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Dear ACL Supporter,

Well as I write we are yet to receive a result from the federal election. Thanks to all who are keeping this election in their prayers. Please continue to pray for our elected representatives, especially for Natasha Griggs, the new Member for Solomon.

Unfortunately I was interstate at the time the election was called, and also for a few weeks afterwards, and so it was not possible for me to organise local Meet Your Candidate Forums this time around. It was encouraging to hear how successful these forums were in other states.

Hopefully some of the election-related literature prepared and distributed by ACL was helpful to you in informing your vote, and that so too was the revamped 'Australia Votes' website which outlined party responses to 24 questions on issues of concern to Christians. With the federal election now over, I'm looking forward to focusing more on Territory politics.

Please continue to pray for ACL in the Territory. ACL is operating on a somewhat smaller scale up here than some of the southern states, but the work up here is no less important, and it is crucial that we maintain an influence in the political process.

With the running of a candidate of the Australian Sex Party for an NT Senate seat, I was reminded that the values we stand for are under threat, both from strong social forces and also from some specific groups who seek to undermine the ACL's work in protecting the vulnerable and promoting family values and decency in our society.

As part of the election campaign, the Sex Party hosted an event in support of gay marriage. It is important that, in the face of threats to the institution of marriage, we continue to strive to uphold marriage as being defined as one man and one woman for life. Marriage is the foundation of the family, and families are the building blocks of society. A re-working of the definition of marriage to allow gay marriage would also have effects on children, potentially denying them the right to have a both a mother and a father – a vital benefit which has been under attack in the NSW Parliament in recent times. So please keep us and these issues in your prayers.

I'd love to hear from you if you are reading this. It is encouraging to hear more from people who support the ACL and I'm still seeking to build contacts. Take care all,

In Christ,



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