

AN UPDATE FROM SILAS!

Serving with YWAM in Australia

Hello all!

Let me start out by giving God the glory and praise that He deserves; He has shown me so much about myself and about His love for me and His children. I cannot express how strong the move of God is in Australia. I have been blessed to be a part of evangelism in the city and on the beaches almost every day, and we have gotten to see many people come to know Christ personally. I came into YWAM not knowing what God was going to show me, or really why I was called to come in general. Since I have been here I have learned that my relationship with God was not near what it could be, and as we learn each week about a different part of our faith, the Lord reveals to me things He wants me to pursue, and things that He calls us to strive for in our walk with Him. The fire that I get to witness in the hearts of the people around me is nothing short of beautiful. The same Holy Spirit that rose Jesus from the dead is the one living inside of each and every one of us who trust in His perfect name, and when we realize that and step into what He truly has to offer to us, miraculous things can and will happen, and I have been witness and a recipient to some of those things! Lecture phase is coming to a close in about 3 weeks, and we get to move into the Outreach phase next.

Preparing for outreach has been a lot more challenging than I thought it would be. My team and I have been praying and led to evangelize and minister to the people of Bali in Indonesia. We have been prepping sermons, learning songs on guitar, and preparing ministry opportunities for the location. Some ways that God has provided for us to share His love with others are:

- Teaching and helping at a mixed martial arts gym that aims towards giving orphans in the slums of Bali self-defense skills and also a strong influence of Jesus in their lives.
- Preaching and ministering to men in prison, specifically ones who have struggled with narcotics.
- Running jiu jitsu and striking clinics on the beaches to hopefully make personal connections with local people or tourists weekly.
- Evangelizing in the city to anyone who will listen.

With this has come many hours of prep and challenges to face. I myself have been struggling financially to cover the cost of this outreach phase. Our plane tickets were more than estimated, and as expected I have to pay a 3,000 Australian dollar down payment for ground fees. In total I am still in need of around 3,200 dollars USD. That would cover the cost of my flight, and also of my ground fees. I have around 3 weeks to raise this money before we fly out of the Sunny Coast, and I have full hope that the Lord will provide all that I need through the help of His provision and the graciousness of others around me. If you would feel so led to give, I will have ways to do so at the end of this letter.

If you are unable to give, we need prayer! Our outreach is going to be tough, so we need a firm foundation of prayer behind us! Some things we need prayer for:

- **Unity as a team:** There are only 6 of us going on this outreach, so unity is key. If anyone falls down, we will need to rely on one another to pick each other back up and keep moving.
- **Strength:** Bali is a place that practices many things spiritually, so we will need God given strength to stay focused on what He has planned for us.
- **Financial provision:** I am not the only one on my squad that is in need of funding, and anything extra that is raised will be given to those that we minister to in Bali.
- **Fun!** We want to serve the Lord the best we know how, and when we walk in step with Him, ministry and evangelism should be something that is fun and also challenging, and we are excited to experience both of those.

Thank you all for your continued prayer and support, I miss home, but I also am so excited to see what God does over this outreach. I will hopefully give an update on that in a few weeks!

God bless,
Silas

Ways to give:

- Venmo - Silas-Telecky
- Cash/Check - To my parents, or through Maranatha Bible Church