

CHOPSTICK CHATTER

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Dear Friends,

The past couple of months have been a delightful whirl wind of AFES camps x 4! Preparation, travel, seminars and LOTS of talking and listening. It has been so encouraging to chat with students and ministry apprentices as they grapple with the reality that 42% of the world's population is still considered *unreached* and what this means for us as Christians living in a place with abundant Christian fellowship. Should they go? Why? Why not? **Please pray** for ongoing relationships with Uni students and wisdom as I walk alongside them. **May God** keep growing their servant hearts to serve Him now and be willing to serve Him any-place, any-time in the future in a place where few (if any) know Christ.

'THERE IS A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING...'

It has also been a hard time for my family and will continue to be for some time. My 3 yr old nephew, Matthias, was diagnosed with Leukaemia (ALL). M also has Down Syndrome which makes things a little more complex. It's going to be a long road (2+yrs) as my sister and brother-in-law, care for M and their two other kids - J (9yrs) and E (6yrs). We are thankful to God for all the support they have received BUT they are tired already. **Please pray** God would pour out his grace and peace on our family, especially Matthias. **May the Lord give strength** to Peter and Julie as they care for all 3 kids. **May God** continue to provide all the support they need. And a house as their rental contract finishes soon.

OPPORTUNITY: Media son NORTHERN

THAILAND - The Tai Yuan people are mainly located in Northern Thailand. Estimated Christian population: 0.27%. The OMF Tai Yuan Team are praying and seeking ways to reach the Tai Yuan people through creative means. *Main focus:* 1) Create, record, edit, and post media content. 2) Maintain media channels. 3) Coordinate media efforts. 4) Being creative! (3 years +).

More Info: omf.org



Tea 'n' snacks: Students 'n' missionaries chatting @ AFES mid year camp

Mum had a stint in hospital with covid and a broken ankle. **Please pray** for good healing and strengthening of her ankle.

I am so thankful to be in Australia right now to be close to family, but balancing time with family, ministry and caring for my own health is not

working real well as present. At church we have been reflecting on the Ecclesiastes' poem 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens' (3:1). I keep reminding myself 'God is present in this season'. **Please pray** for wisdom and strength as I walk this season and continue to trust God.

AUGUST

Aug 14th - St John's Presb, Toowoomba
Aug 15th - Bible Story telling workshop with AFES Student group - Toowoomba
20th Aug - Heart 4 Asia - Brisbane OMF
Prayer meeting - ALL welcome
25th Aug - Tectonic

