

# News and prayer info from Richard, Pinuccia, Stefania and Daniele Wilson

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## Australia

We have completed almost half our time in Australia. After about a week of rest and time with family, we have been kept fairly busy with lots of speaking engagements. It has been good that Pinuccia has been able to speak at a number of these meetings, although usually I translate for her. The most active period was 10 days spent at Canberra, visiting two churches and lots of small groups. Since it was the last place I lived in before going to Italy, I have more friends there than other places, so there was also a lot of visits to catch up with people. And of course lots of places to play the tourist in as well.



There was also a fair bit of time spent at the beginning of our stay setting up home here and doing various bureaucratic tasks. I managed to get the other three members of the family enrolled in Medicare (although I am not eligible), just in time for Daniele who the following day broke out in a rash due to having caught roseola. So we have already got to know the local pharmacist, also because she is Sicilian and so we have chatted with her in Italian.



The children continue to amaze me with their adaptability. They are away from home and almost all their belongings (and in Canberra were in a home away from home), but just accept it and enjoy their time here, as well as not having problems with all the meetings we take them along to. It helps that they are usually easily satisfied: we just have to take them to a playground to make them happy. But they have really enjoyed the special places we have taken them to: the dinosaurs at the Australian Museum, the Powerhouse Museum, Questacon and Cockington Green at Canberra, and especially a concert by Dorothy the Dinosaur. They may be Italian, but they love dancing with Dorothy. We do have a



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lot more surprises in store for them in the next few weeks. But despite all that, there are fairly regular pangs of homesickness, with Stefania missing her best friend and Daniele wanting to go back to his home at Lavis. They have been improving their English speaking ability a bit as well, and are happy to be left in English speaking situations (like Sunday School or playing with other children), as they can follow what is going on.

In the *Upcoming events* I have listed some of our major deputation appointments for the rest of our time. So if you would like to hear or see us, you will know where we are. If you can not make it to one of these meetings, let me know and we can meet up together. Last chance for another three years!

## In the church

Church goes on without us, at least in June. From now until the beginning of September most activities have a break or are reduced for the summer. But in the last week of June there was the fifth church camp for the Sunday School. We have not heard much about it yet, except that it went well. One exciting aspect of it was that for the first time some non church children came to it: not just 1, or 2, but 5. Then on July 3 there was the baptism of two young adults, Stefania who was converted about a year ago and Karmel from Chad who studied at the university here. From the 9th to the 20th there is an evangelistic team from *Operation Mobilisation* at Rovereto, although they will be doing some things at Trento as well, so you could pray for fruit from their witness.



Karmel and Stefania (in white).

### Points for prayer

- For our time in Australia, for the meetings already held and those to come
- For the social, spiritual and Australian culture growth of the children
- For the church, especially the summer evangelistic team

## Upcoming events

*July 9-20:* Operation Mobilisation team

*July 11-14:* ECM Prayer Days

*July 16:* ECM thanksgiving meeting (Burwood Baptist, 2-4pm)

*July 19:* Sydney Missionary and Bible College

*July 24:* Newcastle

*July 25-28:* Queensland

*July 31:* Carlingford Anglican

*August 7:* Lalor Park Anglican

*August 13:* Reachout convention

*August 18:* Departure from Australia

*September 1:* Daniele and Pinuccia start pre-school

*September 12:* Stefania starts infants school