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Prayer Letter
and Report for
**November &
December 2024**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

Planting

Lighthouse Bible
Baptist Church in
Ulladulla, New
South Wales

Helping

Shoalhaven
Baptist Church
in Nowra, New
South Wales

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Dear Praying Friends,

At Shoalhaven Baptist Church in Nowra, Pastor Shellabear retired to Western Australia two weeks ago after pastoring here for more than twenty years. The Lord blessed the move and the transition of church leadership. Please pray for him and his daughter, Shannon, as they seek to serve the Lord in WA and see his other daughter, Natalie, saved. Please pray also for the leadership here at Shoalhaven as I lead the church in the role of interim pastor until Pastor Reeve becomes the senior pastor.

Many visitors have come through our doors in recent weeks and many Gospel proclamations have been made. Saints have been challenged and encouraged from the Word. Please pray for the increase that only God can give.

Last week, Marie and I attended three nights of opening services and watched as the Lord blessed our efforts and prayers in sending out Samuel & Tiana Harris as church planters to Ipswich in Queensland. Pastors and members from like-minded churches promoted, evangelised, and attended the services. A man named Reese called on the Lord for salvation. Graham and Susie shared their excitement that a Bible-believing conservative church is now in their area. Meryl, Jack, Benjamin, Annie, and others came to the services and others said they plan to come soon. Pastor Samuel is the third Bible college student we have assisted in church planting ministry.

At Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Ulladulla, Pastor & Mrs. Skelton continue to serve the Lord at LBBC in Ulladulla. Their marriage has blessed them both and strengthened their ability to serve the Lord. But serious difficulties have arisen at LBBC due to marital unfaithfulness in one of our influential attendees. Please pray for Pastor Rod's response and for the Lord's leading.

I have finished teaching at Sydney Bible Baptist College for the year. I taught my classes via Zoom this year; but next year, I will teach two classes all year on-site at the college on Tuesday mornings, and Marie and I will each have a class on Wednesday mornings. We count it a blessing and responsibility from the Lord to have a role in training Aussies for the ministry. Scores of former students are serving faithfully in Australian churches, and more than a dozen have planted churches or are presently doing so both on the mission field and in Australia.

In Family matters, we are thankful to the Lord that all our children are walking with Him. Sara and Sid live in Sydney. Hannah and Joe live in Shreveport, Louisiana. David is in Western Australia near the Shellabears, but he arrived back home yesterday for Christmas. Rachel and Daniel are still at home. Rachel continues to serve in the sound/tech/secretarial role at Shoalhaven Baptist Church along with her two jobs as a school crossing guard and in office admin for an engineering company. Daniel plays in the Shoalhaven Baptist Church orchestra and helps with the sound/tech department while working at KFC. He plans to enrol in a university course again next year.



Opening services and evangelists at Truth Baptist Church in Ipswich, Queensland last week

Thank you for your prayers and financial support received in October & November!
Jon & Marie Hall and Family

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