

May, 2004

Dear Pastor and Church,

In the two months that we have been here in Australia, we have seen great blessings in the Friendship Baptist Church. We requested prayer months ago for the salvation of Steve and Sherry Salvesani. They have attended services for a whole year. On April 15, Joyce and BethAnne, our daughter, led Sherry to a saving knowledge of Christ. Steve was saved eleven days later. He was very emotional for two weeks following because of the heavy burden of sin being lifted. Please pray that their two daughters, Sarah and Sophie, will also be saved soon.

We will celebrate our eighth anniversary in the church on May 23rd. Two new families are coming regularly to services. One has intentions to transfer their membership from a Baptist church in Sydney soon. Since we now have our own building, we will be baptizing several people including our two grandsons, Nathaniel and Jordan, on our anniversary Sunday. A business man in the church bought the tank which cost several hundreds of dollars. We feel the church has strengthened greatly in this short time.

One lady, Karen McDonald, has been faithful for over three years. She is one of those that will be baptized. Her husband, Grayson, is very close to salvation. He has heard the Gospel and now must let the Holy Spirit bring him to repentance.

Along with regular preaching and teaching ministries, I have immensely enjoyed projects to broaden the work such as locating the baptismal tank, heater, pump, and hardware and installing all of it. Joyce has taught the Ladies' Bible study group and planned and hosted our Mother – Daughter luncheon. We feel our time has been very profitable and rewarding!

I met with the Christian television officials here in Australia, and we have total cooperation for our Gospel telecast. In early June, we will also meet again with "Shine" Television in New Zealand for further confirmation with them also.

We have learned that the outback areas in Australia are without exception all linked to satellite reception – with no true Bible testimony. What a mission field! God has wondrously opened doors of provision for the T.V. ministry equipment. Our broadcasting time will be free, but we still need to purchase on more T.V. camera. Many churches have responded to this need. Perhaps some can still help with a one time gift.

Thank you so very much for you faithful prayer and financial support. We are very grateful!

In the Harvest Together,
Earl & Joyce Koon