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MISSION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brethren,

I mentioned in my last report that each month seems busier than the last, however, May seemed to be a bit of a change of pace from the norm. While there was certainly plenty of work being done, it was more of the day-to-day operations rather than anything overly exciting going on. This is probably for the best, considering all we have coming up in the next few months.



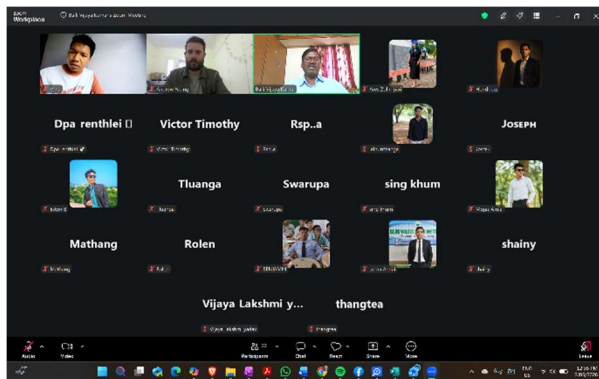
After Viven's surgery in April, we have been watching her recovery closely to see how it progressed. She initially struggled with taking eye drops, but after a few days, she realized that they're not actually that bad if she doesn't thrash around trying to avoid them. In the second week after surgery, she did develop an infection, and all the whites of her eyes went red and swollen (I've decided not to include a photo for the sake of my more squeamish readers). The infection was quickly cleared up by an ointment, and recovery has been going well since. We will be taking Viv back to Brisbane later in June to check the progress of her vision and see if

the straightening of her eye has affected it at all. I will provide an update in a later newsletter.

My car is now back on the road. As I suspected, it was my clutch that had gone and needed to be completely replaced, the words the mechanic used were "you got every cent out of that clutch." I suppose this is all just part of owning a car that's about as old as I am.



With all the opportunities I get to preach out for different congregations around Queensland, I was very excited to be given the opportunity to preach for a congregation in India. Although, it was presented over a zoom call from my own home, I did enjoy the experience nonetheless. Vijaya Kumar, A brother in India who visited Toowoomba last year reached out and asked if I could present a lesson to the brethren there on God's blessings. I did a lesson on Aaron's Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26, discussing the author of God's blessings, the substance of God's blessings, and the recipients of God's blessings. We are very blessed indeed to have the technology we have today.



The church at Gipps Street also hosted its annual ladies' day, one of very few dedicated ladies' events in the church in Australia. The theme this year was "Amazing Grace" with lessons taken from Ephesians 2:8-10. The lessons were presented by 2 ladies from the church here, and I'm told they did an outstanding job. The event was attended by about 30 ladies locally and from around south-east Queensland and was a great encouragement.



I have stated in the past about how helpful it is to have a coworker in Daniel Smith here at the church, however, even with 2 full time workers, we have noted that we do find ourselves using up a lot of our time in the general day-to-day operations and administration of the church, which has taken away from time that could be spent on our primary work of evangelism and preaching the gospel. We are reminded of the words of Peter in Acts 6:2 *"It is not good for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables"* or indeed, to do admin tasks. My dear wife has very generously offered to volunteer her time to do the reception, administrative, secretarial, and bookkeeping

work for the church to relieve us of some of these duties. Hannah used to work as a legal assistant in a busy law firm, so she is very experienced in this kind of work. She has only been doing this for a few weeks now and it has already been a huge help to Daniel and myself, as well as to the church treasurer. It has also been a great improvement to the company in my office, at least for one day of the week.

A major use of my time this month has been spent preparing for future plans. In June we have a 3-day intensive workshop on "How to Prepare a Bible Lesson." One of the biggest issues facing the church in Australia is how few people are equipped to preach the gospel. While it would certainly be helpful to have more full-time preachers, we also need to be equipping everyday members of the church with preparing and presenting Biblical lessons. Whether that be the men presenting Sunday sermons and classes, or the ladies presenting ladies classes, we see this as something that is seriously lacking in Australia. For that reason, we are hosting this workshop to help equip brethren to ensure the lessons taught across this country are well structured, practically applicable, and firmly grounded in the text of scripture.

We are lucky enough to have Will Hanstein, executive director of the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, and His wife Jenni Hanstein visiting during the workshop. Will will be teaching 3 of the sessions, the same as Daniel and myself, and Jenni will be teaching one of the ladies breakout sessions. We have brethren coming from as far south as Hobart Tasmania (1700km/1000 miles from Toowoomba) and as far north as Rockhampton, Queensland (640 kilometres/400 miles from Toowoomba), as well as from major cities like Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, to be a part of this workshop.

We are greatly looking forward to this event as well as other plans, such as my trip to America, and reaching out to more congregations around Queensland to assist with their work. I am truly feeling very fulfilled in the work I'm doing here and am sincerely thankful for your support and interest in this exciting work.

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