

Dear Supporting Churches and Ministry Partners,

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This update covers our missionary activities during the past two wintry, rainy months of July and August. Austin prayed to become a new creature in Christ and experienced his spiritual birth not long after I shared the gospel with him at Walmart. During my brief two-week trip to visit my home church and brother in North Carolina, the Lord gave me a tremendous gospel opportunity. During my morning devotions, the Lord clearly showed me that I had some gospel work to do that day, so my eyes were alert as I left the house. Having some time on my hands while my brother was at work, I darted into Walmart, knowing that engaging people there was easy, as no one is usually in a hurry. A tall Hispanic fellow soon got my attention after I crossed his path for the second time. I talked to Austin while he tended to his duties, so I was not keeping him from his work at all. He listened and responded accordingly as I dissuaded him from trusting in works and persuaded him instead to trust in God's saving grace. When I returned two days later, his eyes lit up when he saw me. He briefly stopped what he was doing and, walking excitedly toward me, said, "I prayed that prayer that you challenged me to pray, and so much has been happening since then that I am not sure what is going on." I told him, "You have become born anew and you are experiencing it in a blessed way." I returned on three other occasions looking for Austin, all to no avail. They said that he was away for the next two weeks. Indeed, the Lord's timing had been perfect for my initial gospel work with him. I have since been texting and phoning him to communicate the next steps concerning his new Christian journey. Please pray for Austin and his whole family.

Zviah had been feeding me a basketful of her past and present woes, but as I sat with this gloomy elderly lady at her kitchen table, her face began to shine with hope while I read Isaiah 53 aloud. After reading a few verses, I would pause and look up to see if she had questions or objections. She never stopped me, so I kept reading. It was evident that she understood the passage was about Jesus but seemed indifferent that it was found in the Old Testament. For the next five minutes, we talked about it until she abruptly changed the subject. Zviah's opinion is that the Messiah will never come because He did not come to rescue her relatives in the Holocaust or her beloved Israelis on October 7, 2023. My gospel attempt had been to show her that the Messiah has already come and is soon to come again. Please continue to pray for Zviah.

John patted his head, trying to draw my attention to his bright red "Make America Great Again" kippah, which he was sporting. Since his daughter was standing in the kitchen, this elderly generations-long Aussie pre-empted my entrance into his dining room by saying, "I appreciate your visit, but I have no intention of converting." He brought up the subject of Balaam and his talking donkey that he had been studying in his weekly synagogue lesson, emphasizing that he was a "sceptic." When I replied by telling him, "As a religious Jew, you should never be skeptical of God's Word," his daughter spoke up, saying, "That's right, Dad!" Please pray for John and his skepticism about the Bible.

On our church website (friendshipbc.com.au), we have added a section called *Books by the Pastor* so that some of my writings can be more easily and freely accessed. One book is only twenty-six pages, entitled "101 Reasons Why You Can't Lose Your Salvation." Another is my forty-page thesis from my master's degree entitled, "The Church's Journey with the Lord Jesus." This work examines the five stages of Christ's church: Its conception, birth, growth, departure, and return.

During the past two months, we have distributed 40 Gospels of Matthew to Jewish people and 3,580 gospel tracts to Gentile people. Please pray for spiritual fruit to spring up from these planted gospel seeds. Greatly appreciated was a visit by the Pensacola Christian College summer team, and the cards of encouragement from Maranatha Baptist Church of Grantsboro, Gospel Light Baptist Church of Roanoke, Church of the Highlands, and other ministry partners by way of their emails. We send a very grateful thank you to all of you who support us so faithfully with your prayers and gifts of support.

Shooting Gospel Arrows for the King's Advancement Down Under,

The Suttons