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Prayer Letter
and Report for
June & July
2025

“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,

Greetings in the Lord from Nowra in NSW, Australia! Thank you for your prayers and financial support, and for the cards, letters, and other communications we have received. We also appreciate the example you are setting there in the States for us to follow here in Australia. Preaching and teaching the Bible, reaching out to the lost, and seeking to edify the saints is the ministry to which the Lord has called us, and we consider you as “labourers together with God.”

At Shoalhaven Baptist Church in Nowra, the Lord has granted much fruitfulness since our last prayer letter/report. Attendances have been high, souls have been saved, and a sense of spiritual growth is evident in the lives of members and attendees.

Susanna called to talk with me in May. She had rejected our door-knocking evangelism early this year, but now felt that things were happening in her life and her heart. She wanted to know more about God. After hearing the Gospel, Susanna prayed with me right there on the phone to receive the Lord Jesus as her Savior! She came to Kids Club with her daughter, Eva, that evening. They have missed only a few services since then. Susanna brought her partner, Robbie, to church with her after her first attendance or so. Robbie was very receptive to the teaching and preaching. They are considering marriage since they are de facto presently. After several church services, some even when Susanna was sick and he came alone. Robbie asked me to lead him to Christ after a service a few weeks ago!

Bittersweet news came early Monday morning on June 30 when Pastor Richard Shellabear breathed his last breath and entered the presence of His Savior. He spent part of Sunday in his hospital bed at home with family gathered around listening to our livestreamed church service. A few hours later, he was in Glory! Marie and I flew to attend the funeral in Western Australia, and then our church here held the memorial service and graveside committal here in Nowra. Please pray for Pastor Shellabear’s family members at this time and that his unsaved loved ones – Natalie, Zane, and Grace – will be saved.



Pastor Shellabear at his pulpit



Robbie & Susanna near the “fireplace”

Pastor Tom Gonderman, a long-time ministry friend, preached our Marriage Emphasis afternoon and Sunday services in June, and we celebrated Christmas in July on the 25th.

At Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Ulladulla, Marie and I continue to assist Pastor Rod Skelton and his wife, Noel, in the Sunday afternoon church services. Marie is teaching Noel to play the piano and helping her become the Sunday School teacher. I assist with the teaching and preaching and song-leading. Rod and Rose a Christian couple from Sydney, have recently moved into the area and are enjoying the services. Please pray for increased attendances and receptiveness to the Gospel and Bible teaching.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support received in June and July!

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