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Dear Prayer Partners,

Philippians 4:15 *“Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.”* We celebrated thirty-five years in Australia in February this year. Praise the Lord for the six churches and two individuals that have been with us for all this time. Others have come alongside during these thirty-five years for which we also praise the Lord.

Eight children were in Sunday School a few weeks ago. Two were from the Blue Mountains and visiting relatives here in Dubbo. We also had eight adults in the preaching service for which we thank the Lord. It doesn't sound like much but it is eight we didn't have a few years ago. Lisa who has been attending for sometime now, her mother has moved to Dubbo from Sydney. She has been attending faithfully with Lisa and her two children. We have mentioned Andrew who is a school teacher before. His wife Ofa (she is from Tonga) is a nurse and is now working on week-ends in a retirement home. Andrew is faithfully bringing Olivia to Sunday School and he then stays for the preaching service but He has put in for a transfer for a position on the Central Coast of New South Wales so we may lose him at the end of this year.

One night a few weeks ago David received a call about 7pm from Kenny, a nurse at the local Catholic hospital's palliative care unit. Kenny said they had a lady who attended the Baptist church and that the family desired a visit from the pastor as she was not expected to make it through the night. I asked the ladies name and did not recognize it and told Kenny so. I suggested he call the other Baptist church as she may have attended there. He was persistent so I told him I would come. Before I left I phoned the Baptist Union pastor to ask if he was acquainted with the lady but no one was home so I left a message with my cell phone number. He never called. I went to the palliative care unit and met the family. I found out she was a long time member of the smaller Baptist Union Church. I asked her if she was ready to meet the Lord and she said “I hope so.” I took that answer to be the result of so much medication and morphine. I read Psalm 23 and prayed with her and some of the family who were also in the room. The lady has since passed on so I trust her “hope so” was really a “know so” and she is now in the presence of her Saviour. On my way out I met Kenny and learned he is originally from Zimbabwe. I gave him a tract which he said he would read. We ask you to pray for Kenny as the Lord brings him to your mind.

Thank you again for your faithful giving and praying.

In the Service of the Saviour,

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