



Hallyburton's news from the Centre

with Topher & Chica Hallyburton • June 2026



Dear friends in Christ, thank you for your continued support in prayer. It has been a while since our last update and we do apologise for the delay.

The new year brought a change of office and ministry spaces. The church ministry centre is fully up and running, so we have moved in and now run our youth programs and kids church in it. The new year also brought lots of rain! We went from mowing the lawn once every eight weeks to once a week! Everything is green and flowering and we've been able to make the most of the creeks, waterholes and walking Manchus at the clay pans.

While some things are new, many things continue as they were. Yearly cycles remain unchanged. Like every year, we farewelled friends, but we have also welcomed new people to church. It's good to see them join connect groups and to have new groups gather during the week.

Thank God for bringing people to join us! Pray that our connect groups will sustain and grow God's people here in Alice Springs. Ask God to sustain us in the comings and goings of people around us.

April was busy! It started with celebrating Easter with our church family. Then, Topher was involved in two youth events during the school holidays. The Scripture Union Outback Youth Camp took place for the second year in a row. It's exciting to see growth in the team of leaders, see past participants return as

leaders and many young people return and bring their friends or siblings. We are thankful for Ben from Connect NT who shared from God's Word at camp. Topher then travelled with some young people to the KYCK Conference in Katoomba. It was a good few days of refreshing teaching from the book of Jonah, amazing singing alongside two thousand young people, and some fun exploring the Blue Mountains and the Leura Candy Store.

Give thanks for the SU Outback Youth Camp and KYCK; for the wonderful teaching and building up in faith of our young people.



Making Easter biscuits



The finished product

Main Image: Graffiti in Alice Springs

Circle Image: Topher & Chica

Middle Image: Manchus at the clay pans

Bottom Image: Ben from Connect NT with Topher



Night church

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One of our weekly programs is with young people from the Paperbark Facility. We continue to share on a weekly basis with these young people in alternative to custody arrangements. Every week we do some simple cooking, provide a space for positive relationships as well as spend some time praying and reading the Bible. It is always encouraging to see an eagerness to hear from God's Word. We have spent time in the gospels – thinking about what we build our life on. It is very encouraging to have some young people who are back with their families drop in at church. We share a sandwich, a milo and often a Bible story.

Life is hard for teenagers in Central Australia, so please ask

Ask God for wisdom as we continue to share the Good News across cultures

God that these relationships will continue beyond the program as young people return to their families.

Our evening service continues to grow. We are thankful for those that gather and how they are bringing family and friends along. **Ask God for wisdom as we continue to share the Good News across cultures.**

As we look ahead, we are preparing to travel to Darwin for the Diocesan Conference and then to the Sunshine Coast for BCA Field Staff Conference. **Ask that these trips and events will be refreshing for all of us.**



SU Outback Youth Camp

In Christ,
Topher & Chica

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our work in Alice Springs

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