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2024**

*Prayer Letter  
& Report*

“Testifying...  
repentance  
toward God, and  
faith toward our  
Lord Jesus Christ.”  
Acts 20:21

### **Planting**

Lighthouse Bible  
Baptist Church in  
Ulladulla, New  
South Wales

### **Helping**

Shoalhaven  
Baptist Church  
in Nowra, New  
South Wales

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the Lord from New South Wales in Australia! Thank you for your part in enabling us to serve the Lord here and for your prayers that entreat and engage the Lord’s Spirit and might in our labours.

Much has happened already in 2024 in our lives and ministry and the world around us. It is hard to believe that nearly two months of the year have passed! If there is anything you want to accomplish for the Lord, NOW is the time!

**At Shoalhaven Baptist Church in Nowra**, more than thirty children attended our three-day Holiday Bible Club in January themed “A Child of the King.” Several made professions of faith and the saints were edified in the preparation and the unity felt as we worked together for the Lord. Also in January, the long-awaited building permit was granted so we have begun construction work on our new youth addition! Please pray for Ben, an attendee at SBC, who heads up the work two days a week. Pray also for the others of us who fellowship, evangelise, and construct on the site each week.

Two weeks ago, one of our teens named Sarah brought her friend, Jack, to our Friday youth meetings. Shortly after they left **the new building**, I had the great privilege of watching Jack bow his head and pray for the Lord to forgive his sins and save him! Jack and Sarah have been to the youth and church services since that evening.

Please pray for John-Paul, whom I mentioned in our last report, to find work in the Nowra area so he and Chelsea and their infant son, Titus, can move in and join the work here. Please pray also regarding the progression and prognosis of Pastor Shellbear’s mesothelioma. He continues to preach and lead at SBC but is faithfully numbering his days as instructed in Psalm 90:12.

**Down in Ulladulla at LBBC**, Ron and Melissa are planning to obey the Lord’s will and be married after a long de facto relationship. Please continue to pray for the Lord to provide a wife for Pastor Skelton.

**At Sydney Bible Baptist College**, I am teaching only one class this semester/year, and that is by Zoom. Pray for the students, and lecturers, and for the Lord to call young Aussie men and women into His work.

**In Hall family news**, our oldest child, Sara, is marrying Sid Barboza on March 8, so we have some extra and exciting activities planned around that date. We are thankful to the Lord for their Christian walks and upcoming union in the Lord.

**Additional prayer requests:** The devil and anti-Christian individuals have recently been using historic allegations and current convictions of independent Baptist preachers to undermine the work of the Lord here. In a separate situation, a long-time faithful Christian’s recent sinful and continuing decisions are being made public and are hurting a marriage and the Lord’s church. Would you please pray in these cases for repentant hearts, for the sin to be stopped, and for the Lord’s glory and the testimony of His churches?

Thank you for your prayers and financial support received in December and January!

May the Lord bless as you follow and serve Him!

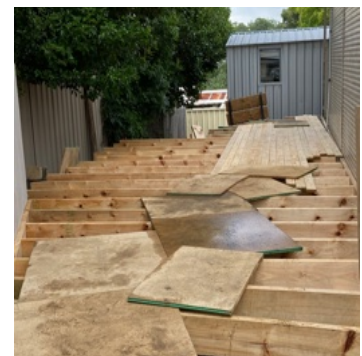
Jon & Marie Hall and Family



January baptisms



Some of the workers and the first completed steps



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