THE GADDES FAMILY

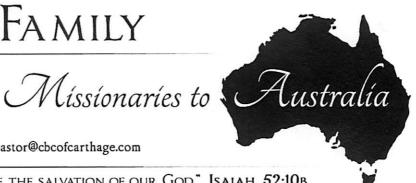
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...and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Isaiah 52:10b



January-February Prayer Letter

Dear Saints,

The Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 2:1-2 "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

That verse is one of the main duties of every Christian minister but especially to the missionary. This verse has been a hard one for me to fulfil even though I desperately want to fulfil it. Men who are willing to sacrifice and stay the course regardless of the suffering and loss are few and far between. Moreover, when you think you have someone whom is going to do something for the Lord they either move or make some devastating and drastic mistakes that dampens their effectiveness for the Lord. Thus, you often feel as though you are running into a brick wall every couple of metres.

Saints, I am trying to rectify this by spending more time developing the men whom God has brought my way. As such, we not only are teaching five classes a week where we impart Bible knowledge but we are also running another class where I am teaching on how to run a church. The Lord has blessed this with seven men who are willing to learn. Please pray these men will stay the course and finish the job.

Furthermore, I am trying to step away from some of the teaching/preaching and start appointing some of the faithful men to do the job. There is one man in particular whom I hope will put his hands to plow and not look back. His name is Miguel. He is such a blessing. He has a heart for God and wants to do something for the Lord. Of course, the devil has been fighting him hard but by the grace of God he has stayed faithful despite the attacks. Please pray he will continue to do so.

Moving from there, I would like to update you on a few more things.

- 1. The man from the Philippines whom I wrote to you about last time who professed to have gotten saved, has since fell away. This is always a sad thing for me. Please pray God will help us to make disciples.
- 2. The man from Pakistan who I wrote to you about last time who professed to have gotten saved, has continued in the faith. He is going well. He has taken the next step of faith and got baptised last month. Please pray for him as he seeks to follow the Lord.
- 3. A young man who is a fabricator got saved and baptised this past month. He too is going well. Please pray for him though as there are many adversaries to his growth. Pray that he will keep his eyes upon the Lord and stay faithful.
- 4. The Lord has touched the heart of another family to start getting serious about the Lord! The man is excited and going well. Furthermore, his wife is encouraging him. That is exciting. However, there are many things that could hinder this growth. One of which is the fact that it takes them roughly about an hour and an half to get to church. Moreover, the man has some serious migraines from time to time due to a back problem. Please pray for them to go from strength to strength.

My brothers and sisters, I must be going. I certainly appreciate all that you do. Thank you so much for your continual prayerful and financial support. I thank my God for you daily. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Missionaries in Australia, The Gaddes Family