



# The Heberle Family

Serving in Outback Queensland  
AUSTRALIA

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G'day from Australia,

I was recently in our neighbouring state of New South Wales, waiting at my gate at the Sydney airport, getting ready to return home from a mission outreach that I was involved with in the western part of the state. As I sat there waiting for my flight to be called, I heard a pre-recorded message over the airport PA system that announced the following: *"Hi there, your safety is our priority. So don't forget to keep a safe distance from your fellow passengers. Sydney airport wishes you safe travels."* This message was played every five minutes, which definitely seemed a bit excessive during my hour and a half wait for my flight! The one word that was repeated three times in each announcement was the word "safety". Australia prides itself in being a safe place to live and work. An overabundance of laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines are in place to ensure everyone encounters the most risk-free environment possible. This type of approach comes with its own set of issues. After 17 years of ministering in this country, it still astounds me how the politicians and leaders here choose to handle the current health crisis, as they try their level best to mitigate the effects of a sin cursed world. The bottom line is, Australians don't want to die. Like the desire of every human being, they want to live forever. However, they are looking in the wrong direction. Our responsibility is to tell them that they CAN have eternal LIFE, through the shed blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. I'm reminded of I John 5:12, *"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."*

The Lord has been good in allowing us to see fruit and growth in people's lives even in the midst of the ongoing draconian measures of cyclical lockdowns, restrictions, and border closures. A fella by the name of Jason Kerlin was baptized in a local river in Taroom. The town recently experienced a significant rainfall which caused the river to swell. Thankfully, we were able to hold on! (pics attached) Jason is currently being disciplined by an Aussie pastor. I also had a chance to join up with a good missionary friend of mine in a rural town of NSW named Mudgee for an evangelistic outreach. We had a team of 92 workers who passed out around 5,500 packets of Gospel literature. We also held an outdoor event at the local park with free face painting, cotton candy, jumping castle and a BBQ. The purpose of this event is to be able to meet the town folk and to share with them the message of salvation. A lot of good connections and conversations took place that day that will lead to further ministry in that particular town.

We also recently had a Gospel outreach here in our own state of Queensland just last week. There is a town named Longreach which is a 14-hour drive from where we live. A group



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of 67 labourers from 5 different local churches joined together and passed out 5200 Gospel packets to 6 different outback towns. Additionally, we held a Wednesday and Thursday evening Bible preaching service in which we had 7 visitors from Longreach attend.

### Here are a few prayer points:

1. Pray for boldness as we witness.
2. For protection in our travels.
3. Strength, wisdom, and discernment for Pastor Phil Hedger at Eidsvold Baptist Church.
4. Our son Jimmy as he recovers from knee surgery.
5. Spiritual growth & maturity for members of EBC Eidsvold, BBC Murgon and TBF, Taroom
6. Australians to fear God and to repent and turn to Him for salvation.
7. Lord's direction and timing for another church plant to begin.

In closing, I'm reminded of a verse in Proverbs 21:31, "*The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.*" Our hope, our joy, our peace, and our safety is in God's hands and His hands alone. May God continue to bless and keep you as you serve Him in your respective place.

Thank you for your continual prayer and faithful giving.

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