



March-April 2018

Dear Pastor and Praying Churches,

We can never thank you enough for the investment you make into our ministry here in the great country of Australia. God has been so good to us, and we are so thankful that we can partner with you to reach this country with the Gospel!

This year, we have dedicated a whole weekend to each of our three churches in the Outback. Last year, we would hold a Sunday morning service in one town and then drive 3 hours to the next town to hold a Sunday night service there, but we found that we were so exhausted by the second service, that we felt that we were not able to give our best. This change has increased our trips and driving hours immensely, but it has resulted in the church folks receiving more time in fellowship, teaching and preaching. God has given us safety and we are so thankful for that! **Please continue to pray for travel safety.**

We have seen several souls saved in the last few weeks. Elona, (pictured below) just recently arrived in Australia from the Philippines. She was raised a Catholic, but had heard the Gospel several times before but did not truly understand. I had the wonderful privilege of explaining the Gospel to her and she readily prayed to receive Christ as her Saviour.

Our children, James and Lydia have really stepped up in their involvement in our ministry. They both play several musical instruments for the services, and they are starting to help teach the children's classes. A few weeks ago, James and Lydia ran the junior church service for us. James came out and said "Dad, I just got to lead this brother and sister to the Lord that were in my class!" (pictured below) What a joy it was to my heart to hear my son say that! May God continue to work in his life and use him. Lydia is a great help with watching the little ones. They all follow her around and she plays with them. This is a huge blessing to the mothers, so that they can have an opportunity to hear the message being preached.

Recently, we have had some issues with the owners of the church building that we were renting in Eidsvold. They were wanting to raise the rent to an amount that was outrageous, so we have had to move our church supplies into one of our member's homes and we are now renting the Country Women's Association (CWA) building again, that we had started in several years ago. We are saddened by this setback, but we know that God has greater things in store for this country church!



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I have been teaching through the church constitution and what it all means at Eidsvold Baptist Church. We are getting ready to open our own church bank account and move towards making this church more autonomous. Bro. Phil Hedger a four year member of EBC has been taking Pastoral study courses and within the next few months will be taking over as Pastor of EBC. God has really blessed and we are seeing much growth with the people there! **Please keep Phil Hedger in prayer as he studies and grows towards pastoral leadership.**

Last month, I had the privilege of performing my first official wedding at one of our churches that's located in Murgon, Bible Baptist Church. (pictured below) Bruce and Elona Robertson were married on Saturday, March 3rd. Becky played the piano and sang for the wedding. It was a beautiful wedding. Many of the town's people said that they had never been to a Christian wedding before. I was able to give the Gospel in my message and had the opportunity to meet many town's folk that have never come to one of our services before! **Please pray for this couple as they get adjusted to married life and to the Christian life as they are now both Christians!**

We have recently added our mission work to Facebook. Just simply type in "Outback Mission" in the search bar and you'll be able to keep up to date on what is happening here in Queensland, Australia.

Next month we will be holding another baptismal service and also our first child dedication service at Eidsvold Baptist Church. Dewayne and Trish Makings (son and daughter-in-law to church members Noel and Marie Makings) have decided to follow the Lord in baptism after recently re-affirming their faith in Christ and have also expressed a desire to dedicate their efforts to raise their children (Dewayne Jr. age 10 and Mia age 8) in the ways of the Lord. **Please pray for this family that they would continue to grow in the Lord.**

During the first week of April, we were involved in with what is called "Word for the West" mission. A group of around 63 folks from local IB churches joined ranks and evangelised 12 different outback towns with nearly 9,000 packets of Gospel literature. (some pictured above) We also held a three day kids club and evangelistic service on a Thursday night.

Thank you again for your prayers and involvement in our mission. Please don't forget to look up our Facebook page for ongoing updates.

May God Bless,
Jim Heberle and Family



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