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Missionaries to QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



Sending Church: Fall Creek Baptist Church 3520 Fall Creek Church Road Jonesville, NC 28642

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Dear Praying Friends,

On Sunday mornings, we have been studying through the Book of Genesis. We are about to finish the life of Abraham. I simply love the fact that Abraham died a full man (25:8). Abraham lived the most rewarding life possible because he walked by faith in God. There is no better way to finish one's life than to have been faithful to God. Let's finish that way too!

Since we have returned to Townsville after Emmalyn's birth, we have seen the Lord do some great things. On the weekend we returned, we were able to lead a man to Christ who has since been coming to church regularly. We have seen our senior youth group begin to grow and have had heaps of visitors at church.

The Lord has also opened the door for us to pursue the purchase of a church building. The church is located a couple of miles from where we rent now. It is in great condition and we believe it is what the Lord wants for our church. The asking price is around \$900,000.00 to \$1 million, but I think he will take \$850,000.00 for it. Australia is one of the most expensive places to buy a house, let alone a church building. I believe, if we do not buy soon, the property market will continue to grow out of reach for us to ever have a church property here in Townsville. Renting is not bad, but I don't think it is always the best stewardship of God's money. The church folks here have given over \$140,000 to the building fund over the last 5 years. Though that is a good start on a down payment, it won't be enough at this stage.

Please help us pray to discern if this is an open door from the Lord. We have rarely, if ever, asked for additional financial help with any projects, therefore I do not feel as though I am grieving the Lord by asking our supporting churches to pray about helping us with the purchase of this property. Any financial help would be appreciated. If the Lord leads you to help beyond your normal gracious support, please send it to our mission board marked "Gilliams and Townsville church building." I have included a picture of the church site.

Last time I mentioned the python and possum very near to our house. The snake waited for the possum and the possum finally took the snake on and ran across the top of the snake to safety. Needless to say, my wife screamed when the snake fell into our yard. By the time I got every one calmed down, both snake and possum were out of sight. I have not seen the snake since (I'm not sure if that is a good or bad thing @).

Thank you for co-laboring with us.

Sincerely, Kelly, Becca, Reese, Bryce and Emmalyn

