



A New Year, A New Country

On January 18, 2023, I made it back to Oz! The last few days, I have caught myself thinking, “Wow, am I really in Australia?” God has brought me through Covid, deputation, and the visa process, and now I am on the field. It is like a dream come true. Thank God for His faithfulness! And thank you to God’s people who have partnered with me to make this dream a reality!

Recent Activity

Commissioning Service (Jan. 8): My home church showed tremendous support for me by sending me off with a special commissioning service. My pastor gave a special charge and several men of the church prayed for me and future ministry in Australia. Steven and Christy Maldoff, my BIMI field director and his wife, attended, and he preached during the service as well.

Bible Baptist Church (Jan. 9-16): On my way out of the US, I was able to visit friends in California and minister at their church for a week as well as go skiing for the first time! I am very thankful for the Labins family, BBC, and their friendship.

Australia (Jan. 18-28)

- I arrived in Australia around 7:45am on Jan. 18 after a 15 hour flight from LAX to begin working with **Pastor Manny Mallari and Calvary Baptist Church!** I am touched by their warm welcome, prayers, and support. Pastor Manny has been a huge help in my transition, and the church people have donated household items for my apartment when I find one. Currently, I am staying with Pastor Manny and enjoying the fellowship.
- I have been working on transitioning into Australian life, i.e. getting an Australian phone number, opening an Australian bank account, converting my driver's license, finding an apartment, buying a car with a steering wheel on the *right* side of the car. 😊 By the way, I dropped my US phone number. If you need to contact me, you can through email or messaging apps, What's App or Signal, at 0411 723 268.
- Last Wednesday, Jan. 25, I had the privilege of teaching the lesson for the **midweek prayer meeting** at church.
- Thursday, I was able to celebrate my first **Australia Day**, Australia's equivalent to the 4th of July, with the church family. It was a pretty full day helping with set up beginning at 10am and clean up finishing around 5pm. But it was a good day of food, fun, and fellowship.

Praises

- Some witnessing opportunities
- A good transition overall so far
- Warm welcome and great spirit at Calvary Baptist Church

Prayer Points

- Spiritual needs of prospects invited to church: Con, Richard (Please do not post info about individuals online. Thank you!)
- More opportunities to witness and share the gospel
- Wisdom for guidance in ministry
- God’s blessing as we follow His plan

A Melbourne Moment: Melbourne is home to **5.1 million people**. Would you take a moment to pray for the city of Melbourne and that the gospel would have free course throughout the suburbs of the city and surrounding areas of regional Victoria?

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