

The Nicol's Update

with Frank & Jo Nicol • September 2025



"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Luke 4:18–19

Jesus was sent by God to proclaim freedom for prisoners. It's been a great joy recently to be able to proclaim freedom in Christ to men and women in our local prison. Working in the prison feels a lot like being a high school teacher. There's something scary about it, but to be honest, it just involves working with a bunch of blokes, many of them who are still young and simply trying to work out life. Many of them simply seek an empathetic ear and someone to pray with. Slowly, I am getting to know guards and prisoners alike, and this has led to opportunities to read the Bible with both on a regular basis.

Please pray that God would bring forth fruit from the short amount of time I am able to spend in prison each fortnight. Please also pray that God would raise up a suitable chaplain to take on the role two days per week.

In contrast to my role as Prison Chaplain, I have also recently taken on the role of Volunteer Police Chaplain. It would be fair to say that the audience in this role is less captive (I'm sorry). I'm in the early days of this role and with such a mobile workforce, not entirely sure how to use my time. That being said, I do rub shoulders with the police in my role as an Ambulance Volunteer and see numerous police officers at children's events in the community.

Please pray that God would also use those moments for His glory and provide opportunities to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour in Christ.

Praise God for opportunities to provide chaplaincy to both the prison and the police. Pray that there would be opportunities to share the Gospel in both the prison and police settings.

We continue to praise God for His faithful care of our Church. We have farewelled numerous loved church members this term. Ingrid was one of those people. She moved to Karratha early in 2020 to take up a role as a dentist in our community. She joined the church when we were small in number and became a much-loved member of the family. She was a Bible study stalwart, a faithful servant on Sundays and a personal friend to us. Her time in Karratha was up though this term.

It's always sad to farewell brothers and sisters in Christ. We know that God only has people in our town for as long as He chooses.

Please pray that we would trust God with the comings and goings of our church, particularly as we approach the end of the year. Please pray that He would watch over people in their travels and plant them in new churches where they can serve Him.

Banner Image: Sculpture near Roebourne

Circle Image: The Nicol family

Middle Image: Prison sign

Bottom Image: Farewelling Ingrid

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Aside from loved ones leaving, many good things have happened recently. Church continues to be full each Sunday. It would seem when one person leaves another comes, many of whom are investigating Christ. We are currently running an outreach course known as 3-2-1 and this has been encouraging to both Christians and those investigating Christ. We continue to have a faithful group of people serving our kids in church each Sunday and some of them even help with running a youth bible study on a Sunday night. Church camp took place in late August. The winds were up, and we were quite worried our gazebos would blow away, however they held in there (sort of) and Dave Mitchell encouraged us as we thought through a framework for considering God's guidance.

As we look ahead to Term 4 (Really? already?), please pray for our plans to hold evangelistic events on Halloween, as well as at Christmas. There are people in our community willing to engage with our Church, and we pray that through these events, there would be an opportunity for them to feel welcome amongst us and to hear of the Love that their God has for them in Jesus.

Praise God for the Christians who come to town and share life with each other and with us. Praise Him also for the Christians and investigators who are engaging with the 3-2-1 course.

Pray that those doing 3-2-1 would grow in their knowledge and love of Christ. And that we would plan Halloween and Christmas events that glorify God and proclaim His Good News.

Thank you to all those who continue to pray for us as a family. Generally speaking, we are going well and continue to enjoy living and serving in Karratha. While many people consider leaving Karratha when high school years come along, the local high school is one of the things that keeps us here. Lydia loves her schooling experience! Our prayer is that Eli transitions well to high school life next year too. We love living in a community where we know many locals and always bump



Eli & Tabitha

into contacts when out in public. That being said, the transience of town does make friendships hard. **So please pray that God would continue to raise up Christian and non-Christian friends to support us in our time here. Pray specifically that God would help us build our relationships with our neighbours. We enjoy them all and would love to see friendships blossom. Our newest neighbour has been quite relational and has even enquired of our faith. Pray that we would be a good witness to him (and the others) and pray that he might come to faith.**

Thank you again for all your prayers and support. We are forever dependent on our God for all that we do and we are so thankful that you are praying to Him on our behalf.



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