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Baptist Church in
Ulladulla, New
South Wales

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Shoalhaven
Baptist Church
in Nowra, New
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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the Lord from Australia! We write this report to you humbled by all that the Lord is doing in and through us and thankful for His enabling and provision. Your faithful prayers and financial support are a part of that provision for us. The Lord has also enabled Pastor Shellabear to continue preaching, teaching, and leading here at Shoalhaven Baptist Church. In spite of his cancer and by God’s grace, he even spoke at the National Baptist Fellowship two weeks ago.

Pastor John-Paul Reeve has taken on ministry responsibilities and is fulfilling them well. He and his wife, Chelsea, recently surprised the congregation with the announcement that they are expecting a second child early next year.

On July 27, Shoalhaven celebrated the completion of the Eternity Building and the launch of our 5th book. The Lord gathered a significant group of relatives and descendants of historic Australians whose lives and ministries are detailed in our published works. Among those who gave testimonies and signed books were Kay Hunter, wife of late American missionary and Aussie pastor, Sid Hunter; and Ruth Ridley, daughter of late Evangelist John G Ridley, who preached the message that inspired “Mr. Eternity” (Arthur Stace) to begin his career of writing *Eternity* half a million times on the footpaths of Sydney.

Our August 17 BBQ luncheon for those who worked on our new Eternity Building was well-attended and all present heard an excellent Gospel presentation by Evangelist Chris Hustler. Ben & Bec White, our construction supervisor and his wife, are thankful to God for her baptism on September 8.

On August 24, Pastor Shellabear officiated the much-anticipated wedding of Pastor Rodney Skelton to Noel Warner! He travelled all the way to Romania to find a lovely Florida girl who was serving the Lord there as a schoolteacher. Since their honeymoon, they are laboring wholeheartedly to know and follow the Lord’s leading regarding Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Ulladulla. Please pray for serious decisions that need to be made there and for me and Marie as we minister there.

Earlier in the year, Shoalhaven Baptist Church became the sending church of a young family that moved to Ipswich in Queensland; and we ordained Sam and Tiana to the Gospel church-planting ministry in a special church service last week.

Prayer Points: *Marie teaching at Sydney Bible Baptist College next year *Pastor Shellabear’s retirement next month *Our landlord has given us a vacating order to be moved out within 90 days *Salvation: Aleksandar, Bill, and Chris (the church’s new neighbor, architect, and plumber); and Neil and his family, our new neighbors.

May the Lord bless each of us as we follow and serve Him and look for His return!



Pastor Shellabear with the
new couple!



Bec’s baptism



Sam’s ordination

Thank you for your prayers and financial support received in August & September!
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