

The Journey of Hanna Joy

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Hello All,

A belated happy new year to you! I pray that each day this year you will be able to see God's goodness in both big events and the everyday tasks, and in both the joyful times and the challenging times.

I celebrated the start of 2019 with my friend Gabi's wedding in Germany. This had been my main reason for going overseas, and was the highlight and culmination of my six weeks in Europe. While I very much enjoyed seeing snow fall for the first time in my life, experiencing Christmas in winter, and touring castles, cathedrals and museums, seeing friends was the highlight of my time away. My life involves many goodbyes to good friends who return to their homes in another part of the world, without knowing if or when we will meet again. Being able to reconnect with some of these friends, see them in their current homes and share our stories since we parted brought healing to some of the hurt of saying goodbye too many times.

Now that I am back in Australia, I am helping to teach the anthropology unit as part of the six-week summer school, Launch, that prepares new cross-cultural workers for learning a new language and a new culture in whatever field they are going to. Anthropology has long been a favourite subject of mine, and I am enjoying being back in this field, and finding engaging and helpful ways to present it to the students. For more information on the course, visit <https://www.sila.org.au/courses/summer-school/>



While visiting friends in Gloucester, I also collected my MA in field Linguistics. Dr Phil King (pictured) was the course coordinator, as well as one of my dissertation supervisors. (Photo: Kate King)



I prefer the tropics.
(Photo: Johann Albert)



The SIL Australia offices and classrooms at Kangaroo Ground. (Photo: Sharna Steinert)



Teaching anthropology to the summer school students. (Photo: Sharna Steinert)



Lindisfarne Abbey was an amazing place to visit. Monks settled here before 634AD, and from there evangelised the north of England.

Adelaide

From early March, I will be in South Australia, to continue this furlough/home assignment mix of re-connecting with friends and family, having some downtime, visiting churches and supporters, giving reports and saying 'thank you,' and raising enough financial support to return to the field. I hope to return to PNG in June. Before then, there are many of you in SA I'm hoping to catch up with. If you'd like me to visit your congregation, fellowship group, or just meet for a cuppa, send me an email.

Blessings,

Something which has existed since the beginning,
which we have heard,
which we have seen
with our own eyes,
which we have
watched and touched
with our own hands,
the Word of life-
this is our theme.

1 John 1:1

Dates

Feb 15: last day of Launch

Mar 2-3: St John's Lutheran Church, Naracoorte, SA (am) and Trinity Lutheran Church, Bordertown, SA (pm)

Mar 10: PNG gathering at Faith Lutheran Church, Warradale, SA

Mar 17: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hampstead, SA

Apr 11: Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, SA

April 30 – May 5: Wycliffe national meetings at Kangaroo Ground, Vic

May 12: St John's Lutheran Church, Dernancourt, SA

May 14: Retired Pastors gathering

May 19: Mannum Ecumenical service

Early/mid June: return to PNG

Prayer Points

Pray for the students at summer school, as they continue to prepare to serve in many roles, and many places.

Pray for good opportunities to share about my part in what God is doing in PNG.

Praise for the many blessings of 2018 and the new opportunities of 2019.



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