

Dear Friends,

We've just celebrated Australia Day.

Geoff Bullock wrote a beautiful song that reminds us that this great country of ours is indeed the great southland of the Holy Spirit.

[Great Southland Geoff Bullock - Bing video](#)

The Great Southland Lyrics

This is our nation, this is our land
This is our future, this is our hope
A land of reaping, a land of harvest
This is our land, this is our home

Chorus:

This is the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit
A land of red dust plains and summer rains
To this sunburn land we will see a flood
And to this Great Southland His Spirit comes

This is a nation, this is our land
This land of plenty, this land of hope
The richest harvest is in her peoples
We see revival, His Spirit comes

Chorus:

This is our nation, this is our land
This lucky country of dreams gone dry
And to these people we see a harvest
And to this land, His Spirit comes

Chorus:

This is the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit
A land of red dust plains and summer rains
To this sunburn land we will see a flood
And to this Great Southland His Spirit comes

[The Ten Tenors - I Still Call Australia Home \(LIVE\) - Bing video](#)

It must be 6 years ago since my youngest son left Australia to work in Kayole, Kenya in a Mission. Whenever I hear, "I Still Call Australia Home", tears well up. After he had reached Kenya, he sent a letter saying "it's the same sun that rises in Australia and in Kenya, and 'God has the whole world in his hands'"

He is married now with two children, and I had the opportunity to visit in 2019 where I was able to meet his wife and eldest child. It was a lovely time of visiting him and seeing where he works with a lot of young people. Kayole is one of the slum areas on the outskirts of Nairobi. I'm not sure I'll be able to get back there, well not in the foreseeable future, and as his wife is Kenyan it is difficult for them to get visas to come to Australia. I believe he is where God wants him to be, and I am comforted by that and know God has him and his family in His hands.

I hope you enjoy this rendition

[The African Children's Choir - He's Got the Whole World in His Hands \[Live\] - Bing video](#)

As we move into February my prayer is that you will continue to keep well and stay safe and know without a doubt that God is always with you and in Psalm 23, we are reminded that when we go through difficult times, he walks every step with us.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

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