

**REPORT AMOS 9/11: OPENING THE GATES & REDIGGING THE WELLS  
CONVOCAATION DARNLEY IS (ERUB), TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS  
AUSTRALIA, 6-13 Nov 2006 By Ps Barbara Miller**



More than 300 people joined with the people of Erub or Darnley Island to worship God and see the land healed and people set free. They came from Daru, Western Province, PNG, Boigu Is, Murray Is, Thursday Is, Bamaga, Cairns and NSW (RUN Group). The hosts were Ps Aiden and Ps Annie Pensio and the Combined Churches of Erub with support from Ps Norman and Ps Barbara Miller and the Tabernacle of David Cairns.

Ps Aiden shared on the Monday night what a historic moment this was. He said many from the All Pacific Prayer Assembly in Cairns in May did not know about the Torres Strait and said “who are these people?” Ps Aiden said he had the privilege of being the first person born and bred in the Torres Strait to go to Israel, having just returned from there with the Millers. It had changed his life.

The first thing that Ps Aiden did on Tuesday was to set up 24/7 prayer and he asked Barbara to teach on this. Then 12 leaders were appointed to 2 hr round the clock watches. Norman brought a message on the significance of Amos 9:11. The Lord had shown him that God’s answer to the terror strike of 9/11 in the USA is rebuilding the Tabernacle of David. This conference was timed to coincide with 9 November as a day of strategic level prayer for the island.

There was a great release of joy as the Daru people danced and sang a song they wrote in their own language about David bringing in the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. They did this after Barbara’s message and then every night as it became the signature event of the convocation. Each night the Israel flag and the flags of the Bethany Gate, the Torres Strait, PNG, Australia, and the Aboriginal flag were brought in as a parade and weaved through the dancers. On Sunday night, an ark of the covenant was made, island style, and it was carried in on the shoulders of 4 priests/pastors at the head of the procession.

The prayer strategy of Ps Tom Hess of the Jerusalem House of Prayer for All Nations was explained by Barbara in that the world is divided into 12 prayer areas or gates according to the 12 tribes of Israel. (Ezek 48:30, Rev 21:1-4). Just as the gospel went out from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth, we are praying for the move of the gospel from the ends of the earth back to Jerusalem. We prayed for the Bethany Gate (Joseph) and Golden Gate (Benjamin) nations – two of the eastern gates. When Jesus returns, He will land on the Mt of Olives (Zech 14) (the Bethany Gate) and He will enter through the Golden Gate (Ezek 43).

DVDs of the leaders sharing re 24/7 prayer and the Golden Gate Bethany Gate presentation at the All Nations Convocation Jerusalem were shown at the conference to inspire the people.

### **Scouting or Spiritual Mapping**

A few of us went by boat to Kemus (Traacherous Bay) where the London Missionary Society landed on July 1 1871. Darnley Island is the east gate of the Torres Strait and the gospel went from here to each Island in the Torres Strait and on to PNG. July 1 is commemorated each year throughout the Torres Strait and on the mainland as the Coming of the Light. We called forth the Christian heritage at this site (redigging the well), called forth this well of salvation, honoured those who went before us and sang "Arise Shine for Your Light Has Come." Indigenous missionaries and their wives from the islands of Lifu, Mare and Fiji were with the LMS missionaries Rev Samuel McFarlane and Rev Archibald Murray. The Erub chief Dabad was the first to become a Christian and he introduced Amano, the Paramount Chief to the missionaries.

We also visited the site where the Duke of Edinburgh landed on 9/11 and the bay where the well is that needed healing from the massacre. The men from Daru were there clearing a path to the well for us to pray the next day. We prayed there the next morning while waiting for the day's proceedings.

### **Strategic Level Prayer On Site**

The night before we went out, Barbara said the Lord wanted us to consecrate ourselves, (Joshua 3:5) repent of sin and pray prayers of protection which we did then and again the next morning. The word of the Lord was that He would do amazing things amongst us, that we had not been this way before (Joshua 3:4) and that He would give us every place we put our feet (Joshua 1:2-3,5-9).

