

Highlights of the recent OIKOS Tasmanian Trip

I stayed at what has become to feel like my 'Tasmanian home' - with **Ian and Sue Snare**. Sue (OIKOS Tasmania) and I travelled together following an itinerary Sue had pre-arranged. We always have a good time together and find touching base with the home churches very rewarding. I don't have many photos of this trip as many that were taken indoors were not useable.

Our first visit was to **Nick and Jo Cramp**. Here they are with Sue on the left. Nick and Jo have a dairy farm but have also recently built a lane pool on their property. They conduct swimming lessons and through this they are building relationships with the local community. Already they are seeing mums gathering long after their children's lesson and contact with them is growing.



We also visited **Bernard and Ros Shaw** of Devenport and with others of their group, shared a meal and chatted lots about home church and our respective journeys. As usual, it was great to catch up with the '**Broken Walls**' home church (**Hawley Beach**). We had a lively time sharing.

In Launceston, there was lunch with **Ed and Karlin Love**, long time friends of OIKOS. And then on to the large home church gathering with **Peter and Helen Edwards** at the home of **David and Ai Lin Tan**. (See below, and to the right, Sue with Helen). It was inspiring to receive an update of all that is happening around them. An evening with **Rodney and Miriam Deverell** of Squeaking Point included Grant, one of their members. We had a good 'catch-up' and they shared about outreach in their community.

A trip to Hobart included meeting with **Ben and Judy Armacost**, Southern Baptist missionaries.

