

HVC Newsletter!

Dearest Friends from Bessels Green Baps and surrounds,

G'Day!!

Here is another update from us here in Mansfield!

The last few months have been really exciting! We are now home owners and have been flat out painting, shed building, chicken house and run building, fence removing and tree cutting etc!

Our dear little boy is growing up, he is one next month – that has gone quick, it just feels like yesterday when I was up all night long while Jay gave birth, it was pretty hard but I got through as I recall!

He is at such a fun age now, lots of personality coming out and even learned to walk a couple of weeks ago, won't be long until he's kicking a football and trying out for Arsenal!

Church has changed format a little bit, out of necessity really, due to people coming and bringing their children! Which has meant we have had to look at the being more practical in involving them and also caring for them so as the parents can also be involved too.

So thursday nights weren't working and we were noticing that people weren't coming anymore because it was too hard to look after their kids and to focus on the discussion. One of our members shared that she had a real heart for a kids ministry and wanted to head it up (what a blessing!!) So she did that and we moved to a Sunday afternoon and are now gathering in a Community centre that has a big hall attached to it for the kids program. We still finish with dinner together and do the once a month morning service which attracts a couple more families.

Jay has started a book club (inspired by Jo Durling) which has been really popular and lots of the local mums are coming along. Poker church is still going strong and breaking down barriers and we have started a church basketball team which is making some great friendships with the locals. Three of us played aussie rules football last season which was scary and great fun. Again it was a great 'in' to the Mansfield community. The coach is the local primary school principal and when they got some government funding for a chaplain, he approached me for the job! So i'm starting that role on Friday one and a half days a week.

Probably the biggest thing in our church life recently was a little girl called Elora was born. The couple, Sam and Beck who were the other half of the church for the first few months fell pregnant but then found out that there were severe complications. The doctors even suggested a termination and a restart. We really felt that God wanted to glorify himself through it so we committed to praying the whole way through. The church as a whole fasted for a day and prayed. It was supposed to be born with the oesophagus not connecting to the lungs, a spine that is all bent and no anus. When she was born she kicked, screamed and poed on the doctors arm!! It was such a boost for our church, especially the newer people who were just checking out this "God stuff". One of our guys Ryan, says that he decided to follow Jesus because of what he saw God do through Elora!

Thank you so much for your support over the last 2 years, you have been instrumental in us being able to get this Church plant up and running. If you remember when we first asked you to support us financially, we asked that you would do so for the first 2 years of the plant. Well that time is up and we can say now that with the tithes coming in from members and other people hearing about what we are up to and wanting to support us we can now stand on our own! So you can stop your

payments from whenever you want and direct them to a place of more need if you like, or otherwise you're welcome to keep giving and we will put it towards our mission fund (local community projects).

Again thank you so much for what you have given, we would appreciate you to continue to support us in prayer and friendship.

Expect an update still from us, and until then,

lots of love from the Buscombes and from High Country Vineyard!

P.S-



This is our new house!!
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