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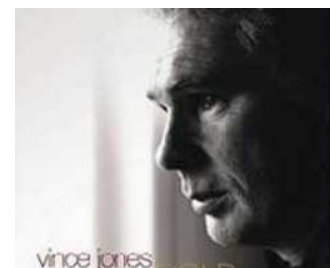


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With a new network of missionary church leaders and church planters as friends and fellow workers. I am an Australian and proud and will be coming back to the Australian Church unless something dramatic happens. We have family here and we want to raise our kids in Oz. However we feel we have something to contribute to and learn from the American church and people.

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I encourage anyone wanting to support Kim in his move to America

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