



THE EGGERTS: Serving the Saviour in Sydney, Australia

An Important Change

We wish we could have given the following news to each of you individually, and in fact we have made and/or attempted many late-night calls (being 15 or more hours ahead of most of you). But, reality and responsibilities demand that we simply get word to you via this newsletter. Please forgive its impersonal nature. What we need to share with you, though, is that after many months of prayerful consideration and seeking counsel from our supporting pastors and several veteran missionaries, we have resigned from ABWE as our mission agency. However, we remain confident in **God's direction for us to live and minister in Australia, and ABWE has graciously waived their policy that usually requests severed missionaries to leave the field.**

While it was God's work over many years and through various circumstances to call us to Australia, we want to acknowledge ABWE for their role in facilitating our move to this field and for their practical support over the past twelve years. Our sincere desire is to maintain our friendships with our ABWE colleagues as we continue to work alongside them here in Australia.

There were a number of contributing factors, but the determining reason for this change at this time was financial stewardship. Due to rising costs with ABWE and some atrophy of support, we found it necessary. Going forward we will be using the financial services of [Central Missionary Clearinghouse](#) (based in Houston, Texas), and we have a group of godly and wise pastors who have signed on to be our advisory board. Our home church is Community Baptist Church in Stuart, FL (Sr. Pastor Phillip Smith), and as always, we will remain accountable to all of you who track with us, pray, and contribute financially.

Thank you for your love, prayers, friendship, and support. If you have any questions for us, please know that we are always happy to talk with you. Just drop us a line or give us a call.





This past quarter was highlighted by our Australian church's Holiday Bible Club (VBS), held in the last week of September. We are very thankful for the children the Lord brought to us and for a whole week of perfect weather. We are also specially thankful for one of our longtime supporting churches, First Baptist of Waterville, MN, for providing the excellent [Answers in Genesis](#) curriculum that we used - Ocean Commotion! Great lessons were learned; the Gospel was clearly presented; faith was affirmed; and we had tons of fun.

We are immensely proud of the wonderful work so many members of the church did to put on a stellar program. I (Brian) am particularly thankful for the level of participation from all members of our family. Angie taught the "Turtles" (pre-primary). Maeghan assisted the pastor's wife with the "Octopuses" (grades 1-3), helped plan & lead the songs, and assumed the role of Miss Octopus in the week-long drama. Gilbert co-led the games with the pastor's son, played guitar for the songs, and assumed the role of "Snorkel Boy" in the drama. Emily was a student participant among the "Sharks" (grades 4-6). All helped in some way with set-building, prop-making, craft-preparing, and/or decorating.

Points for Praise & Prayer

Praise the Lord with us for . . .

- A great Holiday Bible Club (VBS) outreach in September.
- Maeghan earned a high mark on an extremely challenging Cello exam/jury held at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, in August.
- Gilbert broke his right middle finger so as to need surgery under general anesthesia, but he is healing quickly and is already back to practicing piano and guitar (it never hindered his French Horn playing).
- Emily is blossoming into a lovely young lady with many talents, but most importantly, a growing burden for the spiritual condition of her classmates.

Pray with us for . . .

- A smooth transition for us through the remainder of this month.
- Wise planning for our impending furlough (November 14 - January 24).
- Helpers here in Sydney, to cover some of our responsibilities during furlough.
- Increased spiritual impact as we continue to develop relationships with many unbelievers God has brought into our lives.

Financial

Support

If you feel led by God to partner with us through financial support for the ministry here in Sydney, please see the attached [individual donor form](#) or [church donor form](#) for instructions to initiate contributions by check through [CMC](#). If you wish to give online, please use the following link and select the "Click & Give" icon: <http://cmcmiissions.org/donate>.

Please note these important bits of information from CMC:

1.) For the convenience of giving online we ask those who donate to help with the processing costs if they are able. For example, if they give by credit/debit a \$100 donation, the processing fee would be \$3.30. If they prefer to give an ACH (electronic check) from their bank account the fee would be \$1.

2.) Please ask your supporters to make their checks payable to "Central Missionary Clearinghouse" (or simply "CMC"). This is especially important for individual donors to comply with IRS requirements; it is illegal to claim a tax deduction for a gift made payable to an individual. Please make sure they do not put your name or code on their

check. They may write your name on a separate piece of paper and, since these funds have been personally raised by you for your ministry, we will send them a receipt showing that you have received their funds.

3.) Please let your supporters know they should send personal mail, packages, bulletins, and tapes to your personal address. We can not forward packages to the field because custom declarations are required to be filled out.
