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March 2023 News

Dear Friends and Family,

The first term of the 2023 school year is nearly halfway over now. The university students have started their studies as well. With those beginnings come opportunities for ministry. Both youth groups started the year with very strong attendance compared to a year ago. Several primary school aged children came along to the bread ministry and were invited to attend youth groups when they began. Those children did come to youth group and invited friends and other family members who lived close by them. While some of the children are no longer coming, several still are attending. We are concentrating the Bible stories and memory verses on the gospel message. Please pray for each of the children that come and for more to come.

One of the young ladies we asked prayer for back in December was baptised in mid-February and has come to church regularly before and after her being baptised. After her baptism, she was so happy. Please pray for this young lady as she seeks to live for the Lord. Her family are very unsupportive of her decision to follow Christ.

We begin teaching religious instruction classes in the public schools on the first Friday in March. In those classes, we have thirty minutes a week to share a Bible story, songs and activity page. It looks like Becca will be teaching three classes, I will be teaching five classes and we will team teach one class. This has been a wonderful ministry in the past. Please pray for this ministry.

Because Australians are more apt to go to church on Easter, we are planning an early morning Easter service this year with breakfast to follow and then having the regular 10am worship service. This will be the first year doing this ministry. One lady volunteered to organise the cooking for the breakfast. Please pray that we are able to invite many and that many people will see the advertisements for the service and then decide to attend.

In family news, Reese has started her 2023 university studies. She is studying primary education at a local university here in Townsville while working about 25 hours per week and helping with youth group on Friday evenings and Sunday school. Bryce started his year 12 having covid and having to isolate for a week. Thank-fully his symptoms were not severe but the week away from school made it harder for him to get ahead. He is still catching up on some of his schoolwork and assignments. Please pray for him as he finishes this year and seeks to know what the Lord would have him do after he graduates. Becca's ankle is much better but flares up on occasion for seemingly no reason.

Thank you so much for your gracious giving and faithful prayer support.

With our love and prayers,

Kelly, Becca, Clarisse and Bryce

"... 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." —