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Missionaries to QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



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Dear Praying Friends,

Five years have gone by swiftly and it is time for us to come to the States for a short furlough. It has been wonderful to see the Lord direct so clearly over that time, allowing us to work with Ingham Baptist Church, Christian Baptist Church and now Grace Baptist Church. The Lord used the first two years we were in Australia to prepare us to be pastor at Grace Baptist.

Besides providing an extension to our religious worker visa and then our permanent resident visa, the Lord has shown His power in the lives of those to whom we minister. We have seen several folks saved, Christians encouraged and evidence of God's working in those who would not believe the Gospel (yet!). Religious education classes are full-on and more opportunities are arising with each new school year.

The Lord has also worked great things in our lives as well. Among other things, Kelly has learned to not depend on the praise of men, and to faithfully minister God's Word regardless of what is said or not said. He has also learned that when faced with circumstances beyond your control (and most are), he must trust God to work out the problem. Of course, we all have responsibility to do right, but sometimes we must just wait and allow God to work out the problems as He sees fit. Becca has learned the importance of flexibility in ministry. Since ministry needs vary and many times change very quickly, the ability to change the program to meet other's needs is vital. She has also learned a lot about patience (Kelly probably makes her need lots of that ©). She has also learned the importance of leaning on Christ instead of self for strength.

That in no way sums up all that has taken place over the last five years, but it gives you an idea of how much we are enjoying being in the place God has for us. What a privilege and joy we have to serve Him. Of course there are hard problems, but we serve a great God who is bigger than any problem, no matter where we are!

We hope to see you when we get to the States. Our email address is knbinaustralia@yahoo.com if you would like for us to come by your church sometime during November through the first of February. May the Lord bless you.

Love,

The Gilliams