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Dear pastors & churches,

Greetings from Western Australia in the Name of our precious Saviour. Since returning from a three-month furlough we have been very busy including two weddings, a funeral, and more travel. I am rejoicing over the numeric growth and enthusiasm in the church. But there's also been a lot of illness going around and we have both been battling colds and a round or two with the flu.

Thank you for faithfully serving the Lord and for your zeal for missions. We love and appreciate your partnership in reaching people for Christ. The cards we've received assuring us of your prayers have encouraged us! There has been a good response to the outreach these past few months and I'm confident this is an answer to many prayers. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:".

During the week around two hundred individuals will attend at least one of our church services, a Bible study or other program, not including the three mission churches. Plus, seventy-two children (most not from our church) attended the VBS last month, giving us many new opportunities to reach families for Christ. Ten more new ladies from the neighborhood are now bringing their babies to our new-mother's group (we've already knocked out the nursery walls!) and our youth groups have growing numbers attending each week. I pray and believe this will continue as we make the most of our new building. Pray for us as we develop new follow-up programs so that more people can be reached effectively.

Dawn and I spent an enriching week ministering at a "Pastors Refresher School", hosted by Lighthouse Baptist Church in Rockhampton, Queensland, on the east coast of Australia (a six-hour flight for us). The Australian pastor and church have a great vision for this country and they hosted a marvelous conference. I had the pleasure of teaching two workshops and preached three times. Attending the conference were national pastors & their wives from Australia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and even Korea; with over 70 in the day classes and 300 in the evening and Sunday meetings. We returned home blessed and thankful to see how many of the churches are maturing in Australia.

Prayer Points:

- For our witnessing: especially to the lost family members of those in our church.
- For our follow-up: discipleship of new believers and those coming from overseas.
- For a chaplaincy program opportunity in the state schools (we still have that freedom in Australia).
- For our Australian pastors and churches to take stronger steps of faith in reaching this country.
- For the Australian Federal election this month – there is a spiritual battle going on in government.

Once again, we are so grateful for your prayers and your support of this work. May God richly bless you!

Pressing On,

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