

## Israel invitation

The organisers are keen to see as many indigenous Australians as possible join them for the

### All Nations Convocation Jerusalem, and Watchmen's Tour of Israel

September 4th - 18th, 2013

Check out their video: <https://vimeo.com/56502834>

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## Thank you Brian!

Brian Birch has retired after auditing Khesed's financial records for over 15 years. He never charged us for his services, but actually made a financial contribution to the ministry!

THANK YOU, BRIAN!

Now we need a new auditor. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, can help.

As a small not-for-profit association, we do not require someone with professional qualifications – our books just need to “be audited, reviewed, or examined by an independent, suitably experienced person”.

Our computer printed records are clear and detailed. Brian says they are by far the best he has audited in his extensive experience.

Thank you all for your help with our video projects.  
You are encouraging the next generation of indigenous  
Australians and others to seek and trust GOD!

If you would like to sow into the video projects  
financially - GOD'S FIRE 2 Revival Documentary  
- Stories from GOD'S CAMPFIRE

• our bank account is Westpac BSB 036 061  
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# Khesed News

### New Khesed video series:

## Stories from GOD's Campfire

When our film crew were at Warburton Ranges in August last year, Jan Chick, a long-term missionary with Aboriginal people in Australia, was spending several months



there to encourage the Christians. She expressed the feeling that a campfire would serve the people more effectively than their church building.

The old mission house was demolished by a storm a few years ago, so we helped set up an area on that site as a Christian campfire where people could meet, sing, and tell stories. That was the inspiration for the title of this series.

In December last year, Rodney Rivers called to see me and talked about his desire to share insights and teaching from the Bible to dispel some of the myths and lies in Aboriginal cultures (and all cultures). This has been on his heart for over forty years, but he didn't know how to do it.

Rodney is a Gooniyandi indigenous Australian from the Kimberley region, who is a great

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musician and storyteller. He was part of the team who translated the Bible into North Australian Kriol, and has a deep understanding of how the Bible relates to cultural beliefs of his own people and other people groups.

As Rodney talked with me, it stirred my heart's desire from some years, to see a TV program with songs, stories and teaching to encourage and release indigenous Christians.

The initial result is a new series called Stories from GOD's Campfire, being shared through YouTube and Vimeo on the web, and later on DVD. There will also be video clips from other Christians.

The first of these is now available. Rodney Rivers tells the Bible story about the origins of the world and mankind in Kriol, with English subtitles. North Australian Kriol is a Pidgin English that will speak to many of the 2 million people in PNG, the Pacific and North Australia who speak various Kriol/Pigin English languages. It will also speak powerfully to indigenous people in many other parts of the world, such as Africa and the Americas, as well as Westerners.

We have been greatly encouraged by the comments of those who have seen the first few clips since they were released in the last few weeks.



GCF 1-1 Stories from GOD's Campfire - The Origins of the World  
6:38 minutes

GCF 1-2 Stories from GOD's Campfire - The Origins of Mankind  
8:20 minutes

GCF 1-3 Stories from GOD's Campfire - My Way or GOD's Way  
10:09 minutes

Please check them out on YouTube or Vimeo – just search for GOD's CAMPFIRE.

Please click 'like' and share them with others.

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**Too long since you received an issue of Khesed News?**

It is over six months since the last edition of Khesed News. We try to produce three or four editions a year, but the warfare has held us back from a lot of our work in the last nine months, as Daniel experienced in Daniel 10:13.

Several articles in last December's Khesed News dealt with taking a stand for God's truth and indigenous destiny over Satan's lies and destruction. We knew we were exposed and asked for additional prayer support. Even at that time, we were experiencing serious exhaustion since returning from our eastern states road trip in October. We believe this was the result of a very specific spiritual attack.

