



The Lesters serving in Australia

Dear Friends, Family, and Co-laborers,

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Ecclesiastes chapter three talks of different seasons in life, and these verses describe what we have been feeling. In this chapter, the writer uses this language to show how life ebbs and flows, and where life has its ups and downs but *“that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of his labour, it is the gift of God”* (vs. 13).

This quarter (and this year as a whole) has been marked by these things more than any other. We have had people leave and others visit. Some of those visitors have a church background and are looking for a home church, while others have never attended a church before or rarely attended. It really is the way things happen in life *“that which hath been is now; and that which hath already been...”* (vs. 15).

Both Sherrie and I have had conversations with young people recently. One who didn't believe in God, but who is now starting to believe in God. Then there was a young man who was contemplating whether God was a loving Father or a strong disciplinarian. He realized that God has to be both; while he is gracious and loving, He is also just and must deal with sin. It is great to see young people growing in their faith.

Please pray for the following:

1. An infant from our church who has a very rare condition that affects many body systems—she has been struggling and been in and out of the hospital. Please pray for her and her parents.
2. A dear lady in our church who had to have her leg amputated—please pray for her as she heals and adapts.
3. Church growth through people coming to Christ and Christians looking for a new home church.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

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