

G'DAY!

Our daughter Jessica has already been a blessing to us having returned to Australia from Taiwan. She was looking after a couple of kids (Isabella and Esther) in our church the other day and took them



down to a local park to play. While there, a little Chinese boy was finding it difficult to get up on the flying fox that was a little too high for him, so Jessica asked him (in English) if he needed help, to which he couldn't reply; so Jessica spoke to him in Chinese and his mother heard and came over to talk to Jessica herself. They were both newly migrated to Australia and glad to find someone to talk to. Bonnie and Jessica went over to visit them yesterday and met the rest of the family. During the episode at the park, the little Aussie girls stood in awe wondering about those different sounds coming out of Jessica's mouth! Later Jessica explained to them that different nations speak in different languages, that in China they speak *Chinese*, in Japan they speak *Japanese*, and in America and Australia they speak *English*, to which little Esther replied (with cute Aussie accent), "Well, in Queensland we just speak *normal*." Pray for us as we continue to share the gospel with this newly met family.

One of the biggest problems we have here in Australia is the lack of men surrendering to the pastorate ministry. We continue to hope for a man to be trained to take the church we have planted here in the Brisbane area. One of the joys of being here though is to disciple young people, who get married then have children that we also have the opportunity to disciple. Such is Joseph who was baptized last month. Joe's young, but has no problem talking with his friends and even adults about the Bible. After his baptism, still dripping wet, he came to me and said "Pastor Tim, I think maybe God wants me to be a pastor someday." AMEN! If there is any prayer request we would have for the ministry here in Australia, it is that God will raise up men to be pastors.

Bonnie is having to work more as a school teacher to supplement our income. She really is a faithful servant. For the last three of four years she has had to deal with a swelling that occurs on her left shoulder and side of the neck. The last time it happened she went to see an allergy specialist, but he said it wasn't an allergic reaction. He did arrange for her to be checked into the hospital the next time it happened though for observation. In May the swelling reoccurred while we were away at family camp so we had to leave early to get back to Brisbane and check her into the hospital. On the three hour drive back to Brisbane though, our car engine stopped working and so we had to get it towed, then catch a train to the airport to rent a car, drive on home to change clothes, and then go back to the hospital in Brisbane. By the time she saw the doctor the swelling had gone down and so there wasn't anything to observe! We'll keep trying!

We have started to work on the logistics and funding of our next evangelistic push to the Solomon Islands. It doesn't look like we'll be able to have Joseph Iro and his wife join us here in Australia for Bible College, as there is no visa opened to them at this time. I dreaded having to tell Joseph that we weren't going to be able to get him here. It's been alright though, God continues to work in hearts. Joseph's response was very encouraging and it was obvious that he had been praying that God's will would be done in their lives. I didn't have to say much at all, instead Joseph shared that his heart was to do whatever he could to help us get the gospel out in his country through the upcoming Bible Project and that he believed God would have him stay in Honiara to get as much of the logistics and communication to principals done as we prepare. It was one of those moments when it was so very clear that God was working in both of our hearts. Keep an eye on our website for further details about the project.



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