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Acts 6:7

April 2026: The Work Goes on

Read how God has been working in Melbourne and how you can pray for what's ahead!

Neighbours: I banged on the door. I (Josh) normally don't like to bang so loudly, but I really wanted to meet these neighbours. We had recently moved and met several neighbours. John lives directly across from us. He is a stroke survivor, lives alone, and loves chocolate bars. Johnny and his parents are next to us, and their white dog barks viciously at you as if it wants to tear off your leg. Long-time residents of our neighbourhood, Doug and Hinka, were friendly to us; they are Greek Orthodox. But these neighbours I had not spoken to yet. Finally, James came to the door. Hoping he was not annoyed at my banging, I introduced myself and handed him a small gift bag. As we talked, church came up. He said he grew up Evangelical in the Philippines (Score! I love Filipinos. They are usually open to spiritual things, and my wife is Filipino, making a connection easier.) and that his wife is Catholic. He mentioned that he didn't think our being neighbours was an accident, especially since he wants his son to learn the Bible. Please pray for James and his family. We've already given our neighbours tracts but pray for more witnessing chances.

Special opportunities: Since we last wrote in February, we have been blessed in many ways. First, we had a **special visit** from the parents of one of our supporting pastors. Their stay was short but meaningful and uplifting. Second, we were blessed at church to hear from **Fraser Young**, a long-time Aussie evangelist, and **Miguel Albert**, a missionary on deputation for Rodrigues Island. Our church is prayerfully considering supporting him, and we are excited to begin a **missions program** at Graceway! Next, we were able to spend a couple of days at a **pastors/wives' retreat** a couple hours from Melbourne where we were encouraged by the preaching and fellowship. Looking around, one other pastor and I were the only pastors under 50's old, maybe even 60. Please pray for more labourers for our churches in Victoria. Finally, we were able to spend a few days in Sydney visiting family and ministering while I preached at **Missions Conference** for Bible Baptist Church, Ira's former church.

Easter: We had several events scheduled for Easter. We held a special **Lord's Supper service** on Good Friday, which is a big holiday in Australia. At evening, we held a **fellowship** at our home and shared a movie about Jesus' resurrection. One of the ladies brought her nephew from Thailand who knew little about Christianity, and it was a good chance for him to learn about Jesus. On **Easter Sunday**, we had a number of guests with us, and we were able to present evidences for the resurrection along with the gospel. On **Easter Monday**, another big holiday, we and some of the church family went to a neighbouring city, Geelong, and spent some time together for a day of fellowship.

Salvations/membership: Over the last number of weeks, we have had visitors, some of whom come back and some whom have not returned yet. We are thankful for a stable Sunday attendance currently, but we are praying for salvations of some who have come. They are Tibetan and Buddhist by heritage. We also have some interested in membership and are praying for God's wisdom and blessing.

Youth and Young Adults: In March, we were able to join with Faith Baptist Church for a **young adults' fellowship**. We were able to take four young adults, and we are scheduled to have another meeting this Friday. On top of this, we held a youth activity at a badminton court where we were able to meet the friend of one of our church's teenagers, named **Zavier**. He has already expressed interest in joining our next activity, and we are praying for him and his parents. In April, we held a last-minute **Holiday kids' club** after my wife's cousins from Sydney came down to assist. We did not have any visitors, but it was a beneficial time to teach and encourage the young people of our church. And just last Saturday, we had our **first baby dedication** at our church. Many attended, and we shared the gospel as well as biblical admonitions about child rearing.

In closing, please pray for us as we continue to minister in Footscray and watch God build Graceway as well as the new work in Tarneit. Most important, we are praying that God will make us and our church people more like Christ. If this happens, we know we will bear fruit and build a church that pleases God.

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