

The Richey Report

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'PARTNERING WITH AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES IN SENDING MISSIONARIES FROM ANYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE'

G'day Praying friends,

We are so thankful for those who stand with us in prayer for the work the Lord accomplishes through us here in Australia. The spiritual attacks have been many in recent weeks, and we know it is only by His power that we are able to persevere through challenging circumstances. Where God is working, Satan always seems to be working overtime. But that is okay, we serve a Mighty and Omnipotent God who knows our needs before we even ask.

The family is doing well apart from the usual winter colds. Julia was thrilled by a surprise visit from 3 close American friends from PA and had fun reconnecting and introducing them to her home in Australia. Garrett and Grant would appreciate your prayers as they sort out direction for their future studies. Garrett has decided to take some time off from uni and is looking for a full-time job. Grant is hoping to begin journalism studies the first of the year. Jill is feeling a bit homesick for the USA, missing grandparents and her old school. Please pray for wisdom for us as parents and for God's protection on our family as we work to serve others far from home and family. Please also pray that we will continue to be effective witnesses as we seek to disciple and train others in the Word. Finding a good balance with work and family is often the biggest challenge!



Rene, Cass, Anj, Julia



Our 24th Anniversary!

We do want to thank you for your part in our ministry. Since our last writing, we have welcomed three new faithful supporters to our team. It is such an encouragement for us to know we have a team behind us, both for prayer and finance. We know we cannot do such a huge task alone, and those who join with us will share in God's blessing as people come to Christ all around the globe.

All because of Jesus,

Stan & Deanna, Garrett, Grant, Julia & Jill

EXPAND! YOUR THINKING, UNDERSTANDING, VISION & IMPACT

In 1 Kings 4:29, the Bible tells us, "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore." That has been our heart's prayer over the past year, for the Lord to "broaden our vision." Little did we realize what we were asking! When coupled with the instruction of Jesus to "lift up your eyes and look...the harvest is ready!" we have been overwhelmed by God's fields, ripe and ready and

in need of workers. This has humbled us, helping us to realize just how very blessed we are in the Western world and has given us a sense of urgency to mobilize more workers to set on the task that is closest to the heart of God—redeeming His worshippers from around the globe. Part of our strategy in seeing this accomplished has been to embark on missions training in the local church, God's instrument to accomplish His mission. Did you know the average pas-

tor going to Bible college and/or seminary may only be required to take one class on missions during a 4-6 year program? Many never get the opportunity to do cross-cultural ministry, and yet they are expected to train God's people in how to carry out God's greatest command. We have been working to prepare and present a six-week missions 101 training course for pastors and churches called "Expand!" As the Lord has expanded our vision and understanding of missions through

the past 10 years, we are excited to be used by Him to help others have a better understanding of their role in reaching the masses with the Gospel. Our goal is to equip local believers here in Australia to rise to the challenge of living for something more—following God in faith and mission. We will be working with several prospective missionary candidates, as well as missions team members and church leadership. *Will you pray with us that God uses this time and strengthens us for this huge undertaking as He broadens their vision?*

Developing Strategic Partnerships for multiplication of Mission!

SMALL TOWN SACRIFICES ONLY PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Ouyen, a small town of 1,400 people in the Victorian countryside recently gathered together for the commissioning of their sole physiotherapist, Stephan Trinkle, as he prepared to head out to **Zambia** to minister to both Body & soul for Christ. Stephan, originally from the city of Adelaide, had taken the job of sole physio in this small town and was well-known and liked by all. However, the Lord had laid mission work overseas in Africa on



Stephan with mum & friends

his heart as a child. As he takes his skills to serve in Zambia for the next six months, the folks in Ouyen will be missing his services greatly. Stephan's leaving has caught the attention of the whole town and he has been a tremendous witness for Christ before even boarding the plane for Africa. It has been our privilege to journey with Stephan, helping prepare and place him for service. Pray as Stephan serves and seeks God's will for his future.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

One of the biggest challenges of our work is the necessity for continual travel. Deanna and I were recently in Sydney for a week of training meetings integral to the work. Stan travels around regularly speaking in churches all over our region, as well as mentoring pastors and following up applicants and enquirers. A project trip to Thailand is being planned in partnership with Leadership Journey for pastors, and Stan will be travelling back to Canberra 3 times between now and December to speak in churches, and conferences and take part in the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students conference. *Pray for safe travel and fruitfulness.*



STEPPING OUT

It is exciting to serve the Lord in missions. Our role of recruitment, training, helping place, and journeying together with God's chosen workers is full of challenge and blessing. We recently welcomed back a short-termer who found direction for her ongoing future ministry of hope helping poor island children who are often exploited. Short-termers in **Ghana** are seeing God work in new ways. We were able to see an MK return for sort service teaching English in **China** as she seeks God's direction for her future. Sil, a water engineer, is preparing for long-term service in her area of expertise to help assist church planters through clean drinking water projects in **Africa**. Natalie will be headed to **Chile** to do children's ministry. Anji will be headed to **Nepal** to teach in a training centre there. George, a Chinese student here in Australia, is applying to do sports ministry in **Africa** or **Asia**. Kumar & Dileeni, will be returning to **Sri Lanka**, their home country, to teach in the seminary there after 20+ years of missionary service in the Philippines. And Jenny is eagerly awaiting the go-ahead to return to administrative/childcare work at the orphanage in **Thailand**. At this writing, many others are stepping forward to be used of God. The Gospel is going out, praise the Lord!

BY PRAYER...

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AS IT IS WORKING. JAMES 5:16B (ESV)

- Thank the Lord for our new support partners and ask Him to continue to grow our team
- Pray for newly placed workers to adjust well and become fruitful
- Pray for direction and sensitivity to God's leading the Richey children
- Pray for the growth of those we are discipling
- Pray for God's provision and our stewardship

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