



The Dawson Family

Church-planting missionaries to Brisbane, Australia

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Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. In 4:35

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Prayer requests:

1. Pray for travel safety for our remaining meetings.
2. Pray for the couple mentioned in this letter that God might use them in a new church plant
3. Pray for Timothy and his taking the SAT for college next month.

We continue to tie up loose ends as we wait for an approval for our visa application. We are often asked why it is taking so long to be approved. Here is the reason. If we had applied for a temporary residence visa then we would probably already be on the mission field. While that would have been much more convenient, that visa would have to be renewed every several years. We would have to leave the country for six months while the visa was renewed, which would be cost prohibitive as well as detrimental to the work we will establish there. On the contrary, the permanent residence visa is more expensive and takes longer to get, but in the long run we will be on the field until we deem it necessary to return and report to the churches in the United States. We will not have to continually raise money for travel to the States and for renewed visa costs.

We have already begun packing necessities into footlockers that we will take with us onto the plane. Bethany will finish school soon and will restart school on the mission field next year. Timothy now has a job that will help carry him through

Bible college in the coming years. In fact, he no longer travels with us on deputation.

What's even more exciting is that we have been able to reconnect with a couple that we met in Brisbane in 2010. They are no longer in the church they had attended due to the fact that after the pastor/missionary had left, the church fell into disarray. We pray that God will use this family as a basis for starting a new work. We hope this couple will introduce us to family and friends that will serve as a way to network with even more people there. In addition, we pray God will allow us to reconnect with a Harley Davidson biker that we had an opportunity to share the gospel with while we were last there.

We have so many open doors just waiting to be explored and we know we will be in Brisbane very soon. There are so many areas of the city of Brisbane that are untouched by the gospel witness of a local New Testament independent Baptist church.

I want to share a quick praise. We discovered that our visa application was cancelled in January. After many phone calls and emails, the cancellation was deemed a mistake and was reinstated. God is good!