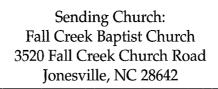
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## HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP YOUR ARMS EXTENDED OUT AS IF TO WELCOME SOMEONE IN TO THEM?

That was the question I posed to our mid-week Bible study and several Religious Education classes. After asking them to extend their arms and to hold them there I timed them for 2 minutes. Most were, if not already tired, getting tired after that small amount of time. (Me too!) Paul states in Romans 10:21 about God that "all day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people." What does this say about the patience and love of God toward the lost? I think it helps us understand a little of what Peter said about the Lord in that He is "longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." I pray our desire to see the unsaved reached will be fueled by God's love and patience for those without Christ.

It's amazing that we have been back in Australia almost a year since our furlough. I'm beginning to understand a little bit of what the Lord was getting at every time He emphasized how short our lives are: "like a vapor" or "like the grass or flowers dying." Anyway, how wonderful it is to be serving the Lord now with the time He has given us.

We have had several outreach ministries as of late. Several visitors attended a continuous cricket match. Others have been inviting friends along to youth group and church. Please pray for lasting results from these.

Religious Education classes and youth groups are winding up for the year. Please pray that those who have spoken to us about salvation will trust in Christ before the end of the year. Michael is one young man to pray for specifically. Please also pray for us as we have evangelistic meetings in the end of November.

We appreciate your prayers and giving. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you can, give your Mom and Dad a hug and let them know you love them and are thankful for them.

Love,

The Gilliams