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"Testifying... repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

Planting

Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Ulladulla, New South Wales

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Shoalhaven **Baptist Church** in Nowra, New South Wales

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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your recent prayers, financial support, cards, letters, and e-mails. We count you as partners in the Gospel ministry and believe that the fruit here abounds to your account (Philippians 4:17).

At Shoalhaven Baptist Church in Nowra, Pastor Shellabear will turn 75 soon and immunotherapy treatments are keeping his mesothelioma from progressing. In May, he plans to announce his retirement plans to the congregation. Those plans include his moving back to Western Australia by the end of the year and beginning a transition stage in which I will become the senior pastor and train Aussie John-Paul Reeve to become the future pastor.

John-Paul and his family have moved closer to Shoalhaven from Sydney and continue looking for work in our local area. They are attending Sunday services and Friday youth activities. Chelsea is helping with our Sunday School and JP is taking the teens from me so I can work with the young adults.

Several teens we minister to come from broken homes and horrendous spiritual backgrounds. I emphasized the theme of "Higher Ground" last year and we saw spiritual growth. Our Young Adults class is growing in attendance and involvement at church. Like you, I'm sure, we pray for this to eventuate in a strong next generation of church workers in the congregation.

Much witnessing has been accomplished in the community and on the church work site. Gospel tract distributions and doorknocking evangelism are sowing the Seed of the Word to many in need every week. Also, Ben - who attends our church services faithfully and has been a Gospel witness to many of the tradies he knows – has contracted many of them to work on the new building at church, where they have received even more of a Gospel witness from me, Pastor Shellabear and other church members.

At Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Ulladulla, a once-faithful wife left her husband and son to be with another man. The whole congregation is rightly troubled over the matter. Please pray for George, Alan, Eddie, Elise, Jane, Sandra, the Onens, the Cuthberts, the Zerafas, and others who are attending and growing spiritually.

Pastor Skelton has travelled overseas on an important two-week mission. His last words to the congregation were that he intends to "ask a pretty girl an important question"!

My Sydney Bible Baptist College class continues on Thursday afternoons via Zoom with students Diane, Elizabeth, and Periti who are all faithfully serving in their local churches while training for the ministry.

In Hall family matters, Sara's wedding to Sid was beautiful! They live in Sydney and serve in their church together.





Workers on the new building – Ben, Jamie, and Pastor Shellabear

Please pray for Jamie and other tradies to be saved for the special and dedication service where we will honour all the workers who show up and preach the Gospel to them.

Sara & Sid's wedding – all seven Halls together with Sid and his mother

Thank you for your prayers and financial support received in March and April! May the Lord bless as you follow and serve Him! Jon & Marie Hall and Family

Our most-recent video report is available at: $\underline{https://www.dropbox.com/s/xvcbhjm3qy42qhs/Hall_Presentation_final\%20Diane\%20Rutigliano.mp4?dl=0}$