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Dear Pastor, Church, and praying friends,

God has blessed us beyond measure through the year 2019. We were so very privileged to make a trip back to Australia in April and May. We praise God for faithful men of God who have not slacked with their church services and strong Biblical stands. Brother Zimmermann, whom I baptized as a young boy, is establishing the Millmerran Bible Baptist Church. May God richly bless this ministry on the edge of the Queensland outback. He is also a trained fire fighter and has been totally involved with the extreme fire devastation. We pray especially for his safety, and for all the fire fighters and residents, and their homes so greatly affected. Already 12 million acres have been burned, 1,500 homes destroyed, and 25 lives lost. This is only the first month of summer; fires have often continued into the month of March. Our hearts and prayers go forth constantly for our people and this endeared country.

Our former church, Friendship Baptist Church, celebrated the Christmas season with their annual community carol sing. They had 15 first time visitors; one family continues to come to the services. And a 30 year old man trusted the Lord 4 weeks ago. Praise the Lord for each person reached with the Gospel. All prayers dominating the country presently are for RAIN! To break the intense drought!

We also ask for the prayers for a dear pastor, Paul Stephenson. His wife, Tracy Stephenson, underwent a double heart bypass surgery. Now she will be eligible for a kidney transplant which will save her life. Paul has been a solid Baptist pastor and friend; we thank God for this strong man in God's Word. Such men hold the key to win Australia for Christ.

This year has been fruitful for us in many ways. We continue to pass out gospel tracts everywhere we go. One couple visited our sending church here in Rogers, loved it, and joined. Joyce also spoke to a young mother after the Sunday morning service and led her to the Lord. Then on December 10, a lady came to our home quite distressed. Carefully we presented the Gospel, and she prayed very brokenly and accepted the Lord as her Savior. She has talked incessantly of her conversion and was baptized on the first Sunday of January. We are so grateful to be used to serve the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

I got two new hips this past year and thank God so very much for my mobility without pain. Our Son, Daniel, and his wife, Heather, visited us just before Christmas. He helped us install a beautiful flag pole in our front yard. By the time they left to return to Illinois, I was miserable with pain from my sciatic nerve! I guess I need to remember that I have limitations!

God has blessed us through our children's lives. Daniel is involved with a ministry in El Salvador. Tim and Melanie now are very committed in a Mexican ministry in Rogers, Arkansas since Tim's health will not allow him to return to Australia. Both of our sons are studying the Spanish language and in time expect to be fluent in it.

Joyce and I have worked through nearly 50 years of our ministries in Australia to produce a DVD of God's hand in our lives as we served Him with our family. Soon it will be finished. We will contact everyone as it becomes available; we believe it will be a blessing and inspiration to all who view it. Thank you for your continued support, and the many gifts and cards: an expression of your love to us. We are very encouraged by them. We trust we will see great victories in this New Year.

In the Harvest Together,

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*"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again  
with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6*