



THE SCHMIDTS

Furlough replacement missionaries

Sending church
Fairview BAPTIST church
DANVILLE RD. DECATUR, AL
PASTOR BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

June 2012

Dear Faithful Friends,

We are now halfway through our time replacing Scott & Melody Childs in Perth, Western Australia. The ministry for the last three months has been a great blessing. We are seeing very good attendance and are able to see real faith and growth in those attending the services. We have a great group of people who love to sing and faithfully listen and respond to the preaching of God's Word. The Childs have built a strong church here. To God be the glory.

In addition to the regular services we have visitation on every Wednesday afternoon and have been able to invite many to our services as well as pass out tracts and church literature. There are a lot of Jehovah's witnesses out visiting here and the people naturally try to turn us off, but there are those who listen and we are thankful for that. We also have a bi-weekly youth meeting that is growing. We started with 10 and are up to 14. It is a good time of Christian fun with a Gospel challenge given each time. The young people are from very diverse cultures and are a great blessing but also a real challenge to reach. Please pray that we are able to get into the homes of some of these kids.

Australia is such a diverse country because of the many immigrants and when we go anywhere we hear a myriad of languages and see so many different cultures. The Western Australia economy is booming and it shows in the cost of everything from gasoline to food to any place that requires an entry fee. Gasoline is \$1.35 American per liter. That is about \$5.50 per gallon. A hamburger in a restaurant will cost you \$17.00 American. The average cost of a place such as a wildlife park is \$25.00 American. With these costs we do not eat out at all and don't travel much. This is fine because that is not why we are here.

When we were in Australia in 2007 there was a lady who faithfully came who had an unsaved husband and I was able to witness to him a number of times. They have moved away but I have been able to make contact with them and will be going south about 75 miles to spend some time with them. He is searching and I am trusting the Lord to give me a great opportunity to share the Gospel with him one more time. Please pray for this opportunity.

When we leave here in September we will be going to 29 Palms, CA to relieve a missionary to the U.S. Marines. We are looking forward to this time. Each and every replacement is a joy and a challenge. The whole world needs the Gospel and what a blessing it is to present it to so many different people. We only have 3 weeks between replacements this time and we covet your prayers as we try to get everything done. Our youngest son Nathan and his wife Angela just told us we are going to be grandparents for the 8th time in September. What a joy. We are so thankful we will be home.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. If you are not receiving this letter by e-mail and would like to please send me your address and I will add you to our list. You can contact me at either admiral4248@yahoo.com or wschmidt@BaptistWorldMission.org.

Yours, In His service,

Walt and Jackie Schmidt



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October – December Prayer Letter

Dear Faithful Friends,

I Samuel 16:11 makes a statement that has resounded in my heart concerning serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Samuel tells Jesse to bring David to him, and then he says these wonderful words: "And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither." One wonderful day we will all see Him face to face, but until that time, we must not sit down. To serve Him with all our heart is our only desire.

Our summer has been filled with meetings in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Indiana. Each one was a blessing to us, and we hope we were a blessing as well. Our schedule is full for the rest of the year with a month in Scotland and meetings in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, and Tennessee. God has certainly allowed us to keep on our feet serving Him.

We have been approved by the Australian government for next year to replace the Scott Childs in Perth. This will be our second time to be with the Childs, and we are excited about this replacement. The Childs have a good work and are faithful missionaries, and we know it will be a wonderful time. Australia is just like the rest of the world in their need for a clear testimony of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior. The Childs have been in Perth for a number of years. It is good to know we can be a help in keeping the work on track and allow the Childs to use their furlough in a very positive way. Australia is a field white unto harvest, and we are thrilled to go back to help in the work.

We are often asked how we function in a country where we do not know the language. This is not a problem in Australia, but it was in Korea and Argentina. We have found out that interpreters work fine and that as long as we endeavor to learn the language and culture, the people will respond to our message and will help us get through whatever need we encounter. There has been no problem in presenting the Gospel or witnessing in a culture where we do not know the language. God can provide the necessary help when needed. It is truly exciting to see how the Lord has blessed the furlough replacement ministry.

Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for our next replacement. Some would call it an adventure, but with the Lord's help, it is just an opportunity to serve. We earnestly covet your prayers as we continue in the furlough replacement ministry.

Again, thank all of you for your faithfulness in praying and supporting us as we continue to replace missionaries.

Yours in His service,

Walt and Jackie Schmidt