



Dear Brethren,

We are truly blessed to be working here with the congregation at Gipps Street. As we find our place here, we enjoy the kind hospitality and patience of the church. One great blessing of the church here is that they are always eager to try new ideas, so I have been given quite a lot of freedom to try out new things in the work.

## Church

On the Sunday morning after my last report, we had tropical cyclone Alfred pass over Toowoomba. This is the first time in over 50 years that a cyclone has come as far south as Toowoomba, and, myself being from Tasmania, it is the first time in my life that I've ever had to deal with one. For the most part we were unaffected by the storm. We had no electricity on the Sunday, and a tree had fallen about a block up the road, which meant I had to take the longer road to church. A few of our members couldn't make it to worship due to road closures, but we praise God that no one was harmed.



At the start of the month, we held the first lectureship meeting for the year, where we discussed potential speakers, topics and timetable for the upcoming lectureship in October this year. I am excited to be a part of this lectureship and to help organize



As mentioned in previous newsletters, we recently hosted a mission trip from America. After some discussion with the men of Gipps Street, we are planning on hosting another trip for some American missionaries to come to Australia in 2027. The man asked that I organize this trip, with a great deal of consultation from the previous trips organizer. I am extremely excited for this opportunity, especially since we have so many brethren who we met in the State who expressed excitement about the prospect of coming to Australia on a short term mission trip. I am currently in the very early stages of planning the trip, and as yet we are unsure of who will be leading the trip from the American side. But I am currently in discussion with some congregations who have demonstrated interest in the past.

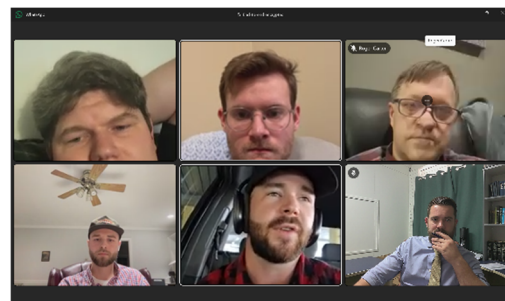
## Family

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An exciting development for our middle child Olive is that she has returned to kindergarten. Her first attempt had a lot of struggles with being left alone at kindy, however, she has really grown over the last few months and has made some huge steps in her independence. We believe that a major part of her struggles were all the changes that had been going on around her. A new house, a new church, a new city, and to top it all off, she would be left alone at a new school. Not the best time for it. However, after much settling in other areas, she has made huge strides in confidently returning to school. She is currently on school holidays, but is looking forward to returning next term for more excitement.

One of the promises that me and my fellow Southeast students made to each other was that we would regularly catch up with each other, despite the distance and time differences between us. This hasn't happened much since our graduation in 2023, but this last month, we were finally able to organize a time to get together and speak. I was so encouraged to hear about the work my fellow soldiers of Christ are involved in. Sadly, 3 out of 7 of us are no longer in our first work since leaving school. However, we were all encouraged to know that we are not alone in our struggles. We were able to talk over some of the challenges we faced and how we overcame them, we asked each other questions and uplifted one another. I am truly blessed to have been a part of this class.







Vivien's vision has sadly deteriorated over the last year. Her left eye has almost completely shut itself down and is officially blind. She still maintains some vision in that eye, but when we cover her right eye, she can barely see 3 feet in front of her without a lot of concentration. We have taken her to an ophthalmologist who suggested that we put a patch on her right eye once a day for 2 hours to get her used to using her left eye again. She also suggested a new pair of glasses with a slightly altered prescription. We decided that this would be a good opportunity to take Vivien out to get some new frames as well, maybe some glasses that are a bit more grown up. While Vivien hates the time she has to wear a patch, she absolutely adores her new glasses.

Please pray for her vision, the next step for her may be surgery if needs be.

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