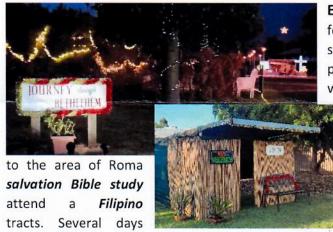
## The Wilhite's

## Missionaries in Australia

## January 2023

As you know, another calendar year has come and gone. Time runs on and time runs out. It is good to be busy, but it is also good to be in step with the Lord. Have you ever noticed, Jesus was never in a hurry, never rushed, never experienced the tyranny of the urgent? Praise God for His example.





EVANGELISM. The Journey Thru Bethlehem went well. About 650 folks actually came onto the property and that many more drove slowly by. Some 2000 Christmas tracts and fliers were distributed, probably 30 Bibles were taken, and several good conversations were had. Four folks have attended church because of it, and

follow-up is still happening. During the festive season, the family distributed 30 plates of cookies and sang a carol to businesses and families Facebook Ads have gone out in our local area and three hours west, a town of 6000 with no Baptist church. A with some precious Filipino folks ended recently, but we did Christmas party here in town and passed out several Tagalog ago, more Bushman's Guides were placed in the mailboxes of a

rural road I had not been down. More are being prepared to go. We were also able to give 200 to a dear older brother in Christ who takes Testaments and gospel literature to some 400 various locations around SE Queensland. A month ago, a shootout one hour west between the police and three "blockies" resulted in six deaths. Though we have distributed literature to many, many small landholders living on cheap blocks of land with homes totally off the grid, we are burdened to do more. I wish I could have gotten to these folks before this all came down! We just emailed four Bible correspondence courses to an Australian missionary headed to an island off Africa for him to use in evangelism there. Commencing 31st January, Ryan is holding a Tuesday evening "Boardgame Night" here in town with hopes of reaching out to teens and young adults. He has been busy witnessing to his driving-school students.

**CATECHISM.** Travis and Sue continue with their lessons. Ten folks joined us for a Thanksgiving meal the end of November. Plans are being made to begin





ORGANISM. Pioneer Independent Baptist Church has a sweet spirit with a nucleus



forming. A couple recently moved out to our area from Brisbane and joined the work mid-December. The men and women are taking on many of the responsibilities—song leading, preaching, scripture reading, video-recording, children's class, and over 100 dozen cookies were baked for the Journey Thru Bethlehem. We have also added a midweek

prayer service at our home. I think there have been 16 or 17 new adult visitors to church since our return and the offerings have been exceptional. In our second service, we have been excitedly watching parenting DVDs produced by Dr. S.M. Davis. God is good!

**OPTIMISM.** Though we desperately need *rain*, there is a greater need to see *souls saved and discipled*. The *contacts* we have are too numerous to list—just today, more were added to our prayer list—yet, we are optimistic about the future. Our son Joel in South Africa is now engaged and a wedding is being planned for later this year. All of us are doing fine. Thank you for your prayers for us!