

INDIGENOUS FOCUS OF PS NORMAN & BARBARA MILLER

Norman is an Australian Aboriginal pastor of the Tabernacle of David and Healing Rivers Church Cairns, Australia and is an artist with his own art gallery. He is of the Jirrbal, Bar-Barum and Yidinji tribes of the North Queensland rainforest, a World Heritage listed area. His Aboriginal name is Munganbana which means Mountain Water in Jirrbal. He was born on the Atherton Tableland.

He feels called to serve in the government of his nation and has stood for federal and local elections in progressing towards that end. His wife Barbara is a non-indigenous pastor who had many years experience as CEO of an Aboriginal local government organisation representing remote Aboriginal communities in Cape York, working under an all Aboriginal governing council. They have an adult son Michael who has been to Israel with them.

They have been leading the indigenous track of the All Nations Convocation Jerusalem (ANCJ) under Ps Tom Hess since 2007. They have a strong ministry focus working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people towards revival and transformation and have held conferences in July each year in different capital cities since 2003 towards that end. After the transformation in Fiji, they took Vuniani from Fiji to visit Yarrabah and Aurukun Aboriginal communities to share transformation stories. The Millers regularly minister in Yarrabah and Aboriginal people from Yarrabah come to the ANCJ and the Indigenous Track each year. They held a conference and strategic prayer event on Darnley Is in 2006 which resulted in the western half of the island which had been closed to the gospel, opening up.

The Millers founded the Centre for International Reconciliation and Peace Inc in 1997 and visited Britain in 1997 and 1999 to repent for Aboriginal attitudes towards the British in colonizing Australia and to extend forgiveness to the British who said sorry. They made a DVD on this. The second visit was an initiative of the Australian Prayer Network. The Millers have worked around Australia on healing the wounds of colonization and being involved with the secular reconciliation and Aboriginal advancement movements.

The Millers teach on redeeming culture and honouring culture except where it doesn't line up with scripture. Rev 7:9 says people from every nation, tribe and language will be around the throne of God worshipping. The Aboriginal dreamtime in Australia says that the rainbow serpent is the creator and the Lord has given the Millers strategic prayer assignments in dealing with this false creator. They believe Aboriginal people are the key to revival for the nation and the Lord has given them the strategy of holding a prayer event on Australia Day each year to break covenant with this false creator and re covenant to the Lord.

They have spoken at conferences of the World Christian Gathering of Indigenous People (NZ in 1996) and the All Pacific Prayer Assembly in PNG 2007 and the Solomon Is 2009. In 1997, they spoke at a reconciliation conference in Sagkeeng, Canada which was run by the First Nations people. In 2006, the Millers hosted the Bethany Gate/All Pacific Prayer Assembly in their home city of Cairns with 2,000 attending. All the nations paraded through the city in their colourful traditional clothes worshipping the Lord in their own language with their own instruments.