

The Nicol's Update

with Frank & Jo Nicol • July 2026



If there is one thing that is certain, ministry life is always mentally stimulating. The last term has been no different. There are diverse ways in which the Gospel gets preached in the West Pilbara. Church of course continues to engage with a wide variety of people seeking Jesus.

There are many comings and goings which on one level is challenging, but on another level is exciting. Two families in particular have joined church recently with absolutely no church background. One of those families, a young couple, simply walked in off the street having decided that the world was leading them astray and it was now time to seek the Lord. They have joined us Bibles in hand with an enthusiasm for wanting to get to know the Lord. Things like that are a great joy.

Since we last wrote to you we have celebrated Easter with the churches of Karratha, we've travelled to Bularra Station (550 kms away) for a wedding, and we celebrated the reconciliation God won for us at the cross during Reconciliation Week with Pilbara Aboriginal Church.

Frank has also had the blessing of encouraging the ministers of the Pilbara to keep going in the Gospel as they met with the Bishop in Karijini. He then travelled to Geraldton (2200 kms return) for a two-day meeting. Finally, we have just come back from church camp with Hedland Anglican Church. Bishop Darrell Parker spoke to us from the book of Amos and challenged us all to

seek the Lord and live. The last few months have not lacked for mental stimulation and we give great thanks to God for being at work amongst us as we have shared the Gospel.

Praise God for: the many opportunities for the Gospel in the last three months; People who have simply walked off the street and come along to church; our combined church Easter and Reconciliation week events; our church camp and the blessing of having the Bishop preach the book of Amos to us.

Pray that as we continue to preach the Gospel each week in church, God would be at work drawing people to Christ by the Holy Spirit. Pray also for opportunities to disciple new Christians and those investigating Christ.

Bringing our plans before the Lord

As we look towards the next few months please keep praying for us. In the immediate future, Bush Church Aid are sending us all as a family to the Sunshine Coast for our Biennial Field Staff Conference. The conference aims to support us to keep going in ministry. **Please pray that it will be a refreshing time for the**

Banner Image: Sculpture near Roebourne

Circle Image: The Nicols

Middle & Bottom Images: Scenes from the recent combined Karratha and Port Hedland church camp

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whole family. Pray also that Tabby travels well.

Next term we're aiming to run two evangelistic events. *Fire, Food and Faith* allows us space to sit around a campfire, have a feed and invite our friends to hear the Gospel shared. Youth Movie Night this year will show *Top Gun 2*, and then one of our youth leaders will give an evangelistic talk. **If you could please pray for both of those events: that church would be excited for them; that God would give us boldness to invite our friends along; and that those friends would come.** We obviously want to be praying that through these events people would come to know and love Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Family life

It's pretty common for people to leave towns in the north when their kids get to high school. As a family we want to change that thinking. We give great thanks to God for how our kids are doing in the local schools.

Eli and Lydia both attend the local government high school, and we rejoice in how well it treats them. We were particularly praying that Eli's transition to high school would be smooth and we give thanks to God for

how He answered that prayer; he is excelling.

Lydia has just picked her subjects for Years 11 and 12 and we believe Karratha S.H.S. will give her a great platform for university life. From a worldly point of view the schooling keeps us in Karratha. That being said, everyone loves Karratha at this time of year. The weather is cool and community events are in full swing. Jo has returned for another year of netball and she enjoys the social interaction this brings. Jo spends most of her week caring for Tabitha and while it is a great joy to have a toddler in the house and watch her develop, it is also wearing, and a little bit of time out of the house goes a long way for Jo.

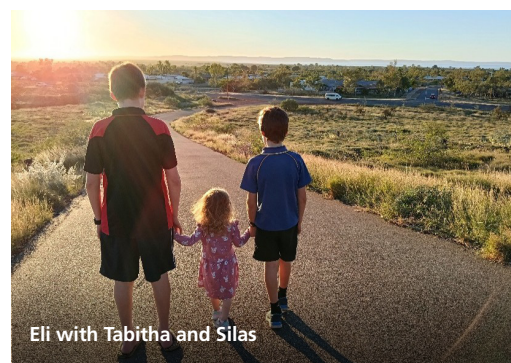
Finally we continue to ask you to pray for us as we consider what it looks like to care for our parents from a distance. Both our sets of parents are getting older and their care needs are increasing. Please pray that God would give us wisdom as we seek to honour them.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

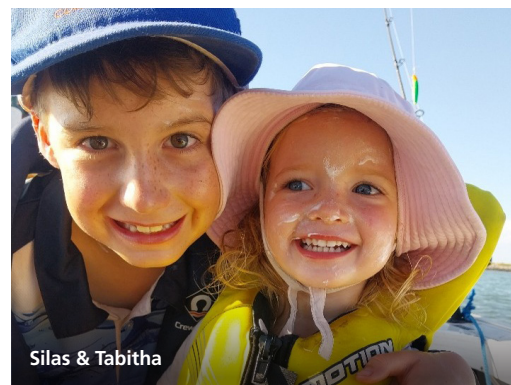
We are forever dependent on our God for all that we do and thankful that you are praying to Him on our behalf.



Frank caught up with his fellow Pilbara BCA Field Staff and Bishop Darrell Parker



Eli with Tabitha and Silas



Silas & Tabitha

Your family in Christ,
Frank, Jo, Lydia, Eli, Silas & Tabitha

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