Thursday 9 Nov (9/11) was the main day and the whole conference went out in banana boats to pray on site at Bikar (Massacre Bay). Ps Aiden thought that the Duke of Edinburgh had landed here on 9/11/54 but when we climbed the cliff to where the monument was and read the plaque, we were excited to discover it was 1956. It was exactly 50 years. So we proclaimed a jubilee – release of the captives, freedom for the land. (Lev 25) We could have been one day too early or one day too late or 10 years too late. The opportunity to be there on a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was amazing. It was God's timing!! Not only that but the monument was put up in 1957 so there is another 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year – a double portion as Norman shared. So the elders and leaders prophetically stepped into their jubilee.

You may ask why the fuss about the Duke of Edinburgh landing at Darnley Is? The Queen of England never visited Darnley Is though requested and the Duke, on the Royal Yacht Britannia, stopped off for a swim on his way to PNG. So it was partly a need for recognition on the island that the monument was built. A ceremony had not been held there, however, since the monument was erected. Ps Aiden said the kingdom of God visited Darnley in 1871 and the kingdom of man visited in 1956.

### **At the Duke's monument:**

- Elder Joey Pilot opened in prayer. Fr Dalton Bon had come early to pray and stood there with a staff like Moses.
- Norman read from Leviticus 25 and asked the elders and leaders to prophetically step forward into their jubilee and proclaim freedom. We proclaimed freedom for the captives, freedom for the land, freedom for the people!!! It is a year of return, a time of restoration. Ps Aiden declared freedom from the bondage of Westminster.
- Ps Annie proclaimed jubilee and led everyone to face the east and declare the east gate open to the King of Glory with Norman reading Ps 24:7
- Ps Aiden read Amos 9:11 and Roger Wall blew the shofar.
- Barbara declared that Britannia did not rule the waves and that God's sovereignty and the sovereignty of the Torres Strait Islands (Zenadh Kes) under God would be recognized. She broke off false thrones, false altars etc.
- An intercessor from NSW, Kathleen McCann, believed God showed her that the Duke had urinated in the water as he swam as a Masonic action and this was repented for later at the well by an intercessor who stood in for England. There was warfare against false gods at other times.
- Sarah Kenny Pascoe from PNG saw this monument as a lighthouse. It actually had a crown on it. So Barbara declared this was the crown of Yeshua or Jesus and no other and that this place would be like a lighthouse where people would be saved and it would provide a light, a pathway for other Torres Strait Islands to follow.

### **At the Well –Massacre Site (Bikar)**

We then went to the well a bit further inland. Six men from a whaleboat party were killed in July 1793 (Ian Nicholson "Via Torres Strait"). They went ashore on July 1 (the same date the LMS landed and in the next bay). Eight men went ashore on 3 July and disappeared. On 10 July, a party of 44 men went ashore under the command of Mr Dell. Their first action was to hoist the Union Jack. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 23 years the island had been claimed for the British crown, Capt Bremer having done so in 1838. This was illegal as they were on a commercial vessel not a navy vessel. This was the first commercial passage through the Torres Strait by 2 British vessels – Shah Hormuzear commanded by M. W. Brampton and Chesterfield commanded by M.B. Alt. They found a dead body and, believing the rest of the party dead, they burned and destroyed 135 huts and 16 canoes and the sugar plantations. They killed a number of people. This is known as the Chesterfield massacre. It was a planned punitive expedition because of the murder of the sailors on their friendly visit ashore.

The local people told missionaries in 1888 of a massacre dated around 1840 where the crew of a vessel were killed for washing in the well of Erub with soap and fouling the water supply. They had been given permission by the Erubians to drink the water but they washed on the edge of the well and some soap went in. When asked to stop (by sign language) they didn't. Many Erubians lost their lives as a result, huts were burned and gardens destroyed and the village was never lived in again. As there is no evidence of another boat being here around at this time, both of these incidents may be the same incident.

