



# The Schrope

## MISSIONARIES DOWN UNDER

January/February 2023

Dear Pastor Shorter and New Testament Baptist Church,

Happy New Year from the beautiful country of Australia. I trust and pray you're having a good year so far.

Thank you for all the prayers, e-mails, texts, and phone calls of condolences in the passing of my wife's stepmom, Sharon Cameron. Thank you also to those who gave a special love offering to help offset the costs for Angie's emergency trip back to the US to spend the last few days of her stepmom's life with her. It was such a blessing for Angie to be able to be by her side when she passed, and to be with her siblings. Christmas and New Year's Day were just not the same for us, with her being gone. Thankfully she made it home safe, and things are back to normal. It really made us appreciate all that she does, and it helped us to realize what a big part she plays in this ministry, even though a lot of it is done behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed.

Thanks also to everyone who sent cards, love offerings, gifts, and Christmas greetings to our family over the holidays. It was such a blessing!

We continue to see visitors attending services. In fact, we've had visitors almost every Sunday. We know the year is just starting and many of our visitors are here on vacation, but it's always a blessing to have them. We will be having another Sausage Sizzle Outreach on March 18th, which we pray will result in many more visitors and contacts.

On a sad note, Mrs. Deb (one of our faithful regulars) lost her partner Phil of 10 years to cancer. I say partner, because they weren't married even though they were living together, which sadly is very common here in Australia. Phil had liver cancer and the doctors didn't think he would make it to Christmas, but he survived a few months past. We had tried to meet with him on several occasions, to share the gospel, but while he was ok with Deb attending church, he was not interested. About two weeks before he passed, he told Deb, that it would be ok for us to visit him in the hospital. We took that opportunity to share the gospel with Phil, but he didn't say much or make a profession. We left a list of Scripture verses from the Romans road with Mrs. Deb. She read them to him daily, but to our knowledge, Phil never received Christ before slipping off into eternity. Only God knows, but the sad truth is that many people die every day without Christ and spend eternity in Hell because they've never heard, or they've rejected Christ. *"The harvest truly is plenteous..."* Matthew 9:37.

Please continue to pray for Deb. We had started a Bible Study with her before Phil got sick. She wants to start doing the Bible Study again soon. To my knowledge, Deb has never made a profession of faith herself. Perhaps the Lord will use this in her life to bring her to a saving knowledge of Him.

As always, we want to say, "Thank you for your faithfulness to co-labor with us, through monthly support and prayers, as we tell the people of Australia about Jesus Christ and His gift of salvation."

Your servants in Christ,

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

Bro. Butch Schrope and Family  
Missionaries to Australia

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



Christmas Caroling with Bayview Baptist Church



Please pray for Mrs. Deb



Picking Angie up from the airport