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Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

How exciting it is as your summer comes into full gear with graduations, Vacation Bible Schools, summer camps, and even some mission conferences. While summer is a busy time in the US, Perth starts its slower rainy, stormy days that often will have at least a short view of sunshine sometime in the day. Ministry ebbs and flows much the same way the weather can.

This last quarter we were very blessed to have some friends visit for Easter, but saddened that our two expected male visitors could not come (one had to work and the other was hospitalized that weekend).

Recently, I was able to talk to a young man with whom I was given the chance to begin to share the gospel. For this young man, the sad truth that every man is a sinner was too much for him to hear and get past. In a world where “everyone is a winner” and “people are mostly good at heart,” the younger generations have been duped to think that no matter what you believe—all views are equal and humanity is basically good. “Every man did that which is right in his own eyes” is how the Bible describes it. Years ago when we first arrived in Australia, often we would see children throwing tantrums in the stores. As a result, people would say that Liarra was “good,” because she would never behave in that way. When we started talking about sin in her own life, she told Sherrrie that she was “good,” because that is what everyone said. Since understanding our own sinfulness is the first step to understanding the amazing thing that Christ did for us in the Gospel story, sometimes even though people have had the seed planted, some watering has to take place before God will give the increase. In Liarra’s case, God did give that increase years ago. Although I don’t know if I will ever see that young man again, I know the seed has been planted. Please pray for the many people here in Australia who have heard but have not yet put their faith and trust in Christ.

Also, as an update, many of you have prayed for the converted Muslim man who I was discipling about a year ago. We still have not heard from him, so please continue to pray for him. Second, we had a church respond with a gift towards our need of a vehicle. We are so very grateful for that gift, and we will continue to look and save and pray for the vehicle that God has for us. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support!

To the Praise of His Glory,

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