

Prayer requests – October 2017

Today, the 4th of October 2017, marks the 18 month date of when we arrived in Wickham.

Seems like so long ago but yet only yesterday..... Though we are somewhat settled in our life here, we still have an unsettled feeling as well.

So much has happened.... and yet on some levels, also not much has happened.

I (Naomi) spend a lot my time pondering the what if's, whens and how's of our presence here.... and with that, I bring you our current prayer points:

- Ongoing health issues for both Naomi, struggling to reduce inflammation in her body and Matt, ongoing infection issues and general mental health state.
- Wickham Primary School is receiving a new principal (again, this will be the 4th since 2015) Mr Mark Donaldson, who comes from Chidlow Primary School (an outer eastern suburb of Perth) He starts next Monday (Oct 9th) so please pray for a smooth transition for the students and staff, as well as himself. Also that he is open to Matt continuing in the school at the Breakfast Club and that he may see Matt as more valuable in the future, with possibility for more access.
- General motivation for all of us. As the summer heat kicks in, we find that we get less motivated to get outside and minister, to be actively involved in the community and keep ourselves visible to the community. The temptation to stay inside in the AC is enormous, especially for Matt who really does not like the heat (we spent a week in Geraldton last week where it was 12 degrees and raining, Matt was VERY happy)
- Give thanks for Marjorie and Barton Smith for billeting us recently in Geraldton. They were exceptionally lovely hosts and Marjorie was not well during our stay. Please pray for her recovery.
- Give thanks also for the opportunity to attend the Diocese of North West Australia's Fellow Workers Conference (the purpose of our Geraldton visit). Even though it reiterated the home truth that we are not supported by BCA, CMS or the DNWA, we found it great to have fellowship with other ministry families and catch up with some we haven't seen for a while.
- Pray that the DNWA will see Matt as a necessary part of ministry here in the North West and that a suitable "*role*" can be found for him so that funding from BCA, CMS or similar, will occur to support our role and thereby reduce the need for Naomi to work so much!

- Give thanks for ongoing work for Naomi. She still has several jobs (5) on and off but 3 are proving regular so providing for the family.
- Naomi is still studying with Timothy Partnerships and even though is only doing 1 subject a semester, still finds the work load difficult with work and family. Pray that she can find a good routine for study and that she can put in the necessary effort required around assessments, rather than just rushing.
- Give thanks for the ongoing support of Bulli Anglican and NorWest Anglican churches, who give some financial support to us here.
- Please pray for Solomon as he heads towards the end of year 7, that he will see the need to seriousness in school and self discipline in relation to classroom time and study time.
- Give praise for Zechariah and his ongoing relationship with a few indigenous boys locally. Pray that he can be a wise friend, and a good example of Jesus to them.

Thank you, we very much appreciate your ongoing prayers.

Naomi, Matt, Solomon and Zechariah