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Dear Praying Friends,

"In all things give thanks" was the theme of a recent Sunday school lesson for our three-year-old son. In the lesson, he was given a round paper circle, on which he was to place paper flower petals with things listed on the petals he was thankful for. The teacher noticed his struggle and began to try to help. She asked if he was thankful for his mum and dad. His reply was: "I'm thankful for them this much" (with his thumb and pointer finger a quarter of an inch apart). Trying to hold back from laughing, his teacher then asked if he could think of anything else for which he was thankful. Excitement came over his face as he said: "Yes, balls!" Becca and I thought, "We didn't make his 'thankful flower' list, but at least he is thankful for us a little bit @."

We are beginning to teach Clarisse a little about witnessing tact, after she recently told a boy who was mean to her at a playground that he was going to Hell. We aren't sure if she told him that because she wanted to see the boy get saved, (and she does witness to kids often with that intent) or because the kid was being mean to her and her brother!

Emmalyn just had a Catheter done, and the doctors are now saying that they want to do a Cavo-Pulmonary Connection, which is to take place in as little as six to nine months. If we elect to wait till she is a couple of years older, she will have to have a shunt put in, to aid with oxygen intake. If her current condition hinders her growth, she will have to have the surgery sooner. If all goes well with the surgery, she will not be able to be as physically active as otherwise, but will have more options available, if something happens to her down the road. Please pray that the Lord will give us and the doctors wisdom as to the best timing for everything.

Youth groups and religious education classes are going okay. We just had a continuous cricket match, in which we had nearly thirty parents and children from the public schools. Please pray for us as we give the gospel in the Easter lessons coming up. Please pray for listening and receptive ears and hearts.

Lastly, we have now been in the church property for over a year. Praise God for His faithfulness! Thank you again to all who prayed and gave to help us get this church property. I believe the Lord has used, and will use, this property as a lighthouse to bring others to Christ. Please pray for our "Friends and Family" month coming up in April. In times past, the Lord has used outreaches like this to get people in church to hear the gospel.

Thank you for your faithful prayer support and giving.

Sincerely,

Kelly, for the Gilliams Down under