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Dear Northern Territory ACL Supporter,

Having been with the ACL for only a short time, and this being my first letter to NT supporters, I feel the first thing to do is to say hello and introduce myself! I have lived in the Territory for a little over three years now. I live with my wife Susie, and we have one son Reuben who is a constant delight, fascination and challenge to us both! I work full time for St John Ambulance in emergency communications.

I first became aware of the ACL through the previous NT Director Lois Fong, and when I found out she was leaving the position, I was put in touch with Lyle Shelton and Jim Wallace. I met Jim and Lyle while in Sydney, and they welcomed me on board with the ACL by offering me the position of NT Director, which I then accepted on a part-time voluntary basis.

The past few months have been exciting, although I am still feeling quite new and inexperienced in this position. In the time since commencing work with the ACL, I have sought to establish contacts among some of the members of the NT Legislative Assembly. This has been encouraging, as I have seen how open the politicians I have met with are to hearing about where the ACL is coming from, and to speaking frankly on issues of life and faith.

It was also great to be a part of the national 2010 Make it Count event, and to see the unity of Christians in Darwin, in other venues across the Territory, and all around Australia who participated in the event.

It was especially exciting to have live crosses to Darwin at three times during the event, which really made us in our remote outpost feel part of the national scope of the event. I could tell, at least from the people who attended my home church of Casuarina Baptist, that there was a high level of interest in what the leaders were saying, and a real engagement with the issues about which they were speaking.

Please pray for me as I find my feet in this position, for our Territory as we deal with issues that arise which are relevant to us, and for our country as we approach the federal election.

Please feel free to make contact with me, even just to introduce yourself. I'd love to hear from you.

Kind regards



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