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Dear Friends,

Summer is definitely over with dropping temperatures and falling rain. With that has come an end to the slow, relaxed pace of summer in the Middle East. Mac and Tad are back at school starting Grades 11 and 8. Bec is back travelling and meeting online with people and Andrew has been busy recruiting players for the new season.

The biggest news is that Jem will leave the Middle East in just over two weeks to return to Australia. He has received an offer already to study Commerce at the University of Sydney and is looking forward to reconnecting with friends and family for a few months before uni starts in February. We are really excited for him and are praying that he will quickly settle back into our Australian church family and get into good rhythms. He is excitedly (and nervously) trying to think through all things he will be able to do that he hasn't been able to do for the past four years overseas. Finding a part-time or casual job is currently top of his list.

Bec was able to travel to join one of our teams at their annual retreat in September. About 20 adults (and many kids) spent a day learning and reflecting together about soul care before heading to a retreat center for a couple of unstructured days together. It was a great privilege to be able to sit and talk at length about ministry and life with people serving in a challenging place.

In one country that is notoriously hard to get and maintain visas we had seen the team shrink from 5 to 0 over the past two years. It seemed like that door was closing for a season and Bec was focused on placing people elsewhere. But God was still at work and a family from Asia we didn't expect arrived last month with a solid visa platform. We have also had a new team member from

Europe join the team in our city, teaching Bible at a local school. There are at least 15 more people in various of stages of preparation to move to the Middle East in the coming year. Pray that God would be at work in and through all these people.

Bec is planning to be back in Australia for a couple of weeks in February to check on Jem and to share more of what God has been doing in the Middle East. Pray for good opportunities during that time.

With love
Andrew and Bec





PRAY

- Thank God for the chance to rest and reset over summer and for a lovely holiday with Andrew's parents.
- Pray for wisdom and opportunities as we seek to increase our financial support to cover costs associated with Jem going to uni.
- Give thanks for Mac and Tad's positive start to the school year.
- Give thanks for Jem's acceptance into university and for him as he undertakes this huge transition,
- Pray for Bec travelling in November to attend the annual meeting of an organisation that supports the persecuted church in the Middle East.
- Pray for Andrew as they get ready for the season as he tries to maintain strong relationships through a time of transition as players leave and join the group.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are able to give to support the work we are doing to reach communities where

he is least known across the Middle East please get in contact. Regular, ongoing giving enables us to invest in developing long-term relationships. It will make it possible for us to support more than 50 workers across the Middle East, build sustainable models and thrive as a family in a difficult location.

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