

Hallyburton's news from the Centre

with Topher & Chica Hallyburton • September 2025



Hello Friends! Thank you for your continued support for God's work through us in Central Australia.

In God's kindness, young people living in bail-supported accommodation have been coming along to our church. Every Thursday we share afternoon tea, play some games and have a yarning circle together. We share about life, but we also share a story from God's word.

We have started with some parables, and it has been good to see how these young people respond to God's Word.

We recently engaged with the parable of the seed and the sower. One young man recognised his life was like the seed that fell on the road, taking no notice of God's message, but he wants his life to be like the good ground, according to what they heard from Mark 4:20: *"listening to God's word, doing what he says, growing stronger for God and living his way"*.

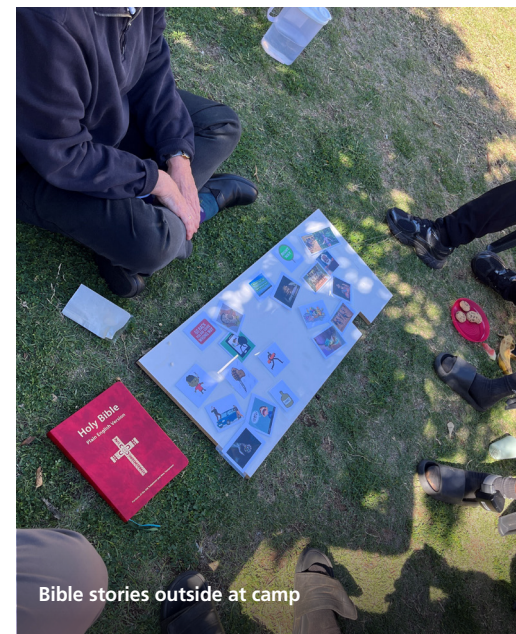
There is interest among some group members in learning to play musical instruments.

Pray to God for wisdom as we think about this. The bail support program seems to be constantly understaffed and therefore they sometimes doesn't make it to our meeting. Pray that we will be able to gather weekly.

As a church, we are making our way through the book of Ecclesiastes. In it we read that God created mankind upright, but they have gone in search of many schemes (7:29) The Plain English Version puts it this way:

"God made us to be good people. We have become bad people". Sin and its consequences are evident and ever-present here in the Alice. But God is good, and when humans have gone in search of many things, we know God has, in turn, gone in search for them in Jesus.

Read on to hear more about what this looks like and what we have been up to over the past few months.



Main Image: Graffiti in Alice Springs

Circle Image: Topher & Chica

Side panel Image: Church Camp at Ross River



Running the kids' program out of the back of a ute

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August was busy with our church camp, a school camp and a trip to Darwin for Topher.

Church camp was a great weekend spent at Ross River with God's people, hearing from God's word. We learnt from the book of Revelation that one day, on Jesus' return, all suffering will end as Jesus will be the shepherd of God's people, who will lead them to springs of living water, and God himself will wipe away every tear from their eyes (Revelation 7:17).

A few days after church camp, Topher returned to Ross River as a parent volunteer on a school camp. It was nice to support the school in this way. He even got to enjoy some roo tail!

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May to September are the busiest months of the year in the Red Centre. Cooler weather allows for travel, camping, many events, and sports competitions.

It was also great to have the Kyngdon family from Newman drop in as they enjoy their long service leave!

We have already had a few days over thirty degrees, and as the heat starts ramping up, things will start slowing down.

Pray for us as this change happens; that we will adapt and persevere.

Over the next month, we have a funeral, the hockey and footy grand finals, and then a few farewells as friends and church members start leaving town.

In October, Topher will travel to Victoria to share at the BCA Victoria Spring lunches. It would be great to see you there if you can make it!

**In Christ,
Topher & Chica**

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