

# the chronicles of Dave & Katie

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## Ebenezer

I think I've talked before about the scripture with Ebenezer and how I use that to set annual reminders in Google calendar of all the times that God has done amazing things. "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12 The stone was a reminder of how God was the help and protector of the Israelites. And nothing has changed for us today. We forget, we jump to the next crisis, we go straight to worry, when we simply need to remember the good that God has done in the past.

So what does this have to do with the BIG NEWS??!! I think most of you know that in June, God provided us with permanent residency here in Australia. It means a lot of little things will change, but the one big change is that we no

longer need a visa to reside here and are no longer temporary residents, as all visa holders are. And I think most of you know we have asked for prayers for our visa situation since 2015. For 8 years, we were told that permanent residency was impossible for us. But we always felt that God was saying stay. We had plenty of offers to move to other countries with other ministries, even with certain visas. Covid and a 2-year lockdown really challenged us. But God continued to say stay. While the story of the visa is much too long for a newsletter, we can look back now and see that every time we obeyed God, our actions impacted our future PR. It may be a little while before we can tell you the whole story of God's faithfulness, but in the meantime, rejoice with us that God is the God of the impossible!

## GFM Online Missionary Training School

Most of you know that I (Katie) have been the director of OMTS for almost 2 years. We have seen God do amazing things in other countries, raising up missionaries from every nation to every nation. We currently have around 50 full-time students and around 200 more students starting the first module, from around 60 different countries. It is truly humbling to play a small part in what God is doing all over the world, making His name great among the nations! If you haven't already, I encourage you to pop over to GFM's Facebook and Instagram. This month is OMTS month and students from all over have created videos, talking about their training and their current ministries. It's so encouraging!!



## Partners

We are all definitely living in a world that is struggling through the long-term effects of Covid. We have been impacted by losing monthly financial partners over the last 2 years. It's a little tricky to raise up partners

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when you are halfway around the world, but if you are interested in partnering with us financially, we would love to talk with you more. We take partnership seriously and we want you to know exactly what we are doing, how we can pray for you, and how we can work together to further God's kingdom. For those of you that have been financially and prayerfully supporting us over the years, we are incredibly grateful. We don't think for one minute we can do this alone. We pray for you often and talk about you to friends here even more! We all have a part to play in the Great Commission. It doesn't matter what part God gives us, as long as we are playing our part together!

### Pray With Us...

- Praise for NO MORE visa prayer requests!!
- Pray for an increase in monthly partners, that we can continue in our ministry with GFM and here in Sydney.
- Pray for GFM's Online school, that we can continue to reach more and more countries and train the next generation of missionaries around the world.
- Please let us know how we can be praying for you!



*Until all have heard,  
-David and Katie*



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