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Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ! Thank you for your faithful intercession, emails, prayers, and recent gifts sent to us for Christmas. We are so undeserving of the many blessings we receive and of the opportunity to serve our Lord here in a distant land from so many of you.

Preaching at a missionary conference in Mt. Crosby this past November, we were overwhelmed with the hand-crafted guitar that Friendship Baptist Church, led by Missionary John Edwards, presented to our son Josh for use in the ministry here.



Then in December, Sue Swayn was baptized after her profession this last year. We made a "tank" and set it up in our shed here at our house for the occasion. This was a result of house-to-house efforts from 2019. Sue found the offer for a Bible correspondence course in their mail box, began doing courses, started coming to church with her husband Gary, and did some personal Bible studies with us at which time she prayed to receive Christ. Please remember to pray for Gary! The light hasn't yet gone on about his need of the Savior.



Due to certain governmental regulations regarding covid-19, we could no longer use the museum where we had been meeting. So, we began to pray and think about other venues, and the only viable one was the

possible building owned by the Seventh-Day Adventists. Obviously, they do not use it on Sundays, and I have met some of their folks during our outreach here. They unanimously agreed to let us use their building for a whopping \$25/Sunday (US\$18). I'm not sure we can afford that, so please consider raising our support level (smile).



Interior of the new building

Sadly, we have had some people leave the work. A family of seven August. In September a family of four didn't like our position on happened again with a family of six in early December. I had told when they came that we would not be able to accept their baptism, but I think they thought I would budge. Another family who was coming from an hour away decided the drive was too much. It's okay. We still have some people coming, and we are meeting more and more in our outreach efforts. Jesus is coming soon. We just need to be faithful!

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It is apparent that God is working in some lives. In returning a rake to Tyna, a five-minute drive away, I met another lady there named Naomi who had just moved to town. When she mentioned her daughter Jovie's name, I asked if it was the same Jovie who crochets and has three sons she homeschools, a lady whom I met nearly three years ago and have had on my prayer list. Leaving Tyna's house and after making some more visits, I saw a new car in the drive of Al and Megan's old place, unsaved folks whom we helped move to Toowoomba two months ago. Al hails from North

Dakota but that's another story. Thinking the car might belong to new move-ins I knocked on the door despite the posted sign that read "No religious workers." Well, was I surprised when Jovie opened the door!

Then recently, while with some friends on holiday in Bell, 30 minutes away, they had a flat tire. In a wonderful turn of events, I was able to connect with Greg and Jean whom I had worked with at the museum and with whom I had had a good spiritual conversation. I knew they had sold their farm and moved to Bell, but I had no idea where they lived. God led, we met them, and they invited us back By the time most of you read this, we will have taken Bri's banana bread up there for a cuppa with them.

Yesterday while making visits, I decided to take a street and do some more door-to-door work. Isn't God good to lead you to another new move-in, this one named Lisa whose husband is a painter? Been in town two weeks. Filipino. Claim to be saved. Baptized in a Baptist church up there. Live on the same street as a Filipino couple who come to church here. Luck, I'm sure.

Just received 5000 new church tracts and hoping to write one to go with my theme this year. A box of 1000 Chick tracts arrived for my door-to-door work, but the postage was nearly US160! I need to get some more quality KJV Bibles in here too. Pray for a container of paperback ones some colleagues are working on to get in here.

Joyfully serving,

Bro Jerry, Sis Debbie, Debrianna and Joshua