

BROWNS to AUSTRALIA

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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Youth choir special during the church's first ever youth service...Helping them has been a blessing!



It's hard to believe that September is here already. You all in the States are finally starting to cool off from the heat, and we are finally feeling the sun again after an extra cool and rainy winter here Down Under. It's been such a blessing assisting the Sydney All Nations Baptist Church here for the past several months: teaching Sunday school, working with the youth group, organizing and directing their first adult choir (we had 8 people singing in the first special), and generally trying to be an encouragement and co-laborer with the church's leadership. God has taught us many things and has now opened the door into the next stage of His work for us here.

November will mark the end of our time here in western Sydney, and we will make a large move to far north Queensland. Approximately 26 hours' drive away, Townsville is where God has led us to start a new work. It is a large city by Australian standards with about 200,000 people, nearly all of whom have no access to the true Gospel. We are also praying about a method for ministry to the sizable military base there, as a friend here in the Navy has relayed to us the deep need for God among Australian military.

As we prepare for this next stage, the cost of moving itself looms large. Unfortunately, the popular \$19 U-Haul truck specials don't exist here. It seems we are looking at about \$5,000 total cost for the move. We know that God wants us in Townsville, and His provision is promised. But, we certainly need and appreciate your prayers for special assistance with moving expenses!

We are so thankful for your love and faithfulness to God's work here and can't wait to "pound the pavement" of Queensland with God's Word! A Final Note From the Psalmist: "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered" (Ps. 40:5). People often focus on the vast evil in the world, but take heart. The GOODNESS of our Lord and Saviour will always outweigh what the devil can put into place here on earth.

In Christ,
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