

Ministry Update

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It has been a while since our last update. We did not send one for August since we were in transit to Australia. This one is

a bit late since we decided to wait for our return to report.

AUSTRALIA 2024 REPORT

Cheryl and I departed for Australia on Tuesday, August 13. We drove 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to Dulles airport where we caught a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour flight to Los Angeles. From there we endured a 16hour flight to Melbourne. We arrived in "Oz" in the wee hours of Thursday morning, and after proceeding through



Immigration and Customs, we hopped a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour flight to Adelaide, South Australia. We landed around 9:30 AM and were

picked up by a member of Northside Baptist Church in Adelaide who volunteered to meet us and carry us and our baggage on a 5-hour drive south to the town of Mount Gambier. We ministered at the Open Door Baptist Church from Friday through Sunday. Our first function was a Friday evening Ladies' Tea at which Cheryl spoke. I spoke at a Men's Bar-be-cue on Saturday evening. On Sunday, we ministered in the AM and PM services. The congregation was made up of some truly diverse people including former alcoholics, drug users, and enforcers. We saw souls saved in both the morning and evening services, praise the Lord!

On Monday, we made the five-hour drive back to the Adelaide suburb of Raynelle where we engaged in a busy and varied schedule with the South City Baptist Church. Briefly, here is what we did:

Wednesday PM - Evangelistic service.

Thursday PM - Men's Steak Night. (*Barry*)(40 men came) Friday PM - Family Fun night. (*Basically, like a night of our* Family VBS program)

Saturday Afternoon Ladies' Tea (Cheryl) Sunday AM and PM Evangelistic services. Praise God, there were souls saved nearly every day here.

From the south side of Adelaide we traveled to the north side. Pastor Simeon Western pastors the Northside Baptist Church. He was the first pastor to invite us to Australia to preach. He sets up our schedule for us whenever we come. We always have great meetings at Northside and this year was no different. God gave us a blessed Wednesday through Sunday series, with excellent attendance and salvation decisions nearly every service, praise the Lord!

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Sept. 29-Oct. 2–(S-W)-Hanover Bapt. Church, Glen Allen, VA Oct. 6-9 – (S-W) – Grace Baptist Church, Orange, VA Oct. 13-18 – Emmanuel Baptist Church, Claysburg, PA Oct. 20-25 – Community Bible Church, Aliquippa, PA Oct. 27-Nov. 1 – OFF Nov. 3-6 – (S-W) – Victory Baptist Church, Boonsboro, MD

OPEN DATES

<u>2025</u>

We still have open dates going West from late January through April – SC, GA, AL, MS, TX and AZ (March) and AZ (April) going to the West Coast! We also have open dates in the Fall coming East. Please contact us now if you are interested in having us come to your church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Continuing fruit from the Australia trip.
- Safety in travel.
- Direction in scheduling.
 - Good health.
 - More souls for Jesus!



Yours for Souls, Barry and Cheryl Webb

On Monday, September 2nd, we flew from Adelaide to Sydney, New South Wales. We had Monday and Tuesday off, but on Wednesday night we ministered for the Midweek service at Bible Baptist Church in the Sydney suburb of Liverpool. From Thursday afternoon through Sunday morning, we ministered at Faith Baptist Church in Blacktown. It was our second time here. This is an Arab speaking church. We enjoyed some exceptionally good Lebanese food! Cheryl had to speak with a translator to a Thursday Ladies' Meeting. We did puppets and preached for a weekly Children's club on Friday from 4:30-6:00 PM. An hour after the Kid's Club, we began a Friday evening Evangelistic Service. The auditorium was almost full and there were several professions of faith! On Saturday morning I spoke to a Men's Prayer Breakfast. We ministered that evening at an Evangelistic Service, and at the Sunday AM Worship service the next day. The last two

were translated live into Arabic. There were many visitors in the meetings, many Christian decisions made, and souls saved in almost every service here, praise the Lord!

On Sunday afternoon, we were picked up by the pastor of the next church on the schedule and driven about two hours south of Sydney to the

city of Wallongong to minster to the Illwarra Community Baptist Church. We have been at this church twice before and have always had good meetings here. We were only at the church for four nights, but the people really worked hard to bring visitors, and several souls made professions of faith in Christ! It was good to see a Korean man whose wife accepted Christ in 2018 when we were last there. It was just a few months later that she died of a brain aneurism. We rejoiced with him that we know she is with the Lord!

On Thursday we were transferred back into the Sydney Metro area to a Filipino church in the suburb of Ingleburn. In 2006, the pastor had a bout with Meningitis and a stroke that makes it difficult to get around, but he is still able to lead the Bethel Bible Baptist Church. The meetings were billed as a Revival and Soulwinning Conference for the church, so there were very few lost folks in attendance. We held meetings on Thursday and Friday nights. On Saturday morning we had split men's and women's sessions with no Saturday evening meeting. On Sunday we started with Sunday School, then the Morning service. After the service was dinner on the grounds followed by another afternoon service. The meetings were well attended and there was one saved on the second night.

When the afternoon service was over, the pastor from the next church destination on our schedule arrived to transport us to his church for the evening service. (our fourth meeting of the day) One woman prayed the sinner's prayer on Sunday night and was followed up by one of the church ladies. The Southern Cross Baptist Church is in the Sydney suburb of Engadine. The pastor's son is principal of the Christian school they have there. It is an A.C.E. school, which runs about 46 students. We held evening services on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Chapels in the Christian school on Monday through Wednesday. We also conducted a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour seminar on puppetry for interested students and adults one afternoon. Cheryl spoke at a Ladies' Meeting on Tuesday which included the female

students. I had the opportunity to preach to the boys from the school separately!

We had Thursday off to do laundry, pack, and exchange funds. The pastor ran us to the airport in Sydney on Friday morning and we began our trip back to the U.S. later that afternoon. We had

a safe and uneventful trip back to the U.S. We flew another 16-hour flight to Dallas / Fort Worth, and then another three-hour flight from Dallas to Baltimore. We arrived there at 11:30 at night and did not think it wise to drive the 2 ½ flight back to our home base overnight, so we got a room at a hotel near the airport and made the final drive on Saturday.

We now have the rest of this week to recover from the Australian trip and prepare to begin our Fall U.S. meeting schedule this coming Sunday in the Richmond, VA area.

We are thankful for the strength the Lord gave us to labor in Australia. I caught a cold just as we were leaving for the trip. It turned into bronchitis with a nasty cough, but the Lord kept us going and things gradually got better. I managed to still bring a bit of the cough home with me, but it is nearly gone now!

We are so thankful for all of you who prayed for us during this trip. We appreciate it very much! God greatly answered your prayers. We can praise Him for the many Christian decisions made in the meetings "Down Under", and for the many souls that came to Christ!

