



THE YOUNG FAMILY

AUSTRALIANS REACHING AUSTRALIA



MISSION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brethren,

With all the excitement of last year, it feels nice to be settling into what will be our new normal. We are settling into our new house, moving furniture around and setting things up just how we like it. The same goes for my workplace, I have set up my space in a way that my books are accessible, I have a reading and study space, and a spot where I can sit with visitors and talk. It is a good feeling to be settled like this.

As mentioned in my last report, I recently had my annual review. The congregation submitted feedback to the leadership and we discussed how I had been going. The review was overwhelmingly positive, and the Gipps Street church would like me to continue working with them indefinitely. While this was the expected result, We are so pleased to have this confirmed for us.

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This month I have been teaching through the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. This series has been a very rewarding and interesting study. As I study each of the virtues listed in this passage, I am finding so many new insights and applications. One of my personal goals this year has been to focus more on specific and practical applications in my sermons, and this series has been a great first step. I think the most interesting has been exploring the oft-neglected virtues like "gentleness" and "self-control" but the whole experience has been good. After finishing up with these lessons, I will be having a break from preaching for a while to focus on other matters.

As for 2026, I am beginning to realize just how much we have planned for this year. Either with the church or with my family, I have some kind of significant event going on for every month of the year. For that reason, I hope to increase the frequency of these newsletters to ensure I can deal with the work in sufficient detail. The major project that I will be working on in the coming weeks will be a gospel meeting in April. More on that in later Newsletters.



As the school holidays drew to a close at the end of January, Vivien asked me if I could take her on a father daughter camping trip. We didn't stray too far from home, spending just one night on a farm property about half an hour north of Oakey. We set up the tent, did a bit of fishing, some camp cooking, and made s'mores. We had a lot of fun, and Viv particularly enjoyed seeing the farm animals while we were there.

After we sent out our "Happy Australia Day" email to our American supporters, we did receive a few questions in response about what

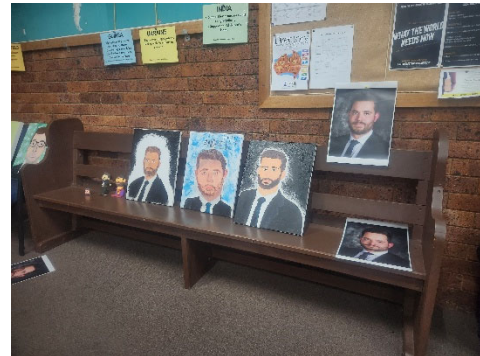
Australia day is. Australia day is sort of like July 4th for Australians. On the 26th of January 1788, the first fleet of convicts landed at Sydney Cove, and Australia was established as a British colony. Every year, this date is celebrated as a national holiday. Much like July 4th, the day is spent by grilling, kicking back, and relaxing.





Vivien and Olive are now back in school and are settling in well. Vivien has had an easy transition from Prep to grade 1, but Olive struggled a bit more with the big change from Kindergarten to Prep. As the month went on, Olive has begun to settle in more and drop-off has become a little easier as the month goes on.

At the Gipps Street church of Christ, we have a very active youth group of older teenagers and young adults. This has been a blessing for us to see so many young people as role models for our own children. I was invited to come and be a part of the youth group activity in February. I did a short devotional lesson on what it means to be made in the "image" of God, and then Daniel had organized for the youth to paint a portrait of me for an activity. I was thoroughly impressed by the effort they all put into their paintings and models, and I got to keep them all in my office.



While we have a good older youth group, we don't have a primary school aged group at the moment. While Hannah and I were thinking of starting one next year (when a few of the young children at the church have started school), a small congregation south of Toowoomba had started up their own group. This was a great opportunity for Vivien and Olive to go and enjoy a lesson and some activities with some other Christian youth. There were also a few kids from the community there as well, so I was happy to support that work by being there.

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