

REACHING THE WORLD DOWN UNDER

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM IN CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA



Getting a feel of what a cyclone is like. It rained a lot that day.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that the spring season has brought you much needed relief from either heat or cold, depending on which side of the globe you are residing.

Cairns is located in Queensland which is known as having 300 days of sun a year. This may seem as paradise, and admittedly, it is nice, but Cairns is also known for cyclones. This year marks our first cyclone – Cyclone Ita. Cyclone Ita originated north east of Cairns in the Coral Sea. It passed over the Solomon Islands and was responsible for twenty one deaths. As it approached Cooktown, several hundred kilometres north of Cairns it was a category 5 cyclone. As it hit the coast it was downgraded to a Category 4 cyclone. Cairns was immediately put on alert, petrol and food were in high demand! Based on news reports, the cyclone did much

damage in Cooktown, however, by the time it reached Cairns it was downgraded to category 1. Somewhat disappointed that we did not get to experience extreme weather, but also grateful that we didn't! Houses in Cooktown were destroyed, roofs were ripped from houses, people have been displaced, and up to one week after the cyclone many have yet to have power restored. We did not get through unscathed; a tree was blown over and is now leaning on the house. Please pray for the families that have been displaced and that they may use this event to consider the deeper questions of life.

Church News

We have transitioned our Wednesday nights from my (Jason) facilitating the group to one of the men, David Momberger, assuming this responsibility. David and his family have been key to the success of what we are doing here. David is now preaching, teaching, and facilitating our group meeting on Wednesdays. David is really our only male Christian in Cairns at this point who is a viable leader. However, there are a couple of young men who are gradually taking on more responsibility.

On that note, we received bad news when we learned that the company that David works for, InterOil, is closing their office in Cairns. For those in oil, you may have heard of a small company called Total. Not small by any means, and I believe the joint partnership of InterOil and Total are partly responsible for the move to close the Cairns office. For David it means retrenchment and a search for a new job, which most likely will mean a departure from Cairns and moving to either PNG or Brisbane. This *appears*, from my limited human standpoint, to be a setback for the church here in Cairns and also what we were planning to do here. This, however, does not affect our equipping the people here for ministry. We do not know God's plans, so we continue to trust in him and continue the work we were sent to do. Please pray for David and his family, and for the church in Cairns.

Eve making the rounds during Wednesday night group meeting.



In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. . . Philipians 2:5

FAMILY NEWS

In early March we travelled as a family to Brisbane so that Zoie could have surgery on her eyes. Zoie has a form of strabismus. This is a neurological issue where messages sent from the brain to the eyes are miscommunicated and as a result both eyes receive different messages resulting in crossed eyes. We sought treatment in Cairns, however, we were quickly directed to Brisbane as the closest centre that could perform such a procedure in the near future. Zoie did well. Her eyes are now aligned and she is back to normal.

Zoie with her friend Laura who will soon be moving to Brisbane.



My little gang!



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I am continuing to home school Callum and Zoie, which is rewarding and hard. We have friends from church and the community that we meet with weekly. One of our friends, Tania, will be moving to Brisbane soon. She is open to Christ but hesitant to commit. Please keep her in your prayers that she might come to know someone in Brisbane who can continue loving her with the gospel of Christ. We visit a new Christian, Heni, about once a week. These play dates are a good time to catch up. She would like to have a regular time of Bible study after their move to a new house. Please pray for Heni's continued growth in Christ. Our home school group has many friends. One is Michelle, who at this point has politely ignored any references I have made to God but has recently been showing some signs of interest. This is due to many factors and reflects how God has put each one of us in an exact place and time so that we ". . . would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him. . ." Please pray for me that I may reflect Christ in each and every encounter. Please pray for my children who are the awesome at sharing their belief with others.

"...God...made every nation...and determined the times...and places...they should live...so that men would seek him...and find him..." Acts

17: 24-28