



January-February 2019

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

The past year was filled with great ministry opportunities. From local outreach to global missions, from personal counselling to marriage counselling, from budding new romances to weddings. Two thousand eighteen may have had its challenges, but it was also filled with many tremendous blessings, including our family applying for our Australian citizenship. We serve a great God who loves this world and desires everyone to be connected to Jesus, growing in Jesus, and living for Jesus.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. It makes all this possible.

Workshops and Bible Studies

The church has started to add some additional practical life studies and Bible studies to our regular times of meeting together. We held a 9-week financial planning workshop which taught the basics of budgeting and Biblical financial stewardship. This then led into carrying a bi-weekly Sunday night study called "Visual Theology". This study deals with the practical aspects of theology and providing visual graphics to help us make theology personal to our everyday lives.

Missions

In August our held our first missions month. We began to lay the foundation for the church to look beyond their personal world, challenging us to be engaged in and support the furtherance of the Gospel. We followed this month with a missions trip to Cambodia. This team of 7 were involved in various ministry opportunities where the love of Christ was shared, and the Gospel presented. This experienced opened the eyes of those who went, and they want to do more for the cause of Christ around the world.

Outreach

The church sought to share the Gospel in various ways through 2018. We started with a unique way to engage those attending the Adelaide 500 by passing out water bottles with a Gospel message and church information on them. We had 600 bottles passed out in under 2 hours. We have also been able to pass out 700 packets containing a personal letter from the church and an evangelistic Bible study. This was followed up by door knocking. We were able to meet a Brazilian family, some individuals from India, a Jew, an atheist, and some nominal Christians. The world is just a few steps away.

Discipleship and Counselling

Bethany and I have also been and are continuing to be involved with counselling and discipleship. Many who have come along to the church have some very abusive backgrounds domestically and spiritually. You could almost call them spiritual refugees. They are spiritually depleted and are in desperate need of healing. This takes a considerable amount of time spent in re-discipling and counselling. We also have several other young people who are at various different places spiritually. Pray for our young people that they would choose to make their faith personal and make Jesus the permanent Lord of their lives.

Weddings

We were also excited to see a couple of our young people meet their life long partners through the church. In September I was able to conduct my first wedding, and am looking forward to performing my second in April. Bethany and I have been handling the marriage counselling for these couples. Pray for them as they start their new lives together.

Once again, we thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Your Fellow Servant,



Adam Gibbs

Missionary in Australia