#### Prayer at Well:

- Ps Annie organized a prophetic act to bring unity by asking one person from each of the 12 villages to bring a stone with the name of their village on it to put in the centre of the well. Norman read Joshua 4:1-7 and said this was to be a memorial of what happened today as well as a declaration of unity. He read Ps 133. The representatives of the 12 villages stayed in the well for the rest of the prayer time
- Fr Dalton Bon (from Murray Is but living at Thursday Is) followed with a prophetic act for unity by having a child or adult from each of the Torres Strait Islands put the "small stone of David" as he called it in a circle around the 12 large stones in the centre. There was also a stone for PNG, the Pacific, Australia and the world. The children from Daru filled in for any Torres Strait Island that did not have a representative present. Fr Bon said of each person who laid a stone "I come in the name of the God of Israel". After this, we sang "Bind us together Lord".
- The communion wine had been left behind but Norman poured a small amount out on the ground around the stones and around the perimeter, praying that the blood of Jesus would cover us and heal the land.
- Norman then put salt on the ground (the well was dry) and read 2 Ki 2:19-22. He prayed that just as the bitter water turned sweet for Elisha that it would be healed and bring life not death and fruitfulness not bareness.
- Liz Wright and Roger Wall, both born in England repented to Ps Annie and Sarah Stephen, a traditional woman from that location for the massacres, the destruction and false gods. Liz gave Sarah a Bible. Barbara and Kathleen McCann stood with them.
- Carole Koroknay, also born in England, said sorry and gave them water and soap to come in the opposite spirit of what had occurred at the well
- The repentance was received and Ps Annie stood in the gap for Erub to say sorry for the English who were killed. This was also received.
- Norman prayed to break off esek and sitnah (quarreling and disputing) at the well and declared it Rehoboth (making room for God's Spirit and His people to move). (Gen 26). Massacre Bay was renamed Rehoboth Bay. Erubians call it Bikar but the maps say Massacre Bay. The Philistines had stopped up the wells Abraham had dug and Isaac got his men to redig them.
- We had a time of redigging through prayer the spiritual well dug by the London Missionary Society at Kemus in 1871 by calling forth the spiritual heritage and blessings from that well of salvation. (We didn't have time to do this on location at Kemus as the tide didn't permit).
- Barbara called forth the revival she had seen in her vision of July 2003 and Sarah called forth the gusher she had seen recently bursting forth at Darnley Is.
- The people walked around the well a number of times (meant to be Jericho march) singing. Ps Henry from Daru anointed the soil around the rocks and Barbara poured water over it praying for the well to spring forth.

- Norman read Ezek 37 and prayed for the dry bones to come together and to come to life and to break off a spirit of death over this place and to declare life. (Bones are regularly found when gardening). Martina from Cairns said she noticed a shift.
- Barbara prayed that departed spirits would be put to rest and they would no longer wander and be restless. (spirits had been seen walking around at night.)
- Ps Kenny Jobi from Bamaga saw a light come down and hit the well. We found out later that Bikar means “light shines” so this seemed to be a sign that God had restored the well.
- We sent forth what God was doing on Erub to all the other islands, to PNG, the Pacific and the Aboriginal communities of Australia as Barbara’s vision showed the move of God would go. Barbara said she believed that this time the gospel would go out without replacement theology.
- Ps Aiden and Ps Annie said they believe there is a need to retrace the steps of the London Missionary Society from island to island to island and to PNG.
- There was a wonderful time of worship led by Ps Aiden and his son George.

### **Rebes, the Chief:**

Rebes was a chief of the people of the Bikar area. He was a protector of the people. He is mentioned in a book about legends of the Torres Strait but the people living on Erub believe he was a real person from their past. He was said to have lived in cave above the cliff where the Duke’s monument stands. He is said to be a warrior.

On the morning of 9/11/06, I (Barbara) had a strong impression of Jesus as a warrior putting His foot on Erub. (similar to Rev 19). He was claiming the land and people for Himself. Then I heard and saw people shouting a number of times “Jesus is our warrior”!!! I shared this with the people before we left the well and we shouted “Jesus is our Warrior” and “Jesus is our Protector” and there was much excitement. A woman from the Rebes tribe announced to Rebes that “we thank you for protecting us but we now we have Jesus as our protector”. There was a change of guard.

There has been an invisible dividing line at Darnley Is between the east side of the island and the west side of the island with the Anglican church being right on that line. The east is open to the gospel and the west is closed, with evil spirits walking around etc. I read 2 Cor 4:4 and asked the woman from Rebes to ask that people’s eyes and hearts would be open to the gospel on the west side of the island. She did so and people felt a lightness.

On Sunday morning, one person from the Rebes tribe came to church and on Sunday night, a large number of people from the west side of the island came to church (the convocation), praise the Lord.

This was the end of our prayer at the well and we went back in boats rejoicing! Norman wanted to baptize the children as there were many children from Daru and Erub who had not been baptized and wanted to be but the boats had to return because of the tide.

