



Dear Friends,

We have lots of big news to share with you this month!

With our regional director stepping out of his role and the Middle East director stepping up to take over, the board has appointed Bec to take over as the Middle East Director for an initial period of two years starting in October. She will be looking after more than 50 workers across seven countries (and prayerfully more). While we are only relatively new to the region we are really excited to see how God uses all of the lessons Bec has learnt over the last 13 years in the organisation and in the corporate world before that. She is particularly excited to be working with an amazing team of team leaders, personnel and finance people and an impressive and knowledgeable board. She is looking forward to helping our leaders thrive in challenging and volatile contexts and to seeing more people join us in the vision for least reached communities. Obviously looking after that many countries is going to involve a lot more travel so it's nice that the boys are at a more independent age and Andrew's work is very locally focused. It will be a real role reversal from our time in Bangkok.

While sporting success has never been the way that Andrew measures the impact of his ministry it's always nice when the work put in produces visible

results. Having been part of a brand new start-up mens team, this season they won their league and earned promotion. It was a tough season but reflecting back on it it definitely feels like Andrew's ability to not just coach football but maintain healthy relationships and a positive culture in the team was one of the biggest differences between his team and others in the league. Excitingly with the new season only a couple of months away most of the team will be retained which will be an exciting opportunity to build on those relationships.

With all these exciting things to look forward to we need to make sure our financial support is stable and sustainable to enable us to continue building local relationships and to enable Bec to focus fully on her new role. In particular our boys' school fees are more than doubling for the coming school year. This is not a surprise as the financial crisis meant school fees (and teacher salaries) dropped to about 10% of what they were before the crisis and schools have been steadily trying to get teachers back to fair and sustainable wage levels. This means we need to raise at least \$500 more a month to cover those costs. We have also seen a couple of key supporters go to be with our Lord and are needing to cover that gap. If you are in a position to start giving or increase giving we would love to hear from you.

With love,
Andrew, Bec, Jem, Mac and Tad

PLEASE PRAY

- For Bec as she prepares to take on a new role
- For the leadership team navigating the transition
- Thank God for the relationships Andrew has with his team and the opportunity to celebrate a promotion with them.
- Thank God for a brief holiday last week and pray for the boys during the next two months of summer break.
- Provision of all our financial needs.

- For a lasting peace in our region.

Financial support

Regular, ongoing giving (annual, quarterly or monthly) enables us to invest in developing long-term relationships and building bridges between the church and communities where He is least known. It will make it possible for us to build sustainable models and thrive as a family in a difficult location.

For more information, a link to our giving page or for any questions please email us at andrewandbec@outlook.com or contact the Australian Partner Relations Team on 1300 746 580



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