

December 2005 News

Dear Praying Friends:

"I'll be home for Christmas, you can count on me." We are home away from home! We arrived in North Carolina on Monday, November 21 at 5:00 pm. We left Australia at 1:30 am the same day and after 30-and-a-half hours of travel we arrived tired but safe. (We feel like part of us is still on the plane because of jet lag.) It was a joy to spend a Thanksgiving with our families, but we miss home. Our minds are ever with those at Grace Baptist Church in Townsville, Australia.

We have begun visiting our supporting churches. Our schedule was pretty well full before we even arrived. Those churches we do not get to this time, we will try to get to on our next trip. Eleven weeks is not long enough to fit everyone in.

Clarisse and Bryce have been getting to know their grandparents, aunt, uncles and cousins. It has been good for them to meet different members of their family. Hopefully, the time here will create memories, at least for Clarisse, which they can take back to Australia. It has likewise been great for our families. The grandparents especially have really enjoyed meeting Bryce and getting to know Clarisse better. They are cramming all the spoiling they can get into the next few weeks.

Please pray for us as we travel. Driving on the right side of the road is hard to remember when you have driven on the left side for five years. We will be driving several thousand miles in the short time we are here, so your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Please also pray for our church folk. Satan would love to get his foot in while we are away from our church.

Please pray for our health. We are not used to the cold weather and the jet lag has our immune systems a little worn out. Clarisse has already gotten a cold. Please pray that everyone else stays healthy and that she would get over this cold quickly.

We wish everyone a wonderful, Christ-filled Christmas.

Love,
Kelly, Becca, Clarisse and Bryce Gilliam

