



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 Tamba and Angel, who were recently led to the Lord.
- 2 Pray that God might direct us to the right area of north Brisbane to start a new work.

We have been actively involved in door-knocking as we reach out to people within the community around Fellowship Baptist Church here in Stafford, one of the northern suburbs of Brisbane. I met a couple at their home a few blocks from the church and invited them to church. Two Sundays later I had the privilege of leading them to the Lord. The husband is from Liberia and the wife is Congolese. They will become candidates for discipleship if they continue to attend church here.

I met another young father while door-knocking and spoke with him about his relationship to the Lord. He promptly showed me a tattoo of Jesus on his arm. He actually felt that he was "right" with Jesus because of that tattoo! Many simply tell me they are atheists, although I think they say that because they think it will get them out of a conversation about spiritual things. In spite of the strange excuses people offer, they are still confronted with the truth of the gospel as the Lord allows.

The trend we have noticed is that those who are most open to the gospel are immigrants. These immigrants include those from the Philippines, Africa, Sri Lanka, China, and Vietnam. They come to Australia with very little and have not learned to depend upon material things as their sufficiency.

Although we are committed with our

sponsoring church for a time, we are already beginning to survey areas where we might begin a new work. We have the option of working with the Van Komen family as copartners in a new work. We are also considering the town of Burpengary, which is about 30 miles north of Brisbane. We even drove further north to the town of Beerwah, the town where Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo is located. We feel that Beerwah may be a little too far north. Our strategy is to be just outside the growth area of Brisbane so we will be in place as the area develops. Please pray with us that God might direct us to where He wants us. We feel confident that there is great potential for a healthy church plant in so many areas here.

Bethany has adjusted well here. She has made friends not only with other kids in school but also with kids in the church. Thank you for praying for her.



Pastor and Doyla Bramblet along with Robert and Jennifer in front of Fellowship Baptist Church in Stafford, Queensland (that's Bethany inside the door as she was watching kids in the nursery)

