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Brethren and fellow-labourers, greetings in the Lord Jesus.

In March, I had the opportunity to go to the northern part of the Philippines to visit the missionaries we had trained and sent many years ago. It was a joy to see the church moving forward, and with their newly constructed building they now have a more permanent place to grow. We are praying for the Lord to provide the man to be trained and take this work over the next five years but rejoicing in those being saved in this area of Luzon. Roman Catholicism still has a stranglehold here, but the church is growing!

It was a blessing to baptise several of our new converts recently. These new believers are faithfully attending an Equip class each Sunday to learn the doctrines of the Bible, and it's been wonderful to see them growing in their faith. The day they got baptised, we planned for an evangelistic Sunday, and I was able to preach the gospel to dozens of unchurched and unsaved friends and family who came to watch. We are continuing to pray for fruit from this.

I was asked to visit a small town in the Northern Territory at the end of April and preach an evangelistic Sunday at missionary church plant there. Heidi and I travelled north, and there were many in this small outback town that came to the day to hear the gospel. I sat with a young soldier afterward and went through it personally with him, and he trusted Christ and has been coming along to church on a fairly regular basis since that time. This was the first time we've been able to be around an aboriginal culture as well, and it was heartbreaking to see the utter hopelessness of these people who are so lost in animism and devil worship. We don't see many indigenous people down in our area of Australia, but out in the remote parts of our country there are still many thousands who need a gospel witness.

In May, I joined Evangelist Fraser Young to help teach at Vision to Serve. This is an initiative held by Br. Young each year or so, and the goal is to train pastors and young men who are just learning about the gospel ministry. It was a profitable week of instruction, doctrine and practical ministry helps. There are still a few Aussie men who are raising their hands to preach the gospel, but not many. This country still has a need for surrendered gospel preachers, gifted soul-winning evangelists, and missionaries who are willing to embrace the hardships of remote life to reach the unreached here.

There is much that continues to happen here in Sydney as well. With the massive influx of Indian immigrants, we are now striving to reach these Hindu people with the gospel. I sat with one man, Krishna, for about two hours recently and reasoned with him about the truth of Jesus Christ as opposed to his polytheism. He has started attending church each week as he seeks to learn the truth. Two of our young men are interning with me in preparation for the work of the ministry, and we are working together to reach into the northwestern parts of our city that are without a gospel witness. I would ask that you pray as we are developing gospel literature for Hindu's and Muslims, and then for the wisdom and leadership of the Holy Ghost as we start evangelising in this area.

For several years I had been witnessing to a young businessman here in our area, and about a year ago he asked me to sit with him and talk about the gospel again. He had been brought up in a strong charismatic background but was unsaved. He came to an understanding of the gospel that day and trusted Christ but was still so connected to his Pentecostal church that he wanted to stay there. I talked with him recently to see how he was going, and he excitedly told me of his spiritual growth. He said he watches "The Chosen" on Netflix so that he can really understand what happened in the life of Jesus. He uses ChatGPT to give him a Bible-reading schedule, and he listens to Jordan Peterson to give him a better understanding of Jesus. Now I must be honest; it took me a minute to process what he told me, and I walked away from the conversation shaking my head at the woeful state of professing Christianity in the world today. Brethren, we have much work to do!

As always, we continue to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for your faithfulness to Him and the work of world evangelism. Please pray with us that our Lord would give us greater boldness, but also the wisdom to adjust to a quickly changing mission field. There is much to do, and the way forward is in prayer.

May God richly bless your labours for Him.

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