



July and August 2020

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

We wish to begin by saying thank you for your faithful prayers and support during this unique time. We know all of you are facing personal struggles and challenges. Thank you to those who have taken the time to send us short little messages and updates with what God is doing in your areas of the world. Churches all around the globe have had to readjust and rethink their ministry goals and focuses for this year. May the church continue to rest upon the Lord and His ever-faithful guiding hand to navigate us through this challenging era.

Coronavirus has shown how we genuinely have no idea what is going to be on the morrow.

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

~James 4:14~

We make plans and set goals, but in a moment, those things can change due to circumstances. We must not lose heart for we serve a faithful God. He knows what is going on and what is going to happen. He has a plan and asks us to trust Him.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

~Proverbs 3:5-6~

COVID Conditions

Our area of Australia has had success in dealing with COVID-19. Through July, our state reported no new cases, and we have been slowly moving through the process of easing restrictions. It is only within the past two weeks that we have had four imported instances with one of them only infecting three people which the health services have done a fantastic job of keeping it from spreading any further. We pray this is as bad as it will get for our state and that we will be able to once again progress towards normality of life.

Unfortunately, our neighbour, the eastern state of Victoria, has not fared as well. Just as Australia felt they had a handle on the situation and started putting the plans in place to open things back up, Victoria experienced a massive wave of new confirmed cases. In mid-July, they were recording 600 to 700 new cases a day, primarily centred around Melbourne. This led to the neighbouring states closing their borders to Victoria, and the Melbourne area moved to stage 4 restrictions. Continue to keep this state and our fellow brethren there in your prayers. The conditions in Victoria are improving, but there is still a ways to go.

Return to Physical Gatherings

In our last update, we mentioned that we were not allowed to gather physically for our services or Bible studies. Throughout April, May, and June, we met online by various means. We were encouraged by the effort of our people to stay in contact and fellowship with each other. They availed themselves of all different forms of medium to communicate and connect. Despite the challenge, people stayed engaged with each other.

Beginning in July, we were once again able to gather physically in our hired hall. The commitment that drove our people to stay connected during our time of physical absence has made our time physically together so much sweeter. We have seen a faithful return of our regular attendees along with a few new faces. Our time together on Sundays and through the week has been so precious.

Once again we thank you for your faithfulness. We pray each of you is doing well and have found encouragement in God despite these odd times.

Your Fellow Servant,



Adam Gibbs

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With COVID restrictions being eased some of the men and I have been gathering every other week for prayer, and the occasional bite of food.

COVID-19 UPDATE South Australia

23 AUGUST 2020

New cases today	1	Patients in hospital	0
Total cases	463	Recovered	456
Active cases	3	Deaths	4
Overseas acquired	2	Tests yesterday	3,969
Locally acquired (close contact)	0	Total tests	349,802
Locally acquired (contact unknown)	0		
Interstate acquired	1		
Under investigation	0		

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South Australia's COVID status as of Sunday, August 23rd.

