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Strengthening Theological Education in Arnhem Land

ABM is proud to support the Nungalinga Theological College, which provides quality education and life skills training to communities in Arnhem Land and the islands of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

One of the many success stories from Nungalinga College is the literacy development of Galvin as he and his wife, Ernestine studied.

For the last two years, this young couple studied at the College, beginning in the preliminary level of the Certificate I in Education and Skills Development. Ernestine displayed strong capabilities in the classroom from the beginning, having achieved a good level of literacy in school. However, Galvin struggled as he had a low level of literacy which hampered his efforts.

As Galvin worked through the preliminary level, his teachers could see small improvements. When the course was finished, it was obvious to the College staff that Ernestine was ready to progress into the advanced level of Certificate I, but there was still doubt regarding Galvin's readiness.

To help strengthen his chances of success, his teachers gave him homework to complete and encouraged him to read every day. Galvin was determined and he followed their advice and instruction diligently.

In 2016, the couple progressed into the advanced level of Certificate I and Galvin continued to make steady gains. Along with the rest of their class, they enjoyed the integrated teaching model in this course, based on the theme of Paul's Missionary journey.

The units focus on this theme, with students imagining they are going on a missionary journey to the communities represented in the class. This uses many different numeracy skills to calculate distance, costs and budgets as well as literacy and oral communication.

At the end of the year, Galvin and Ernestine graduated. It was a wonderful moment for all the staff and students to see Galvin stand up in chapel and read his testimony in front of the whole congregation.

Full of hope for the future, Galvin is now continuing his studies with the Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology.

You can contribute to more success stories at Nungalinga College by donating here: www.abmission.org.au/donate.

Contact Elizabeth Baker, ABM Media Consultant at media@abm.asn.au for more information.

Image attached for your use. Caption: Ernestine and Galvin at Nungalinga. © Nungalinga College, 2017. Used with permission.

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