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## April 2019 News

Dear Friends and Family,

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

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Missionaries to

**QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA** 

And it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). I was reminded once again this month that death is no respecter of persons through the death of a former student and the death of an uncle. A young man whom I had taught Religious Instruction (RI) classes to just five years ago died in a motorcycle accident a mile from his home. He was only sixteen and would have graduated from high school at the end of this year. Becca and I had just seen him and his mother in the shops less than two weeks before his death. We had a long talk at the time and did not realize the young man would soon be in eternity. After the young man died, the principal of the primary school where I had taught the young man RI classes called me and asked me, on behalf of the young man's family, to conduct the funeral. I conducted his funeral to which nearly three hundred people attended. Many of those attending were classmates or teachers from the primary school he attended. Conducting a funeral of any young person is hard, but when you are not sure where they will be for eternity makes it really hard. With the Lord's help, I shared the gospel and sought to share truth and comfort from God's Word. Please pray for the family as the young man would have turned seventeen at the end of April. Please also pray for further opportunities to share God's word that may eventuate from this tragedy. One of my uncles also passed away in the last month. My brother and Aunt were able to conduct the funeral. Once again, although my uncle was one of the nicest men you could meet, this was a death of a man in which no clear testimony of salvation had ever been given. Please pray for those in attendance to his funeral who are not saved.

Thank you for praying for the school we teach RI classes at that was greatly affected by the flooding. To encourage the teachers and staff while they were displaced at two other public schools, the ladies of our church provided some practical support by providing morning tea on Thursdays for the staff and teachers. Morning tea in Australia is a time when Australians have a small snack before lunch. The teachers, staff, and school administration were so thankful to the ladies. It was a great testimony for our church. And praise the Lord, classes will resume at the school after Easter as the mess left behind by a meter of water through all of the buildings during the floods has been cleaned up. Please pray that we are able to get RI classes organized soon.

Two other specific prayer requests I will mention. Please pray for a lady who comes to get bread on Tuesday nights at church. She has a brain tumour that is malignant. This lady is very kind and always thinks of others before she thinks of herself, yet she does not know Christ as her Saviour. Please pray for Becca as she talks with her. Also, an aboriginal lady has began coming to church. She seems keen to come along. Please pray that we are able to minister to her. Many times, ministries with aboriginal people are very short-lived. Please pray that we use whatever time the Lord gives us with this lady is profitable.

Thank you for your gracious giving and prayers,

Kelly, Becca, Clarisse & Bryce Gilliam

"... the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest " ----