



## What's in This Newsletter?

### Meetings, Melbourne Mystery, Maturity, and Matrimony!

**Meetings:** This last month, the Lord brought about several productive meetings.

- **JJ**, my friend in South Australia via video call: It is a good encouragement to him to talk, talk about God's Word, and pray.
- **Michael**, a young adults' leader from another Baptist church: We were able to talk ministry.
- **Jeremy Rowland**, general director of Baptist Church Planting Ministry: We were able to discuss church planting matters, and I appreciate advice he gave me.
- **Adam**, a member of Calvary Baptist: without being too personal, he needed some advice on some matters, and I am thankful that we were able to have a beneficial conversation.
- **Jian**, a young adult and member of Calvary: he is considering whether or not God is calling him to ministry, and he agreed to teach a youth lesson for me one Sunday!
- A neighbour who is away from home: I've been able to speak to him on the phone several times, but unfortunately, he has cooled in his interest in learning about God and the Bible. I am still praying for him and maintaining contact to show him I care.
- **Joe**: Recently, I was flying from Melbourne to Sydney, and waiting for delays because of weather, God brought a man to my table in the cafeteria. Joe and I had a nice chat, and I was able to find out he is Catholic. I asked him if he knew whether or not he is going to heaven. He said he wasn't sure, and I told him the Bible said he could know. When asked if he wanted to know more, he declined. But we continued talking, and he did accept a Gospel tract.
- **Caleb, Harper, Josh, and Caleb**: Last month, I met with several individuals who are considering joining the church plant. We had a good time of food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Upon concluding, we agreed to pray for one of the guys to have opportunities to be a witness. He works as a chippy (carpenter), and he is burdened for his work crew. We left praying for opportunities, and within this last week or so, God has given all of us opportunities to witness. Praise God!

**Melbourne Mystery:** A couple weeks ago, we had a youth/young adults' Photo Scavenger Hunt in the city. With around 15 from our church and 10 or 15 from Michael's church, we split into groups and enjoyed exploring the city and accomplishing the challenges in the hunt. One of my teenagers brought two friends from school! I am glad to see this!

**Maturity:** Around a 16 months ago, Phil came to church one Sunday evening. He is about my age, and we developed a friendship. As a believer, he was keen to help me with some of the digital aspects of ministry. Over time, he has begun coming to church with his family and girlfriend. On August 25, he and his girlfriend were baptised!!! She became a believer after meeting Phil who witnessed to her. It was a blessing to see them take this step of maturity!

**Matrimony:** On August 31, I was able to attend a wedding in Sydney where I am currently. A church planter in Paramatta has asked me to fill in for him while he is out of town for a couple weeks. This will help him and also give me a good look at a new church plant in Australia as I prepare to launch in

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Melbourne. I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and God’s grace in ministry while in Sydney and preparing more for the church launch.

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter and pray for the ministry and people here in Melbourne. Your partnership in prayer is not a small thing. The longer I live the more vital prayer becomes. As Paul said to the Romans, prayer is “striving together.” May God bless you for your labour of love in prayer.

Your fellow labourer,

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