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Baptist Missionaries



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Greetings from Australia!

It is now autumn here in Perth, but it still feels more like summer. Temperatures are still reaching the high 80s, and we desperately need rain.

What has been happening?

JANUARY—We were still recovering from Covid. We, and most of our church family, got Covid just before Christmas last year. Many of us have had a difficult time regaining our energy.

One of our faithful attendees who has lung cancer was hospitalized with a lung infection. This was likely a result of Covid.

Toward the end of the month, Scott was well enough on his days off to lay the needed flooring in our bedroom.

FEBRUARY—Scott was very busy with our church finance software as our church changed banks. We also had the church's Annual Meeting.

Scott helped a couple with marriage counseling. Sadly, they are still struggling.

We had our annual Couple's Dinner. Attendance was down from previous years, but we had a very nice time.

We submitted forms to renew our U.S. passports. The Lord blessed, and we received the new passports in just 22 days. Praise God!

MARCH—We were blessed to have former missionary Billy Ayre, an Aussie, come from over East to preach and spend a week with us. We had a great time of fellowship. Billy, and his wife, Annette, will be coming over to cover for us during our furlough from August to November. What a blessing!

We were also kept busy with renewing

church insurance and other government forms.

A new couple began attending our services. They have been coming faithfully since. Overall, church attendance has been quite good this quarter.

The Lord has given both of us many good witnessing opportunities in the past few weeks. It is such a joy to speak for the Lord.

Looking Forward

We are praying that the Lord will bless our evangelistic outreach and that souls will be saved through it.

We will continue preparing for our upcoming furlough, which will commence in August. Pray that we will find a car to rent or buy when we arrive in Michigan. Pray, too, that the Lord will keep us in good health during the cold months of June and July. The last two winters, we have struggled with bad colds.

Serving Christ **Down Under**,

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Prayer Requests Summarized

- Pray that the couple with marriage struggles will soon reconcile.
- Pray for two in our church with cancer.
- Pray for our evangelistic outreach and for souls to come to Christ.
- Ask the Lord to prepare a vehicle for us for furlough.
- Ask the Lord to fortify our health as we prepare for furlough.

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