



team parker times

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We praise the Lord for the special memories that were made on Andrew's first trip to Australia. These included: learning to crawl and stand, his 1st birthday, touching a koala and a baby wombat, and many fun times in the pool and on the beach!



home leave in Australia...

We were in Australia from the end of September 2012, until 24 January this year. We had a good time of rest, connecting with family and friends, and deputation. We were very blessed to stay with Bob and Ruth, Richard's parents in Sydney. Our travels took us to Canberra, Dubbo, Gerringong and the Central coast. We were so encouraged by the number of churches and groups that invited us to speak about our work here in SA, and we were just blown away by their support. We spent 5 days in Wollongong, just the three of us, and we had a great week of holidays with the extended Parker/Elliot family, right on the beach at Arrawarra. The Lord's timing is perfect and we were privileged to be around at the right time for a number of special friends birthdays and even a wedding! Andrew especially loved spending time with his Australian cousins and friends.

on our return...

Time is flying and we can't believe that we have been back for a month already. Andrew has had four middle ear infections in the past four months, so we saw an ENT who recommended grommets. The surgery went very well on 14 Feb and he is eating much better than before. He has also slept through most nights since then which is a great change!

future plans...

At the end of last year, after speaking with our WEC SA leadership, we felt it important for me (Richard) to get some more formal training in Bible School. So I have started a Bachelor of Intercultural Studies through Tabor, Adelaide. I have been very blessed to be credited for four subjects due to prior learning. The course is all done via correspondence, online with access to the podcast lectures, forums and some reading materials. I can communicate really well with the lecturers and other students. I will be studying at least four days a week. It is a challenge, but a great opportunity to learn more about our wonderful Lord and how we should be doing missions.

One day a week I will be coordinating the WEC SA Short Term and Long Term Workers coming into the country to join the different teams and also those from South Africa wanting to serve here or in other countries. I will also be on the WEC SA Field Committee, which is a team to help the leadership of WEC SA.

Lindsey is spending the first half of the year with Andrew and resting. We will see how she is feeling at the end of the six months before deciding if she is ready to study.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are overwhelmed by the goodness of God displayed through His people.

All our love

Richard, Lindsey and Andrew



The family together on Christmas day!

please pray with us...

Please pray for wisdom regarding the use of our time, as we would still like to see the friends that we have made in the townships and continue to encourage them in their ministries.

Please pray for Dominica, the local lady who is heading up the Crèche Ministry in Vosloorus. The resource library that we helped her to set up was broken into and about half of the toys and books were stolen. Also, please pray for peace and wisdom as she faces some very difficult family issues. Despite these challenges the ministry continues to grow and Dominica has been asked to train teachers in Balfour, a township on the outskirts of Jo'burg, and in Rondebult, an area not far from where she has been working. Praise the Lord!

Please continue to pray for our health - for Lindsey to recover completely from burnout, and for Rich's headaches to stop. We have had some very positive feedback from the chiropractor that he has started seeing. He thinks that he has found the cause of the headaches and that the treatment will be successful.

