach out across not just this nation but the world.

You can view our services and Bible studies at our Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/barniyunggudja



Pastoral Care Worker

by Pastor Grant Hay

Before the pandemic I was a Chaplain in Yatala Labor Prison and Port Augusta Goal. I would go into these jails about once a week to minister to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous prisoners.



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With the COVID-19 the jails were closed and only allocated people were allowed into the jails. I was no longer able to go into the jails. At the same time I was offered to become a Pastoral Care Worker, first at Kadina Memorial School for two days and then later at Balaklava High School for two days. I also do one day at week now at Kadina Memorial School as an Aboriginal Employment Community Officer.

I have now been in those positions for almost a year and I am enjoying helping make an impact in the lives of the next generation. Through what I do I know that God is using me to change the lives of the youth before they become adults or juveniles that end up committing crime and go into the correctional system.

Please continue to pray that many lives of the youth in the Copper Coast and Balaklava will be touched powerfully by God. It is my desire to see them fulfill the destiny that God has for each of them.

What We Have Been Doing So Far in 2020 & 2021

by Pastor Grant & Kim Hay

As you know with the lockdown we were unable to go out and minister like we previously did. Our first trip out was back in September 2020 when we shared at Unlimited Church in Whyalla, where we were interviewed by Senior Pastors David & Loris Becker.



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What We Have Been Doing So Far in 2020 & 2021 cont.

by Pastor Grant & Kim Hay

This year we have had the pleasure of sharing at Balaklava Uniting Church and Wallaroo Baptist Church with what Grant has been doing in Pastoral Care Worker at the local schools here in Kadina and Balaklava.



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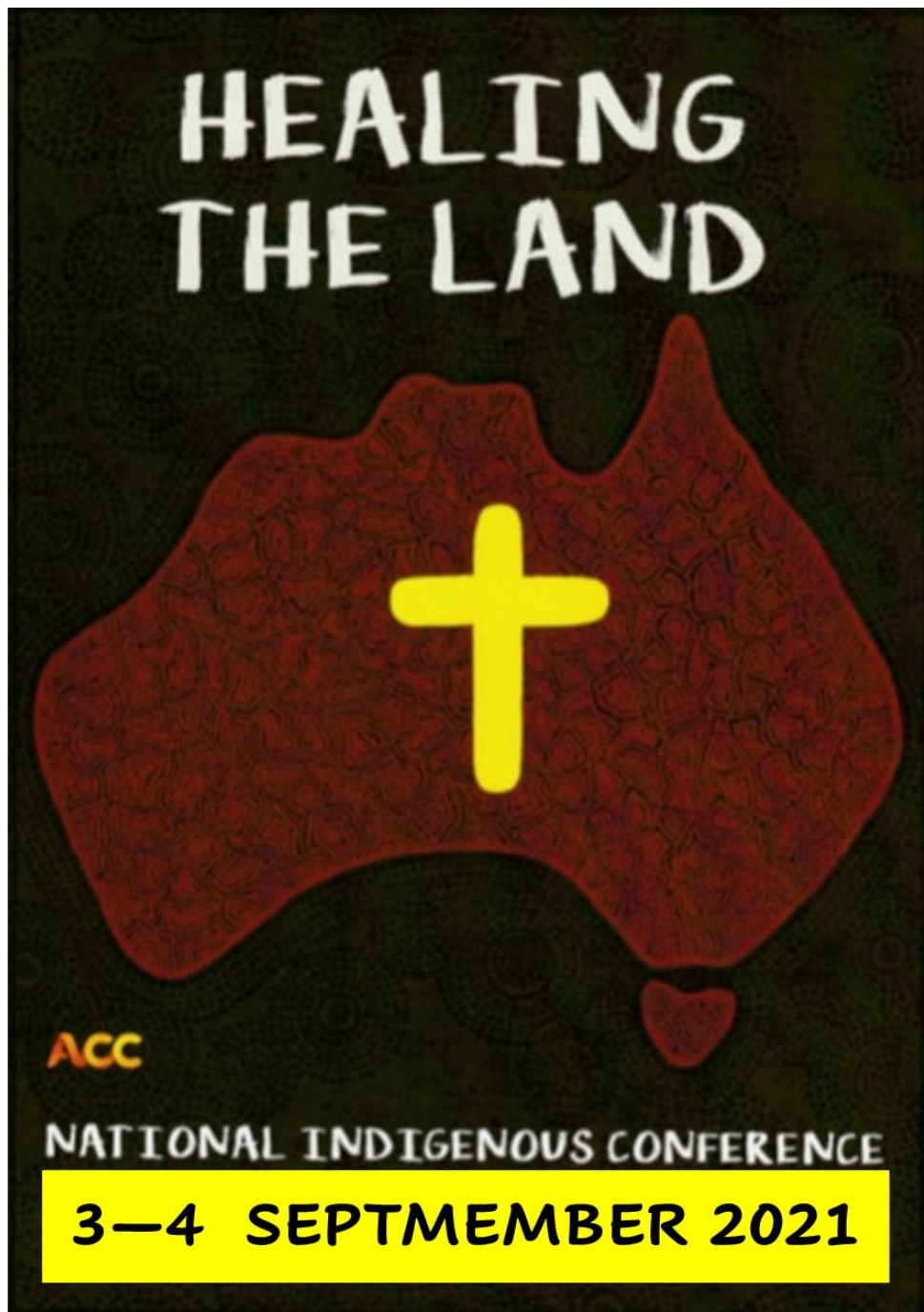


We have also just recently commenced as oversee Pastors at Wilcannia Living Waters Church in NSW, where we will be working alongside Robert & Tika Clayton. We will be going up on a fortnightly basis to help guide, encourage and rise Robert & Tika up to be the pastors in the Church at Wilcannia. Robert & Tika both live in the community and are well known amongst the people there. We are believing that God will touch the community and we will see many saved and following God.

Upcoming Events

by Pastor Grant & Kim Hay

Due to the pandemic in 2020 the annual ACC National Indigenous Conference "HEAL OUR LAND" was unable to be held. Great news it will now be held this year in 2021 from 3 - 4 September 2021 at Ganggalah Church, 141 Minjungbal Drive in Tweed Heads NSW. For more information please go to www.ganggalah.com or email indigenous@acc.org.au



Prayer & Praise Points

by Kim Hay

- Please pray as we reach out to the Indigenous people in this nation through our livestreaming and believe that we will see salvations, healings and people set free.
- Pray for all the people, churches and organisations that have been supporting us over the years through prayer and donations.
- We also thank all those that have supported us as your prayers and donations have greatly blessed us in many ways. Without your support we wouldn't be where we are today.
- Please pray for Wilcannia as we continue to go up there and that we see God move powerfully through the community. Also pray for Robert & Tika Clayton that God will rise them up to be the leaders He has created them to be and that God will work through them to reach the community.
- Please pray that we will be blessed with a caravan to be able to do the work that God has called us to do amongst the Indigenous people here in this nation.

What is Coming Up

by Kim Hay

At this stage we have no other scheduled outreaches or speaking engagements apart from our fortnightly travel to Wilcannia.

If you would like to catch us through our livestreaming, please go to our Facebook Page(www.facebook.com/barniyunggudja). We would love you to join with us.

You can also go to our website at www.by-ac.org to check out what we are doing or any upcoming events.

If you are interested in any further information in regards to the ministry or supporting us in some way please do not hesitate to contact us on reception.byac@gmail.com or ring us on 08 8825 3598 and leave a message with your details and enquiry. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.

Once again thank you for your support, interest and prayers for this vital ministry.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in 2021.

Pastor Grant & Kim Hay