Then, at the end of January, our doctor sent John to Royal Perth Hospital emergency department for a possible pacemaker placement. Three weeks later, tests showed nothing wrong with his heart, but a slow, irregular heartbeat required a pacemaker. It has taken four months to recover, so a lot of work has been delayed, including the new GOD's FIRE 2 documentary.

One project that has begun during this period is the video clips on YouTube with Rodney Rivers, called Stories from GOD's CAMPFIRE. The first three clips are now available – see details in the special article on this - pages 1-2.

Please continue to support us in this important work, especially for the rest of this year. We hope to have GOD's FIRE 2 available by the end of November, but this may be a very optimistic schedule.

**Comments on**  
**Stories from GOD's CAMPFIRE**  
*\* Hey this looks wonderful....short, to the point, relaxed and informative... well done !*  
*\* Wow! So good!! Thank you!*  
*\* You have no idea how encouraged I was to hear Rodney Rivers! I have been sharing from Genesis whenever I am in dialogue with our precious Aboriginal brothers and sisters, because it seems even the Christian ones struggle that the Rainbow Serpent (or whatever spirit) is not the Creator. Dreamtime spirits are so strongly implanted.*

has reverberated in Central Australia, and all the way to Sydney and Melbourne.

Things are speeding up for the Recognition project, with visits to North Queensland, northern NSW and many other places, with enthusiastic response from almost everyone the team meets.

Praise God that Conrad Parsons has joined the team to strengthen the Recognition prayer support and financial base.

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or Syncretism**

**- taking on the Lies of Satan  
in 'Culture' by Uncompromising  
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*monthly prayer on first Wednesday at Anne Green's home in  
Burwood Ph.9888 9873 Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm.*

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**\* Souls of the Dead - Jenny Hagger**

The Aborigines in South Australia are fearful of visiting Kangaroo Island off our coast because it is where, to this day, they send the souls of their dead. We have now opened a house of prayer on the island and recently Rose Rigney and Lynette Wanganeen joined us for five days of retreat with George Markakis who runs the Athens House of Prayer in Greece. Rose and Lynette wonderfully contributed to the meetings which were attended by 22 house of prayer leaders from around Australia.

Rose repented for her people sending the souls of the dead which was the first time this has been done to my knowledge. It was an incredible time in which the Lord said we must all get rid of idolatry in our lives.

I look forward to hearing more Stories from God's Campfire, and will pass this one on to others.

Blessings and thanks,

Jenny Hagger, AM, Director,  
Australian House of Prayer for All Nations

*\* The following brief reports are typical of so many indigenous situations around the nation.*

**\* Brian Sonneman** of Chariots of Fire Ministries, has a vision to fly missionaries and Pastors to minister in remote, aboriginal communities in the Kimberley. He reports on one trip:

In January, one small community in the Tanami Desert had around 30 salvations and baptisms one weeknight. God was using a local woman to prepare for the visit of a team, who had also been teaching people by phone about God, Jesus, salvation, repentance etc.

**\* Prayer** We have heard reports from Carnarvon and other places where indigenous Christians are getting serious in prayer – more people at prayer meetings than at church services and people coming to the Lord every week!

*\* Debra Harding reports from Darwin [edited to remove the names of people and location]:*

Thank you to all who prayed for the woman from **Arnhem Land**. I am sad to have to report she passed away at 1.30pm today. I shared the prayers you sent me with her and she was encouraged.

Her situation changed rapidly and was totally unexpected. The hospital

was sending her home today at 2pm but she passed away at 1.30pm. Her husband was waiting for her to come. Please pray he will find the heart of the Father in his grief and be deeply comforted. Also please uphold their daughter and all the community. Her death comes not long after another young man, a strong believer, passed away while lying on his bed reading his bible. Totally unexpected. Please pray for the community that in their grief they will run to Yeshua and find His great comfort and hope.

**\* Recognition:** Lindsay McDowell was invited to attend the annual three-day summit of a major Aboriginal organization, with delegates from all over Central Australia and beyond, to explain what is intended by holding a National Act of Recognition at Botany Bay. When he arrived, he was told the whole place was washed out and the summit was postponed for three months.

