

Below is a transcript of the interview with Kris Nosworthy that took place in church on April 10, 2016.

Tell us a little bit about where you grew up?

I am the youngest of three boys and I grew up in the suburbs of Sydney, Australia. Sydney is an extremely beautiful city that blends beach lifestyle and city culture. So it was a fun place to grow up going to the beach before and after school, camping trips and playing sports. My dad is a church pastor and I went to Christian Schools from Kindergarten-12th Grade, so Church has always played a strong role in our family's life.

What are some family traditions?

A lot of the traditions I remember from growing up revolve around family. We would go camping together for 2 weeks every October, I would spend a week at my grandma's house every school vacation, Saturdays were always dedicated to soccer following my two brothers and I around the state. We had a lot of similar Christmas and Easter traditions to many of you here - my mum would hide Easter eggs all around the house for Sunday Easter morning competitive hunts (especially when I was 16 and my brothers were 21 and 23).

When did you move to the US? What was that transition process like?

I moved to New York in 2007 to play soccer and attend college. The whole experience was bitter-sweet. I had been looking forward to moving to America since I was in 9th grade. The first year was a long and at times rough one, as it is for many people going away for college. As I had grown up within a loving Christian family, I went to a Christian school and had great friends - being alone and having to fend for myself at a New York University was whole new experience for me.

My first Thanksgivings and Easters were spent alone in the dorms, but among my soccer team 16/24 players were from foreign countries and we were able to bond together. Having that connection with the guys who were currently in the same situation or had been there 2-3 years prior definitely helped. My first year I spent the majority of the time with 3 Brazilians and a Jamaican - which is unique.

It wasn't until my 3rd year of college that I had fully taken to US life, and then a few years later after I had met Meg.

How is US culture different than Australian culture?

I've experienced a few different US cultures (New York, Minnesota) and Australia isn't too dissimilar. Both first

world countries are similar economically, politically and socially. However, there are some small differences that took me some time to learn or understand (and there's definitely still some that I don't understand):

- We drive on the other side of the road (and car)*
- We don't really use driers - rather air dry our clothes outside*
- We are very water conscious due to the constant state of drought in Australia (you can water your garden on Wednesday between 6pm-7pm, you need to take a bucket into the shower to save water to wash your car)*
- Free WiFi is a myth*
- We like to abbreviate everything - so it can be hard to understand an Australian talking*
- Cost of living is higher - tips are included in the original cost and tax*
- Sport is the most important thing*
- We are very relaxed*
- Casual clothing truly means casual (shorts, no shirt and bare feet at the mall, grocery store or restaurant is totally fine)*

Have you ever had an experience when someone treated you poorly because of a cultural assumption

they made about you or Australians? Have you ever experienced offensive cultural ignorance?

Australia is generally a much loved country. I would only say cultural ignorance thinking that Australia is Austria or asking if they speak English in Australia - but Australians are generally loved and accepted wherever they go.

How can New City be a place that better celebrates cultural difference?

Continue to be aware of the differences that separate us and celebrate the uniqueness. Our church is a great mix of culture, and this truly stuck out to Meg and I when we first visited.