



God's Dreaming Beginnings

Roger has been a cross-cultural worker with indigenous people in the Northern Territory for 17 years along with his wife Vivienne. Hills Church Ferntree Gully was one of several churches that had been sending teams to work with Roger Latham. God had given Roger a brilliant idea.

He shared the idea with a couple of ladies from Hills Church who had led teams to work with Roger and with an Indigenous lady who was also interested. Because he knew we could paint, he asked us early in 2013 whether we'd be happy to co-ordinate a 'painting project' which had the blessing of the Indigenous elders Roger had been working with. He explained the project. This was to be a collaborative work (Indigenous and non-Indigenous painters) depicting the entire redemptive story of the Bible. The end product was to be used by Indigenous and non-Indigenous evangelists working together to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to Australia and to the world *together*.

We were hooked! Hills Church raised funds, bought supplies, asked a team to stretch the canvasses and, by late 2013, we began to paint. The original indigenous lady pulled out for personal reasons and, because we wanted Indigenous input throughout, we felt sure God would find a replacement, which he did. The coordinating team that saw the God's Dreaming paintings through to completion was comprised of Jadah Pleiter, Julie Strack and Sondy Ward. Teams and individuals joined the coordinators in doing the artwork until early 2016 when the paintings were finished.

We felt it important to preserve the originals so we had the images printed onto a vinyl banner which would withstand weather and travel conditions. This banner had a profound effect. It attracted people and they enthusiastically embraced the message that God is inviting us to join his family before Jesus returns and that God, the Creator and Lord of all, is the only Spirit who deserves our worship. They asked us how could they give copies of the story to those who hear it so they can take the story home and share it in their communities so we arranged to print booklets.

Around this time, we were beginning to get global inquiries. With Hills Church Ferntree Gully's blessing, we thought it best to be properly established and so, on March 8 2016, God's Dreaming Inc was incorporated. Before our public launch on October 29, we sold 9 banners and over 1300 booklets.

The God's Dreaming book has been printed and we hope to print a hard cover copy and an A3 art book as soon as funds are available. Meanwhile, the banners are being used to share the Gospel message and booklets are being distributed by Australians working together. We hope, with your help, to share the God's Dreaming story or God's love for mankind as far and wide as possible.