



The Koon's Australia

Dear Pastor and Friends,

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We just returned from a trip to Canberra, Australia's capital and through the Outback. On our way back home, we encountered a big problem. Due to an accident, we had to follow a detour and drive over a mountain range. It was cold, rainy and foggy. Our car, towing a little pop-up camper, became stuck. We were trying to climb the mountain but started slipping. We could not go up the hill and behind us was a long line of cars. A young man, Taryn, stopped to help. It took us quite a while to decide what to do. Everything we did, did not work. He eventually towed us with his 4x4 back to flat land. It's amazing how God opens the door to witness in the most unusual of situations. During our conversation, it became apparent that he was experiencing a marriage breakup. We talked for a long time and we were able to give him some help and direction. The greatest need for Taryn is to accept the Lord as his Savior! Please pray for him that he will reach out to us so we can minister to him. Sadly, there are a lot of Taryn's in our part of the world that need Jesus.

We have passed out thousands of invitations to our church with little results. I remind myself and others in our church that we can't stop. God's Word will not return void. We are all dedicated to win others and disciple them with the gospel. We have just started a new leaflet drop. Please pray for positive contacts and for visitors to come to church.

We found out this week that the Jehovah Witnesses have been gossiping about our church. After several groups of them knocked on our door and were witnessed to by Melanie, they now give us a wide berth and will not approach our door. They evidently have told people that we are no longer holding services! On the contrary, we are going forward with our church! Our little church is a lamp of truth in a community clouded by false teachings from other churches.

Our Religious Instruction classes are progressing well. Both Melanie and I enjoy presenting the gospel to the spiritually hungry children. I have become a fill in teacher for a second school as well as teaching 6 second grade classes. We are not allowed to proselytize but we praise the Lord that we can clearly teach the kids that Jesus Christ died on the cross for their sins. What an incredible thing to be able to teach in a public school! All of the teachers hear the stories also and have remarked that they enjoy listening. One of the second grade teachers have expressed interest in our church. Please pray that she and her husband will visit.

Once again, we appreciate your faithful prayers and financial support. We could not do our job if it were not for your efforts. God bless you as you minister for Him!

Servants,

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