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## Exciting Ministry Update!

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I pray 2025 has started well for you and your family.

We have some exciting news! After much prayer and consideration, Allison and I have decided to move to the USA for a time. Over the last few years, we have developed some strong networks and faithful partners in the Midwestern States of Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia. Our American friends have been working with us on the transition and also paying for all the costs involved. We were not able to tell you earlier because we were not sure our visas would be approved. Our visas have now been approved, so we plan to make the move in early February this year. For the time being we will be living in Cincinnati Ohio, a city about the size of Brisbane on the border of Kentucky.

Another reason for the move, is that we want to spend more time in Ukraine, and the Middle East to support the persecuted and vulnerable, and train our teams on the ground as we develop our trauma healing ministry in these countries. These places are so much closer to the USA than Australia, 8-15 hours flight compared to 24-30 hours, so there are many advantages in terms of strategy and stewardship of our time and finances. There are still many things to navigate in this transition. Emily (15) will be coming with us. She is excited but it is challenging for her to leave her friends and begin a new life in a different country. Timothy, our oldest (23) will be staying in Brisbane as he is half way through his apprenticeship. We are burdened to leave Tim but he now has a serious girlfriend named Demi. She is a lovely girl and we are thrilled she is in Tim's life.

Despite our change of location, rest assured, we will continue to manage the Australian ministry of Project114. Your support and prayers will remain a vital part of our ministry, and we will always be just an email or a phone call away, so please do not hesitate to reach out to Allison or myself. Just keep in mind we will be 15 hours behind Brisbane time!

In the next few months we will be looking at hiring someone to take over some of the management of the ministry here in Australia, as we continue to grow the international work of Project114. If you would like us to connect you with our Board Chair Philip, or anyone else on the Australian board, please reach out to us.



## Prayer and Praise

- Thank you for sending us. Praise the Lord with us for this opportunity to expand the ministry of Project114. Pray with us for a smooth transition to the USA and the Lord's blessing on the ongoing ministry and projects.
- Pray with us for Timothy who will be staying in Australia and for Emily who will be going with us, that they would know the presence, love and grace of God during this time.

- Praise the Lord for the many people who are being reached with the message of love and healing in Christ through the Planted for Purpose trauma healing workshops. Every month now, more than 1000 people are experiencing breakthroughs and restoration of their lives. With your help, precious dad's, mum's, children and families in hardship are finding courage, resilience and hope as we battle for the lost, the hungry and the hurting in Jesus' Name.
- Jesus has burdened my heart more and more these last few months from **Matthew 9:36-38**, **"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."** Please continue to pray with us, and for us, that we would always draw on the compassion of Jesus as we touch the lives of those who are lost and broken. As you send us, pray that many others would go with us in prayer, in giving and in person, so that together we would continue to embody the hope of the Resurrection in the hardest places.

**Thank you again for your faithful support and commitment to us and our vision.**

Blessings, Simon, Allison and the Project114 Team