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Missionaries to QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



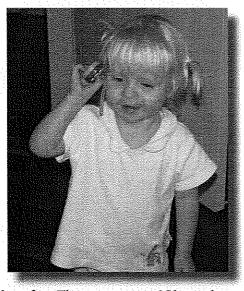
Sending Church: Fall Creek Baptist Church 3520 Fall Creek Church Road Jonesville, NC 28642

July 2009 News

Dear Praying Friends,

"For I know, whate'er befall me (us), Jesus doeth all things well."

These words penned by Fanny Crosby many years ago are our testimony during this difficult time. Our little girl, Emmalyn, passed away unexpectedly the last day of June. So far, there is no explanation of the cause of death, other than that it was probably heart related. She had, less than two months before her death, came through very serious heart surgery and was out of the hospital in less than a week (She was running around the hospital after four days!) She was gaining in height and weight and since her surgery was full of energy. The moments before she passed away, she was playing happily in the backyard and suddenly cried out a little and then fell limp into her daddy's arms. We got her to the hospital that is two minutes away as quickly as we could, but they could not save her. As much as we miss her, we believe the Lord had decided she had had enough pain and wanted her in His presence where there is no more pain and death (See Revelation 21).



The funeral was the most well-attended service we have had at the church so far. There were over 150 people there, many of whom have known us in the community, schools and local hospitals. The gospel was presented and many heard about how Emmalyn was with the Lord and how they could have a right relationship with God and meet her there one day.

The support we have received from the church here and churches overseas has been of great comfort. As someone said, "We have folks praying for us around the world." And speaking of comfort, I did not know why then, but I had preached on the Sunday night before her death on the Holy Spirit as the Comforter. Becca and I have found His presence and grace is sufficient even in the hardest times.

Please continue to pray for us and the folks here. Please pray that the Lord will be able to use the home-going of our little one for whatever He sees best. Please pray for us as a family that we will draw closer to the Lord and to one another during this time. Please pray for the ministries here as we slowly work back into them after school holidays.

We are still planning to come to the States for about three months beginning in late October. If you would like for us to come to your church, please contact me as soon as possible. We only have so many Sunday services and Wednesday night services we can attend. In order to visit as many churches as possible, we are thinking about trying to do some special meetings on Tuesday nights and Thursday nights for any churches that would be willing to move their prayer meeting forward or backward a day. Our email address is knbinaustralia@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Kelly, Becca, Clarisse and Bryce Gilliam