

# A Word from the Wenigs...



Anderson getting ready for the big trip! He traveled like a champ on our 31 hour travel day and has been an incredible blessing in all the transition. He is so full of joy and makes us laugh as he is learning to walk, babbling, and loves making new friends (especially on the train).

**Sports Chaplaincy Australia**— 2 weeks after arriving in Australia, Kyle had the opportunity to attend a conference with our supervisor, Gary, in Queensland, AU. It was an opportunity to be equipped and resourced as he prepared for serving in this new culture. The key note speaker was the chaplain from Manchester United's soccer (aka "footy") team, John Boyers.

## ***Some lessons that especially shaped Kyle were:***

- \*Having a Ministry of Presence – allowing God to be the One who connects us and opens up relationships to the people & teams we serve. When we rely on God to lead us (not only doing what I think is best) and are faithful/available, we will be in awe of what He does.

- \*Caring for your family when your responsibilities & role require you to be on the road or frequently away.

- \* Not showing partiality:  
being intentional to serve both  
the Captain of the team AND  
the injured benchwarmers...



Once a year **Sydney Opera House** has free backstage tours. We really enjoyed getting to see this up close!

**Jehovah Jireh.... The God who provides:** It has been incredible the past few weeks to see how God has brought Matthew 6:25-34 to life for us in a new way. He has provided for us faithfully and abundantly as we have searched for an apartment and the foundations of life in a new world (i.e. bank, furniture, utilities & lots of new systems to learn and embrace). We had a few weeks where we struggled to trust and reject fear, but are doing very well now. God has blessed us with an apartment in a convenient & safe location. It is a home where we sense an opportunity to serve and have a multicultural impact! It's in a very diverse building— we will get to serve the nations as our neighbors are Russian, Chinese, Aussie & Thai (and those are just the people we have met so far). He has also provided us with a refrigerator, a crib, dishes, pots, pans, a kitchen table and chairs, a TV, book shelves, a sofa, and several unexpected gifts from supporters to help with other costs (like a bed, washer & dryer). **THANK YOU SO MUCH for your prayers and generosity! This increased cost of living and starting up life in a new place has been a major test of faith, but YOU have been God's instruments of provision and encouragement! We praise Him for YOU!**

We are still trusting God for a car. We have been renting one from a ministry to missionaries for the time being, but now need one for longer term... Please pray for this with us!

And YES, for those of you who thought Kyle was a zany driver (or "cautiously aggressive" as he says) in the USA, imagine him driving here on the opposite side of the car AND road...LOOK OUT! Pray for us!!! :)



**This is our current staff team— Gary, Jess, Kyle, AJ & Jayne.** We will have another teammate joining us, Michael Foxall (aka **Foxy**), when he completes his support raising. Please pray for him as he finishes his support and prepares for Para-Olympic athlete ministry. One of Kyle's roles here will be to lead Foxy through his new staff training and development.

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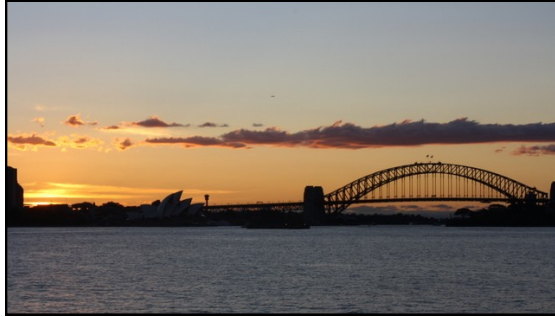
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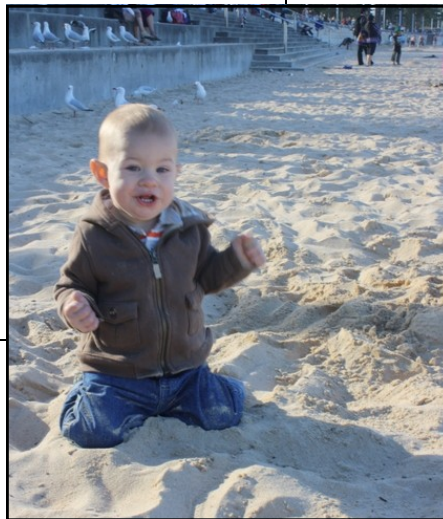


Hanging out at one of our favorite Sunday spots: Sydney Botanical Gardens.



**ULTIMATE TRAINING CAMPS:** Many of you may recall us sharing about the Ultimate Training Camps we have served at in Colorado during the summers. In Australia, the AIA staff have discovered these are a very culturally relevant platform for sharing Christ and equipping His followers to integrate faith and sport. So much so that we will be hosting them at 5 locations in the year ahead (Perth, Brisbane, New Castle, Sydney & also one in New Zealand). Because of having been at the AIA Training Center and some of our past experience with the Camps, we will have the opportunity to teach "The Principles" (please see [www.TeamWenig.com](http://www.TeamWenig.com) for details) and share in the shaping of this ministry opportunity. Please pray for wisdom & direction in this role (as well as the other roles that we have been working on).

As a staff team, each of us is praying over and preparing a "strategic plan" for the roles we are responsible for giving leadership to. We want each of these to be led by God so that we can be faith-filled and faithful in pursuing the plans HE has for us (**Proverbs 3 & Eph 2:10**). Please also pray for a meeting we have next week regarding the possibility of serving as chaplains for Rugby (Kyle) & Sydney Flames Women's Basketball (Jayne).



*With love and thanks!  
Kyle, Jayne & AJ*

**Please Pray for Becky!** Becky is a young lady that God has connected Jayne with over the past month. Through new friends of ours here, the Baileys, God orchestrated a divine appointment. Becky plays basketball for Liam Bailey at the school he teaches and coaches at. When we first arrived, Becky was in the beginning of an INTENSE storm— her father had just been diagnosed with cancer. Jayne had the opportunity to listen to and love on Becky as she was trying to trust God in this storm. She is a Christ follower, but at that moment she was the only one in her family. This story has highs and lows— the great news is that Becky got to share the message of **Jesus Christ's saving love and forgiveness** with her dad and he received it and trusted it as TRUTH one night in the hospital. Three days later he went home to be with the Lord, which we celebrate because he is now worshipping the King of Kings and is no longer in pain. Yet the grief is real and intense in Becky's life, especially in the midst of HUGE things happening that she doesn't get to share with her dad and best friend— college decisions, prom, graduation, etc. Please pray for Jayne's times with Becky in the days and weeks ahead. Please pray for wisdom for how to care for her and guidance in the process. For comfort and healing for Becky's heart, and pray for the rest of Becky's family who is hurting and in need in many ways.



### **Culture Corner:**

They may be speaking English, but it's still a new language here! We will share with you as we learn some of the new jargon/ vocabulary!

### **"OZ-isms"**

- \*Oz = Australia      \*Brekky = Breakfast
- \*"Too Easy" = Certainly or No Problem      \*Pram = Stroller
- \*Capsicum = Bell Peppers      \*Ta = Thank You

AJ thinks he moved to the world's biggest sandbox— its now starting to get warm and become summer weather— Talk about having different CHRISTmas weather!?!

To send Ministry Gifts that will be directed to Campus Crusade, it would be easiest to mail them to Kyle's Parent's home. Kyle's Mom is helping coordinate the details of this for us!

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