

## Australia News

Well, the big news for us is that we have been asked to take on a leadership position working with the Australia Campus Crusade for Christ National Team. This won't totally come as a shock to those of you that have known us for awhile. We have been a part of ministry in and to Australia for the last 15 years; starting as mobilizers-sending teams from UCSB, to actually going ourselves.

**We are excited and a little overwhelmed** as well. We will be helping the Aussies increase the amount of students and staff they send to the world. Helping with recruiting, training and getting to countries that are harder for Americans to get into. Our prayer is that we can see the numbers double during the two years we will be down there.

We will be serving at their headquarters in Brisbane, which is on the East Coast above Sydney. **Our goal is to leave in January 2013.**

As you can imagine, there are a lot of logistics that a family of 5 needs to take care of to prepare for this assignment.

Some of what we are realizing at this life stage, is how our



'calling' and assignment affects not just us, but our kids and family.

Please pray for our kids as the reality sinks in for them. Being away from what they are used to, away from friends is already hard for them to think about. They have ups and downs in terms of excitement and dread.

Part of what we are excited about is seeing God work in us and through us as a family to expand his Kingdom.

Part of what we fear is that people assume that Australia must be Christian since it is a western country, rather than the spiritually dark country that it really is.

Our first response card from our summer assignment in Australia a couple years back, anonymously

said, "why would we support your vacation in Australia?" That still resonates some dread for us as we ready ourselves to raise the support we need. God is bigger than those fears and we look forward to sharing the vision we have to see Australia transformed. We are thankful and look forward to being in this adventure with you all!

We will have many updates in future letters and our blog, with more details, prayer requests and needs.

## Blog worthy

Wendy and I have started a blog to send some quicker updates and random thoughts on ministry and life with you all. You can find it at:

[kyleandwendy.wordpress.com](http://kyleandwendy.wordpress.com)

**Photo above:**

*This was a great day of pictures and fun.*

**Photo at left:**

*A little seriousness for our family pictures.*



*In His grip  
Kyle, Wendy  
Malia, Carter + Avery*