



**Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo**

**Welcome Ashton Psalms Morsillo**

Born Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 4.4kg



Praise for the safe arrival

**Birthdays this week**

Today	Troy Camilleri
" "	Ralph Hearsey
Wednesday	James McNaught
Thursday	Georgia Owen
Friday	Elizabeth Webb
" "	Emilia Pitt




14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Speaker: Linc Marlow  
 Chairman: Andrew Cowell  
 Creche: Ratumu family



**The Program (D.V.)**  
**10:00am**  
 Church which includes:  
 Prayer and Praise  
 Kids' Church  
 Creche  
 Worship  
 Communion  
 Preaching

**Next Sunday**

*Ezra: Returning*

Sp: Oskars Stubis  
 Ch: Brett Davis  
 Cr: Jono & Lisa

**The Sunday After..**

*Ezra: Rebuilding*

Sp: Linc Marlow  
 Ch: Andrew Cowell  
 Cr: Ralph & Jess

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# Prayer, Praise & News.

## \* Riverstone Festival – Local contact

**Pray** – That those contacted give serious consideration to their future in Eternity.

**Praise** – For the good location and the enthusiasm of the helpers who gave up their Saturday.



(Early morning set up)

## \* Derek & Margaret's grandson; Kyle – Collapsed lung due to a small hole.

**Pray** – That the procedure to repair the hole is successful.

## \* Heather Davis – (to be monitored every 3 months).

**Praise** – Treatment has shrunk the tumour.

## \* Andrew Webb – Battling cancer – 3<sup>rd</sup> immunotherapy completed.

He has difficulty eating, is on prescription pain medications.

**Pray** – For a miracle recovery.

## \* Dave Ward – Small fragment of previous blood clot near heart.

**Pray** – That the blood thinners dissolve the clot safely.

**Pray** – That the procedure to correct arrhythmia goes ahead.

**Pray** – That Dave is able to have good support for depression.

## \* Playgroup, Kids' Church, Kids' Club, & Impact Youth.

**Pray** – That these will be used by God to grow the family.

## \* Scripture in school –

**Pray** – That this opportunity remains open to share the Gospel.

## \* Riverstone Sports Centre –

**Pray** – That this continues to be a witness in the community.

## \* Emmaus Correspondence School & Billy Graham Online Evangelism

**Pray** – That many more are saved through these channels.

## \* Church finances –

**Pray** – For resources to do the Lord's work here and abroad.

## \* Dr Ken Elliott – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists.

**Pray** – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

# Being a Christian in North Korea

When Hye left her home to go to school on an ordinary morning, waving goodbye to her father, she had no idea that it would be the last time she ever saw him.

It wasn't unusual for Hye's family to have people visiting their house. Her grandmother had been a member of a church which was forcibly closed when Kim Il-Sung came to power. But she kept meeting with other Christians secretly.

"The people would gather in a small room in our home," Hye remembers. "They were almost silent. Children like me had to go outside and play. We also had to watch out for other people. As soon as someone came near to our house, I ran home to warn my grandmother."

Hye's grandmother owned a very old Chinese Bible, and her father had a Korean Bible.

"They read from the Bible of course, and sang songs too, but there was almost no sound coming from their mouths. The other Christians didn't own a Bible. They shared books which my grandmother had written by hand. My grandmother hid her Bible in a basket where she placed her socks."

In countries where Christians are persecuted, the Bible is seen as a dangerous book. Owning a Bible is forbidden in North Korea and many other countries around the world.

Because Christians believe that Jesus is a higher authority than the Kims, they are seen as enemies of the state. They must hide their Bibles, pray in silence, and meet in secret.

In some countries, Christians are monitored, threatened, arrested, and even imprisoned if they are found with a Bible. In others, Bibles are hard to get because they are illegal or not available in the local language.



Extracted from an Open Doors newsletter

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