



# The Koon's Australia

**January, February 2018**

**Dear Pastor and Friends,**

In our last letter, I had mentioned about taking a trip out into the outback. Part of this trip was for our annual vacation, the other part was for ministry work. The outback areas of Australia are dry and inhospitable and most people don't want anything to do with the inhabitants in small towns dotted across the map. We talked to many people but one lady stood out. She had just lost her infant son. I was able to share the hope of heaven with her and reassured her that her boy was in heaven. Praise the Lord! Please pray for Lisa in Goondiwindi.

From the outback, we travelled to the nation's capital, Canberra. Melanie has an Aunt and Uncle living there who are unsaved. Once again, we spoke with them and shared the gospel. Please pray for Ron and Lexie. We also met another Uncle, Herman. He is battling some health issues. We were able to share Jesus with him also. He is open to talk about God but not willing to make any spiritual commitment. We continue good contact with each of these relatives.

The school year has started! That means we have ramped up our teaching at the two local primary schools. We are teaching 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and Melanie has also taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We praise the Lord that we are able to have a small part in the lives of these young boys and girls. Pray with us that we can be a shining example of Jesus to these children.

This has been an interesting year so far. In January, we were surrounded by bush fires. They came within 2 blocks of our home. It was very smoky for days and we had a lot of ash blanket our area. Praise the Lord that the firemen were able to contain the blaze without affecting any homes. In February, we had 12 inches of rain in a few days. It blocked the only road out of our area. We were stranded without being able to get into town. Once again, the Lord protected us. We were high and dry!!

We have met a number of people over the last few weeks that need Jesus in their lives. Pray for Obi. He has inoperable brain cancer. He has less than one year to live. He is 57 years old. He and his wife Trish have visited a few times and had some good talks. They need to meet Jesus!

Next week, we will be traveling to Sydney, 1000 kilometres south. I will be speaking for a Pastor's Conference. We are looking forward to this rare opportunity to fellowship with other Christians. Please pray for safety as we travel.

Once again, we are very thankful for your generous support, both with your finances and with your prayers. We could not do the Lord's work without your help each month. God bless your efforts!

**Servants,**

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