But God was in control and he had very useful meetings with small groups before being taken to Hermannsburg. Lindsay reports:

In both presentation and response an unusual power was in the air, operating in such a way our Recognition Story

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*We try to concentrate on indigenous Australian issues in Khosed News. This article deals with Israel and Palestine, but has important implications for all Australians.*

Over the last twenty years we have seen many indigenous Australians who have a deep affiliation with the land of Israel, some of them visiting there a number of times. One Christian Aboriginal leader told me he got off the plane in Tel Aviv and kissed the ground. There is a feeling when they arrive there that they have come home. Somehow this feeling seems to be connected to their relationship with the land where God has given them custody in Australia – their homeland.

Feelings about land run incredibly deep, particularly for indigenous peoples, and those groups who have conflicts of interest, like the Jews and Palestinians – as well as indigenous Australians and immigrant Australians and their descendants.

Let's see what we can learn from the Middle Eastern situation. The Jews, Israel and Jerusalem have a special place in the heart of God. He has chosen the sons of Abraham - particularly the sons of Israel - to be His special people. But He calls on them to welcome strangers into their land, because every person is His creation - made in HIS image. (Lev 19:33-34; Matt 25:43; 2 Cor 3:18; Gal 3:28).

Recently CJM Australia and GNFI held a watershed conference in Perth with two very special speakers.

**Christine Sakakibara** was born and raised in Brisbane, but became a Christian and married a Japanese man in Israel, and has lived there for 37 years. Their commitment to Jews and

## Noongar - Wongayi - Yolngu - Watjala - Jewish - Palestinian Whose Land is it?



### A special Eagle Rock worship team led the worship for the conference

Palestinians in need through wars and strife led to them being granted Israeli citizenship.

**Tass Saada** is Palestinian, born in the Gaza Strip in 1951, but growing up as a refugee with his very influential Muslim family in Saudi Arabia. PLO leaders often visited his home, including Arafat. Tass hated the Jews for stealing their land and his home in Gaza. After Israel's defeat of the Arabs in 1967 – 17 years old - he ran away from home and joined the Fatah Forces, became a crack sniper, was Arafat's personal driver, and trained children to fight to defend their camps.

But God sovereignly worked on him. Through very unusual circumstances, he moved to USA and eventually became an American citizen and a very successful businessman, and then miraculously came to know Jesus personally and immediately found himself praying for the Jews he had hated so much.

As he studied the Bible, he realised God's promises were for Israel and the Jews, but also for Abraham's other son, Ishmael and his descendants. Tass came to realise that to obey God's command to pray for the peace of Jerusalem requires us to pray for the

Palestinians - not for their destruction - but for their salvation and for them to be a blessing in the land of Israel.

God is using all the turmoil of the Middle East to show many people that He alone is God. Many Muslims and others are seeing the chaos and destruction and are having dreams and encounters with Jesus Christ. And God is using all this to bring Israel back to Himself.

Some years ago, one of our daughters brought a young Israeli student to our home and I asked him if he was a political or a spiritual Jew. He was totally stunned by the question - he had never thought about that! So much of what is happening in the Middle East is man's politics, but it is also Satan's war against Jesus and His Kingdom. The news media only tell about man's politics, because they don't see in the spirit. Even many Christians who have a heart for Israel seem to be totally biased against Palestinians and lacking spiritual discernment.

Ask God to show you what He is doing, and how we should pray for His Kingdom to come to every people group, especially the Palestinians and the Jews. Pray for every tribe and nation in Australia and the whole world to accept and know that the land where God has put them as custodians actually belongs to GOD! And pray for the NEW Jerusalem to come!

*Khosed has CDs of the conference - \$25 posted.*

*www.seedsofhope.org*

*Please also read Richard Trudgen's insert article on the Second Bark Petition.*