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Ambassadors to Australia

For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
Eph. 6:20

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Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

G'day mates! As I write this letter, I must admit that I am exhausted! It has been a crazy start to this new year, and we have been going flat out since mid-January.

Our family was able to enjoy two weeks of rest in January in a little town called "Bell." It was a beautiful place just at the foot of the Bunya Mountains and we were in awe of the glories of God's creation. We thoroughly enjoyed our time of rest while we were there and are thankful for those who made this a possibility for us.

As soon as we left to have a vacation, Satan began fighting back at the church. Thankfully, the church rallied together to support one another and lift each other up. God got the victory, and we are stronger for it! Amen!

Once we got home things started to return to normal, then our family got the dreaded Covid... We had to isolate for 2 weeks while we tried to recover. We all made it through with flying colors, but Whitney and Lindsay seemed to have the most difficult time with it. Thankfully some of the men were able to fill the pulpit for me in my absence and did a great job.

So far this year Covid has made the rounds through our little church here with over half of the people getting sick so far this year. This as you know can affect what you do together as a church. When half of the church isn't there, it can be very discouraging. One of our dear ladies had to go to the hospital a couple of times for treatments, thankfully she was in services on Sunday. The government has lifted more of the restrictions that they put in place with their emergency powers that they gave themselves, and we are praying that they lift the rest of the restrictions soon.

As we prepared to start up several of the ministries specifically teaching Religious Instruction in the state school, the government put another restriction for two weeks because there was another outbreak of Omicron. As soon as that was lifted, we were ready to start, but then we had a week of rain, and everything flooded. In 2011 the city of Ipswich, where we live, experienced a 100-year flood. As they say, a flood of Biblical proportions. Well, its 11 years later, and we got another 100-year flood. Because of the flooding we were cut off from the building that we meet in for two weeks. Half of the people in our church were cut off from the rest of us. So, we met the best that we could with some coming to our house and then having a zoom call with the rest. We also took the chance to meet with another church close to our area that has recently been started. We enjoyed some good fellowship with them and thank the Lord for their faithfulness to the Lord.

During the flooding the Lord opened up some opportunities to help some people that were affected by the floods. Thankfully no one in our church were affected. One family that was affected is the Beldie family. Tom and Liz are retired pensioners, living on a fixed income. They bought a house that had a price which was too good to be true. Here the average house goes for at least $350k. Well, this house didn't flood in 2011, but in 2022 it flooded their second story 5 feet high on the wall. They literally lost $50,000 in household items as well as had to completely gut their home from top to bottom. Someone posted their story on Facebook and so I went to see if I could lend a

hand. So far we've ripped out all of the sheetrock, all of the flooring, their kitchen, doors, furniture, literally everything and are starting from scratch once again. This is going to take several months to get the house back to a livable condition and I've committed to helping them in anyway that I can. My prayer is that through this I can have an opportunity to share the Gospel with them, and hopefully see them saved. There is a song that says "How can we reach a world we never touch? How can we show them Christ if we never show them love?" Please pray that Tom and Liz will listen to the gospel. Pray for me as well that God will give me wisdom as I try to help them.

Please pray for Natalie and her family. Natalie began coming to the church while I was sick with Covid. She recently brought all of her children with her to Kids Club, and we had a wonderful time with them there. She has several children, and they all need to be saved. She has a testimony of salvation but needs to be a member of a local church. There family is currently in isolation due to covid also.

Please pray for the R.I. classes. God has given me several opportunities to share the gospel with these children. Today I think we had a bit of a breakthrough in the year 6 class. The lesson was about "What is a Christian?" Some of the kids literally had their mouths open when I said that "people don't go to heaven because they do good things. They go to Heaven because they have repented of their sins and asked God to forgive them. They go to Heaven because they believe on Christ." For some of them it was a light bulb moment. Please pray that we will be able to see these children saved.

One more prayer request. Pray for laborers in the field. We have such a need for laborers here in Australia. You could literally place you finger on just about any place here in Australia and there probably won't be a gospel preaching church of any kind there. We need workers in the field.

Thank you so much for your support and your prayers. May the Lord richly bless each of you as much as you are a blessing to us! We thank the Lord for your faithful prayers and support. We love you all dearly.

Your Missionaries in Australia,

John, Lindsay, Whitney, JJ & Micah Edwards

P.S. Thank you for your faithful support for the months of January $50.00 February $50.00 and March $50.00