

BROWNS to AUSTRALIA

Our first ever look at Sydney Harbor was rainy and cloudy. But, we're here.



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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

It's so hard to believe that we are actually living here now. It's been about a month since we landed at the Sydney airport, ready to embark on God's work in Australia. We are still adjusting and learning everything that we can about this beautiful country, and God proves Himself faithful every day in meeting our needs and guiding our steps.

God opened the door for us to partner with the wonderful Southland Baptist Church here in the area while we adjust and learn all that we can about ministering here. We have truly been blessed by the pastor and the people of this congregation! Melissa has begun singing with the choir, and I was given the opportunity already to teach the adult Sunday school class. Jael, likewise, is getting involved in her Sunday school class, learning Bible verses and making friends. We certainly pray that God allows us to be a blessing to them as well.

We were able to participate in our first ever Australia Day celebration, which is Australia's equivalent to July 4th in the States. January 26th is when the Aussies get their most patriotic, and the day happened to be a Sunday this year. What a blessing it was to participate in this special service and reach out to the lost! One teen girl accepted Christ as her Savior during the invitation, and we are so thrilled that God has brought another child into His family.

God also provided a little house for us to rent not far from the church in which we are serving as well as a landlord who was willing to rent to newcomers with no rent history in this country (an awesome feat of His logistical mastery in and of itself). Though the resident ant population is still adjusting to our presence and (hopefully) vacating, we are very thankful for the space and find it a complete luxury just to unpack fully after all our deputation travels.

We are SO thankful for all you who pray and who support the work that God is doing here! We feel your love and know that your prayers are what sustain us. Pray with us that we will have many opportunities to share with the people His Truth and that lives will be changed. There is much work to do here, and we are grateful that God is allowing us to be a part of His goals for this land.

In Christ,
James, Melissa, and Jael Brown

P.S. If anyone is interested in getting our mailing address or phone number here, please feel free to email us.

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