

to our friends...

We can't believe it. It is literally weeks before we arrive back home to begin a new church in Brisbane!

As I look back over the last year there is one word that best describes my feelings: THANKFULNESS. I am moved with thankfulness to God for this time of growth as a person, leader and as a family. I am thankful to Pastors' David Putman and Shawn Lovejoy for investing in me and this new church. I am thankful for the people who are Mountain Lake Church, for their love and generosity to my family. The house has been so wonderful! Mark and Tammy, what can I say? The Red Rocket has taken us to Moscow 'n' back! I'm thankful for the vision and generosity of the Presbyterian Church of Qld, Australia and the relationships forged with various other churches and organisations who are encouraging this new church. I am also deeply thankful to God for the grace and generosity that YOU have shown by supporting us during this time of training. Your prayers, letters, cards and support have been so encouraging to us. They have been God's grace at work in our lives. Thank you.

We land in Brisbane on July 20 after driving from Atlanta to Nashville, then flying from Nashville to Los Angeles, then Los Angeles to Fiji to Brisbane. **Pray for us on that trip with three energy-filled boys and two tired parents.**

Our American friends and potential planting partners Gerry and Shannon Brown will arrive into Brisbane the same day and we then plan to spend the next ten days showing them around Brisbane and praying with them about the needs and opportunities for the good news of Jesus to be shared. We'll also take them to visit with our families in Toowoomba and Chinchilla. **Pray for Gerry, Shannon and their four children as they work through the process of their possible move to Brisbane around December.**

Another piece of exciting news is that our friend Austin Sisk, a twenty year old singer/guitarist from Athens, Georgia, is heading over in mid August to assist us for three months and to see if God may have him stay long term and lead the music/arts area of the new church. Now twenty might sound young but Austin is truly an amazing musician who has a big heart for Jesus and reaching his generation. Nerida and I feel privileged to have him consider being a part of our launch team. **Pray for Austin, that God will provide the \$5k he needs to raise for this mission trip to Brisbane and that Jesus would guide his heart and decision making.**

Our launch team continues to expand back in Brisbane. We're super excited to be working towards starting out of the chute with two young Aussie interns. Right from the start we will be positioning this church to be investing in leaders and to be a "church planting church". In August we will begin our pre launch phase while aiming to officially launch weekly services in February 2010. This preparation phase will include team building, servant evangelism, prayer and visioning the church Jesus is seeking to build in the city. **Please pray for the gathering of a unified launch team that is passionate and focused on engaging the people of Brisbane with Jesus and the life He offers.**

We thank God for a number of strategic partnerships with churches in the U.S. that have been forged over the past few months and we look forward with excitement to hosting a number of short term mission trips in the next few years. **Please pray that God will continue to provide the partnerships, resources and finances for this new church.**

Once again on behalf of my family and our growing launch team I thank you for your generosity and vision in praying and supporting this new church in Brisbane, Australia. I pray that God will continue to richly pour out His unending favor on you and yours in Jesus Christ. Much love,

Will, Nerida, Will Jr, Fergus & Archie Henderson

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