### **Back to the Convocation**

Norman did much honouring of the elders. On Wednesday night, before we went on site praying for 9/11, the elders shared the history of Erub and then Norman and I washed their feet and the feet of Ps Aiden and Ps Annie. We washed the feet of Mrs Baker, Nerita Ketchell and Fr Dalton Bon. Mrs Baker is the one who told the story of what happened at Bikar to Ps Aiden and Mrs Ketchell provided me with a written record of the massacre. Some of the youth helped us in foot washing. As George and Jenny Mye could not come Wednesday night, they came Friday night.

George Mye is the elder statesman for the whole Torres Strait and he spent Friday night giving us the history of the island and information on its traditions. Afterwards, Ps Aiden repented to him on a personal note and Norman repented to him for lack of prayer of the church to government figures, indigenous and non-indigenous and for teaching that the church should not get involved in politics. Norman said the prophet Isaiah tells us that the government is on the shoulders of Jesus. In the heavenlies, I think this broke a barrier between the church and the community and between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Norman and Aiden both gave messages on wells. Aiden declared Norman a “father” to himself and the church on Erub and Norman shared a message on Elijah passing on the mantle to Elisha with a double portion and the importance of the hearts of the fathers being turned to the children and the children to the fathers (Mal 4:5-6)

Barbara shared messages on spiritual warfare and identificational repentance. She did an altar call to impart a warrior anointing and prophesied over many. Barbara raised the issue of the worship of a sacred turtle stone at Erub which was stolen by the men of Mer through killing and head hunting. About 30 years ago this stone was put into a cairn on the top of the Council office at Mer. Fr Bon (Anglican) had seen this stone and stood in the gap to repent of idolatry, stealing, killing and head hunting of the Mer people and Ps Fred Sailor of the AOG church repented on behalf of Erub for idolatry, killing and head hunting.

The 24/7 prayer leaders each shared on their prayer watches and the youth pastors had a time of sharing with messages and items. Worship teams from Erub and Daru took turns leading worship and wonderful times were held of singing and dancing, island style with much of the singing in creole or pidgin.

Some of the intercessors went to the top of a hill on 11/11/06, Remembrance Day and hoisted up Dianne Taylor's banner symbolizing the victory of the Sons of Zion over the Sons of Greece. (Zech 9:13) and they dealt with false altars including freemasonry.

On the Sunday night, a woman from Boigu Is gave her heart to the Lord. This is a first fruits as Ps Aiden and Annie believe to follow the trail of the London Missionary Society when it brought the gospel and the next island is Boigu to be followed by Old Moata and then PNG. This needs to be completed by August 2007 when the All Pacific Prayer Assembly (APPA) has its conference in Port Moresby. Ps Aiden believes that just as the LMS and the Duke of Edinburgh meant to go straight to PNG but went to Darnley Is first, that the glory of God needed to go from the Bethany Gate APPA convocation in Cairns to PNG via Darnley Is, hence the 9/11 convocation. A convocation will be held in Boigu Is in February 2007.

The 9/11 convocation in Darnley Is or Erub will probably be an annual event and it will build on the breakthroughs experienced at this one, praise the Lord!!!

**Word for Convocation by Barbara Miller 7/11/06** – Reconstructed from notes as no tape

Based on Judges 6:12-16. The Lord is calling you, people of the Torres Strait and Daru as mighty warriors just as He called Gideon. You say just as Gideon did "who me?" and God says "yes, you"! God says to you to go in His strength. You might think you are a small people, a small island, a small community or a small family but God is sending you in the same way He sent Gideon. You are mighty warriors of prayer and God will be with you. God is calling you to tear down false altars, even the altars of your fathers, as Gideon did. God is calling you to bring in His Kingdom. You are not a forgotten people. You are not a powerless people. God always works out His plan in His people in His time. God said I am sending you. Rise up as a people of power! Does it excite you or does it seem a big job, a heavy job? Afterwards you will say to God thank you for not letting me out of your will. God is calling you a mighty warrior just like Gideon.

You are going to look back on this day and say I was there when it happened! I was there in that historic moment. I saw it. I was part of it. Everything changed after that. It was a turning point. I saw history being made before my very eyes. You are here for such a time as this just like Esther. You will never be the same again.

Do you feel the fire of God shut up in your bones? Do you feel the fire of God shut up in your belly? God wants to send down fire on the altars of your hearts.





As Ps Aiden & Annie Pensio & the people of the 12 villages who laid the stones pray, Ps Norman Miller puts the blood of Jesus (communion wine) around the stones & perimeter of the well, praying healing of the land from the massacre.