



The Schrope

MISSIONARIES DOWN UNDER

December 2021/January 2022

Dear Pastor Shorter and New Testament Baptist Church,

I trust and pray you all had a great holiday season and that 2022 finds you serving our Lord, as we are closer to His return than ever before.

We are extremely burdened for the people here in Australia, specifically those here in the August-Margaret River region. We've been earnestly praying and asking God to give us more visitors and opportunities to share the Gospel in 2022. The Lord has been faithful in answering our prayers above and beyond our expectations. On the first Sunday of 2022 we had 32 first time visitors (people on vacation) and 7 first time visitors on the second Sunday of 2022. We have continued to see visitors every week so far this year and even some returning visitors. It is exciting to see people coming to our services and to watch God work in their hearts.

We continue to use a Sausage Sizzle as an outreach to the community of Augusta and invite people to church. In January we had our second Sausage Sizzle (to which we added hot cinnamon donuts). We handed out over 150 Sausages, over 800 donuts and over 350 gospel tracts. Over the past several weeks, a man named Gary has returned, who came as a result of the Sausage Sizzle. Please pray for Gary's salvation and that God will continue to use this event to reach others in the area. Our next Sausage Sizzle is scheduled for March 19th.

We are currently doing a Bible study with Paula who has been coming for the past year. Paula has a clear testimony of salvation and came to me a while back saying she wanted to talk about baptism and becoming a member. Please pray for Paula and for us as we continue to disciple her and hopefully baptize her into the membership soon.

When the Covid-19 virus hit two years ago, our Premier locked down our state and kept the virus out of Western Australia for the most part. As a result, we went back to living life as normal. However, now the Coronavirus has come into our state and is starting to spread. We haven't been locked down and told that we can't have services in person, but I suspect unless things change, it will likely go back to strict mandates and restrictions. Right now we are back to wearing masks at church and inside businesses. Also, those who are not double vaccinated are no longer allowed to eat in restaurants or attend a list of other venues. We are praying for God to intervene and allow us to continue meeting in our building.

Health-wise, our family is doing well. It's been a hot summer for us and there have been a number of large fires near us. I was able to volunteer at several of the fires, but now due to restrictions, volunteering is on hold.

On January 19th our son, Cooper, celebrated his 15th birthday. He has surpassed me in height (which isn't saying a lot) and is almost as tall as Angie. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, love-offerings, and birthday wishes that were sent to him.

As always, we are grateful to God for each of you who share in our burden for the people of Australia. Your continued prayers to lift us and our needs up before God, and faithfully supporting us each month is much appreciated.

Your servants in Christ,

Bro. Butch Schrope

Thank You, Received: November \$200.00 December \$200.00

Bro. Butch Schrope and Family
Missionaries to Australia



47 in services the first Sunday of 2022



32 First Time Visitors



Gary's been coming to church as a result of the Sausage Sizzle Outreach



Wildfires near us

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I Thess. 5:25 – Brethren, pray for us.