



## October - December 2022

Dear Pastor, Church and praying friends:

I want to thank every individual and ministry for all the prayer and financial support over the years. Please know that it is not taken for granted and is keenly noticed by us as a family. We certainly do value your support, prayer, and fellowship over the many years we have laboured together in the Gospel.

I do apologise for this letter being a couple of weeks late. It seems when you move from one side of the world to the other there are some things that demand priority. Thank you for your patience with me.

**Ministry News:** The meeting with Bro Bane was a good time of refreshing and spiritual nourishment for the Church. We had a number of opportunities to preach in Churches in Queensland throughout the months of November & December. It was a blessing to catchup with old friends and worship together!

Our final Sunday at Sonshine Baptist Church was Dec 4<sup>th</sup>; it was a good time together with 3 Baptisms and a fellowship lunch. The Church is in good hands under the leadership of Bro Neil Smith, and they are continuing on for the Lord. Please continue to pray for them as they seek to go on for the Lord and for the Gospel's sake.

When the Lord sent me to Sonshine I had two burdens upon my heart; to Evangelise the West of the State of Queensland and to strengthen the Church and leave it in better shape than I found it. By the Grace of God, over the 8 ½ years we were there, we were able to see both accomplished.

Through the Word 4 The West ministry, Sonshine Baptist Church, along with a few other Churches in Australia, was able to cover the 1,850 kilometres (1,150 miles) from Caloundra to Mount Isa in the Northwest of Queensland. This involved the distribution of over 60,000 Gospel packages and Evangelistic meetings each year as we progressed across the State.

Sonshine Baptist Church in Caloundra has come a long way over the years. We leave the Church debt free, owning their own land and building, with a mature and unified congregation that is now able to support their national Pastor on a fulltime basis, the first time since the birth of the Church in 1987. The light is burning bright once again from the lighthouse in the community of the Sunshine Coast and for this we give God glory.

**Family News:** LeAnn's surgery on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> went well without any complications. We praise the Lord for His provision and watch care over all that transpired. Thank you for your prayer and many messages of love and support!

We arrived in the USA without any complications, with our flights arriving on time in Knoxville TN on the evening of Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. It has been wonderful catching up with family that we had not seen in many years and celebrating Sandra's (LeAnn's mother) 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The Lord has provided us with a good vehicle to travel the many miles we will need to travel while on our furlough. The Lord has also provided us a lovely place to live in Knoxville. Pastor Allen Johnson of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle has graciously allowed us to live in the parsonage for the duration of our furlough. Although it is not what we had in mind, it is no doubt the provision of the Lord, and it will be a very central location for us to travel from. What an unexpected Blessing!

Both our daughters, Kaylee (20) & Mackenzie (18), are keen to find work and settle into life here in the USA for the time being. Please pray for them as they make this transition in life, as they have to acquire their US drivers' licenses, open US bank accounts and purchase vehicles, all before they can really apply for work.

**Furlough:** I am looking forward to being in as many of our supporting Churches as possible during our time here. We also look for the Lord to open doors of opportunity for us to be in some new Churches, as He sees fit, which will also be a blessing.

I will do my best to make contact with all our Churches, but if I have failed to reach you and you would like us to come by and give a report, please don't hesitate to reach out to me on **865-343-9163** or [phyland78@gmail.com](mailto:phyland78@gmail.com) or our home *Church office during office hours* on **865-376-5850**.

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The congregation at Sunshine Baptist Church



Bro Neil Smith



Our final Sunday at Sunshine Baptist Church.



Three baptisms on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.



Testimonies before baptism.

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