## Kelly & Rebekah Gilliam

Missionaries to





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## **February 2020 News**

Dear Friends and Family,

"Some through the fire, some through the flood" could be considered the theme for Australia over the first few weeks of 2020. This time last year we were cleaning up from nearly 5½ feet of rain. This year, there has been dangerous flooding and terrible bushfires around Australia over the last few months. Over thirty people, including three American volunteer firefights have died in the fires. Thank you all for your concern for us. We know that several have contacted us and others have contacted our mission's agency to check on our well-being. Fire and cyclone seasons continue for at least another two months. Please pray for safety and for grace for those who have lost family and belongings in the fires.

Our new school year has begun. Clarisse has started her last year in high school. Please pray for her as she has some very hard classes this year. Lord-willing, she plans to begin studying a degree in special education after she graduates. Bryce is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade this year and is now second tallest in the family (I don't look forward to him being the tallest  $\bigcirc$ ).

Youth groups have started up again. There are some new faces attending both youth groups, as well as some who have attended in years past who are again attending. Some Religious Instruction classes (RI's) will begin soon as well.

## **Praise points:**

- \* For God's grace and help in 2019
- \* For family and other support during difficulties
- \* For rain received that wasn't flooding
- \* For new young people attending youth groups
- \* For visitors who have been attending church
- \* For God's perfect plans and ways in our lives

## **Prayer points:**

- \* Those directly affected by the floods and fires
- \* For RI classes as they get started
- \* For youth groups
- \* For an unsaved man injured in a terrible wreck
- \* For Clarisse in her senior year
- \* For wisdom in outreaches and ministries

This month marks nineteen years we have been in Australia. The Lord has been very good to us over the years and has always provided the grace we have needed for every situation. Thank you for your prayer and financial support over those years as well.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY MOTHER ON HER 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH, WE LOVE YOU!

With much love and our prayers,

Kelly, Becca, Clarisse & Bryce Gilliam

"... the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye the Lord of the harvest,