



Dear Friends,

We've reached the middle of summer. The wierd time of year here where many things in our life calm down but where the massive arrival of tourists and return of the diaspora makes the country a chaotic traffic filled mess. The last few summers were heavily effected by the conflicts here and in the region, but things definitely feel fuller this year.

The end of the school year in June brought to an end Jem's secondary education. We were very thankful that he not only graduated on schedule (not something we took for granted after all the disruptions to the country this academic year) but got to celebrate with a beautiful gradutation ceremony and senior prom. The work he put into his senior project also paid off as he was valedictorin. It was a very proud moment for us to watch him stand in front of students, parents and guests at his gradutation and give a wonderful speech. Not bad for his seventh school.

Since then he's been enjoying the summer but seems to have a farewell every week as many of his classmates head overseas for study. He plans to return to Sydney for university starting next year but that gives him about six months to fill.

Andrew finally got an end to the football season. When they called everything off in February there were just a handful of games left to play. Five months later they finally played them. It was a pretty anticlimatic end but at least the season is over and the club has begun planning for the next season. Andrew is enjoying being involved in a club with a really long history and strong community identity. Currently his working with some of the younger men at the club doing offsesaon training in the heat of the mornings. Working with a small group without the presure of competitive games can be a great opportunity to

get to know them better so we're praying that these relationships will deepen over the next month or so.

As a family we took a brief trip with Bec to visit some team members in another country and it was great to be able to spend some time as a whole family with people, sharing meals and exploring their city. The rest of June was busy for Bec working with people who were heading back to their home countries some for short periods, some for longer sabbaticals and some permanently. Since then things have definitely shifted into summer mode and have been a lot quieter, the intense heat in so much of the region means lots of people travel but those who stay shift to very different routines. Its been encouraging to talk to many who have stayed through the summer finding beautiful opportunities to deepen relationships with locals during a much less busy and hurried time.

We are looking forward to a family holiday in September and then to gearing up for a new school year. Please pray for the summer to be a time of restoring our energy and helping us all prepare for big things ahead.

With love
Andrew and Bec



PRAY

- Give thanks for the way God has sustained us through a challenging year so far.
- Give thanks for Jem and the amazing young man he is growing into.

- Pray for wisdom as we make plans for Jem's return to Australia.
- Pray for an increase in financial support to enable us to continue to minister sustainably in this new season.
- Pray for good rest and refreshment over the summer and for plans for the coming year.

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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