



The Lesters serving in Australia

2nd Quarter 2026

Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

God's sovereignty has been on display in our world over this last quarter. When world events surprise or alarm us, we know that there is nothing new or out of God's control. This same sovereignty is evident in the church.

In Australia, it has been said of church planting that you can have a church one week and not have one the next week. This quarter has been challenging for our church. We have lost several families and people—some have moved, some have just changed churches for more programs to serve their family, others have left because there was someone involved in pulling them away, and still others we haven't seen because of health-related issues. This can make us feel as if we are starting all over again. Church planting here definitely has its challenges, and we are no stranger to those challenges; however, God has full control, and we trust Him.

There have been a lot of down days this last quarter; however, this last Sunday was a true blessing. A lady who attends regularly brought some family members. One had only ever attended church once, and one was from out of town. She has a true love for her family and wants to see all of them come to know the Lord.

Please pray with us for the following:

1. God would bring new people into the congregation and heal those who have been ill and have been away.
2. We have opportunities to share the Gospel, and we would see people come to Christ.
3. Our health as we have had some health-related things come up recently.

Finally, we were blessed to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary in June. Thank you for all your prayers and financial support.

To the Praise of His Glory,

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