Winter Wanderings

As I write this letter, the current temperature in Bayswater, Victoria, is 5°C (41°F)—not exactly the 90°F+ temperatures some of you are experiencing in the States. It is a little unusual to me that June-August are the coldest months of the year, but even so, my heart is warm. God has provided some wonderful winter blessings.

Summary

June:

- Ongoing Bible study with a couple new to our church
- Launching Young Adults' ministry at Calvary
- Witnessing opportunities

July:

- Visiting with friends, John and Michelle Cirone, and their Youth Outreach Ministry (YOM)
- Seeing spiritual conversations and a profession of faith during the YOM team's ministry at Calvary
- Attending a young adults' camp in Yackandandah, VIC, with four young adults from Calvary
- Preaching at Golden City Baptist Church, Bendigo, VIC
- Attending the True North Summit, a young adults' conference in Sydney
- Speaking at Super Saturday, a community outreach, of New Beginnings Baptist Church in the Brisbane area

Early August:

- Launching Kids' Club at Calvary
- Seeing three baptized and a couple more share their salvation testimony and seek church membership

Digital Media:

- Posting Gospel video on church website
- Posting an Australian sign language (Auslan) gospel video on Facebook
- Boosting/sharing outreach media

In some ways, the work here feels slow, but in other ways, it seems overwhelming. In the big picture, it is very exciting because I believe there is substantial spiritual growth taking place in my heart and in our church. As you think about me Down Under, please pray that Christ would be magnified more and more in me and that I will learn more and more what it means to abide in Jesus. This is my prayer for you as well. Thank you again for your love, prayers, and support. May God richly bless you with His grace and peace!

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