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## February 2022 News

Dear Friends and Family,

"For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13:14). You may have heard the saying that someone is "too heavenly-minded to be any earthly good." It seems Scripture teaches the opposite; the more heavenly-minded a Christian is, the more earthly-good he will be. On the Sundays surrounding the New Year, I preached on Hebrews eleven to encourage the church folk to live by faith in 2022. As I studied the chapter, I noticed that a major motivating factor for those who lived by faith was the prospect of eternity with God in heaven (Hebrews 11:13-18, 39-40). Samuel Rutherford stated, "The hope of heaven under troubles is like wind and sails to the soul." So, as we seek to live for the Lord in 2022, as we learn to love others more, and as we reach out to a lost world, let's do so by faith, knowing that, as the song reminds us, this world is not our home, that we're just passing through and that our treasures are laid up just beyond the blue (in heaven).

As we began the New Year, border restrictions were relaxed allowing people to move from state to state within Australia and internationally. The opening of state borders and the sudden spread of Covid around all of Australia has caused some tightening of restrictions, in particular, the requirement of masks when inside in a public place. The mask requirement and the fear of catching Covid have seemingly contributed to a downturn in church attendance. The start of the school year has been delayed by two weeks because of the spread of Covid. With that, youth groups and religious instruction classes have also been delayed. Hopefully, ministry opportunities will increase soon.

At the beginning of the New Year, we had hoped to plant a new church about three hours south of Townsville. As time to finalize plans neared, commitment from those who had asked us to come waned and disappeared. We will pray about future opportunities there. Please pray for my father-in-law, who has Covid and is in critical condition in the hospital. Please pray for Becca as you can probably understand her desire to be there supporting her father and family.

Thank you very much for your gracious giving and faithful prayer support.  
With love 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" —*