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Dear praying friends,

Several areas of our country have been devastated by bushfires covering thousands of kilometers. Thankfully, rain is now falling in several fire affected areas bringing much needed relief and, in some cases, putting out the fire! But with the rain there has been local flooding. Thousands of homes and hundreds of businesses have been lost. Several have lost their lives. As you have probably seen on news reports there is much destruction and heartache to many families, so please continue to pray for the relief effort and especially that hearts will soften so that many will turn to Christ to meet their greatest need of forgiveness of sins. We and our church members are safe.

Our summer youth camp is underway with around 120 attending. Michael & Tammi (our son & daughter-in-law) and their church are overseeing the entire camp this year. Please pray that many will trust in Christ.



These past few months we have been very occupied with preaching, teaching, two weddings, baptisms and many visitors. With some transitions in 2019 the Wanneroo church is starting to grow. People are more involved and missions giving is up!



The church plant in Banksia Grove is doing well with more people becoming committed and their outreach is growing. They will soon be looking for a larger place to meet. Pray for this new church with their pastor, his wife and young family (baby number two came along last week). However, we are disappointed that church in Northam voted last month to disband. A lot of work was done over the past two years but met with a poor response, and even resistance, which resulted in this difficult outcome. Please pray that hearts would be changed so that a strong church will emerge from this.

Michael and I attended an Australian independent Baptist pastors fellowship meeting held in a country town in South Australia (has since been affected by the fires). We had a blessed time meeting faithful Australian pastors and encouraging them in their works across the country. There are many opportunities. It is hard to get established in the regional areas so we pray that more Australians will heed the call to reach these towns for Christ.



So, as we begin a new year serving the Lord in Australia, we are excited about what He has planned and are ever mindful of His promised return. As always, we very thankful for your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord bless you richly in your churches and families in the year ahead.

His servants & yours,

*Larry & Dawn Nelson*