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QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



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Dear Praying Friends,

"I'm Australian, not American," was the response I heard from my six year old girl last night at tea (supper). Her words were in response to my encouraging her to dip her scone (biscuit) in the left-over gravy on her plate to sop it up. She would have nothing to do with it! Australians generally eat biscuits (scones) only with something sweet on them, such as honey or jam. I think she is missing out on some great food! However, I was reminded by that experience of the difference in culture between the two countries and of our need to be all things to all men that we might win some to Christ.

It has been a great year. The Lord has enabled us to purchase a church building. We have also paid off one of the three loans we took out in doing so. We have seen the Lord use the opportunities given us to reach out to the community for Christ. Things are now winding down here for the school year, religious education classes and youth groups. Australians often go on holidays (vacation) during December and January. This makes for more quiet times for planning and preparations for the next year.

Emmalyn, our youngest daughter, went to Brisbane and had a catheter done. The results were a relief in that she does not have to have surgery straightaway. It now looks as if they will begin doing surgeries when she is about 2 years old. They will let her get as big as her heart can stand before they begin the surgeries. They are now thinking, due to the complexity of the procedures, that multiple surgeries are the best option. That may change when we go back to the specialist early next year, we will see. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors. And if the Lord wanted to, I believe He could make her heart right. He has done harder than that before!!

Thank you for faithfully supporting us here with your prayers and financial help. I'm sure, or hope I'm sure, that everyone on foreign fields says thank you. But know we mean it. Enjoy Thanksgiving.

With our love and prayers,

The Gilliams down under