



1st Quarter 2019

Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

Our summer has gone quickly and as we head into fall we are excited about several things that God has been doing in the ministry and in our lives.

In November, God blessed us with another house that is much bigger and provides ample area to host get-togethers. We had been looking for another place to rent for nearly a year. Everything else was a lot more expensive and didn't suit our needs. We are now better able to fulfill the Scripture in the area of being "given to hospitality" (Romans 12:13 & I Timothy 3:2). Sherrie has been able to host an Auslan (Australian sign language) study group, and Liarra's homeschool study group. Please pray for these groups as God has been using our relationships with them as an opportunity to proclaim Christ, and we have already been able to see some of these people come to church.

Recently, after looking for a youth group in the Perth area for Liarra to attend, and seeing that there was not one any closer than about one hour away, God impressed on our hearts to start a youth group. We have been able to start a teen youth group (youth group here can mean any ages from about seven or eight years old through college age students, so we specify "teen"). Our house allows for the space to have all the activities here. Our first activity was on February 22 and went very well, with a mixture of saved and unsaved teens. They had a time of food and games and then a devotional. Please pray that this group will grow and that God will use it in the hearts and lives of the teens. Our next activity is on April 6.



Since the beginning of the year, we have now been able to pick up two young girls who have been wanting to attend church. Thank you to those who have given for us to be able to get another vehicle that will allow us to pick these girls up for church. They are excited to learn verses and the books of the Bible. Please pray for these girls, as well as their family to come to Christ.

We have also recently added a Facebook page, and we have been able to reach more people in our community through that. If you have Facebook, please feel free to like our page "Western Shore Baptist Church" in Perth, Western Australia.

Last, Sherrie and Liarra are continuing to learn Auslan, please pray for them as they work toward being able to communicate with the deaf in our society and those they meet through their classes.

Thank you for all of the prayers and financial support.

To the praise of His glory,

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