



# Ministry Update

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It is hard to believe that the summer is nearly over. We could summarize our ministry since our last update, **“Family Fun, Fire, and Foreign ministry.”** We spent the month of July in Northern California. We held one week of children’s VBS followed by three weeks of Family VBS and a half week of regular meetings before leaving for Australia for the month of August. We enjoy doing



Family VBSs. Most churches have a regular summer children’s VBS, but our motto is, “Why should kids have all the fun?” There is always fierce competition between the teams for points earned individually for

attendance, Bible, and bringing visitors, and points earned as a team for best singing, most offering, and Family Bible quiz. We feature an opening rally time with choruses, puppets, and chalk art. Then following a brief refreshment time everyone returns to the auditorium for a Family Bible Quiz based on our puppet stories, the sermons I preach, and kids classes Cheryl teaches. After updating the scores, Cheryl takes the youngest children out for a class, and I preach to everyone else. Attendance is usually very good. There is a strong emphasis on bringing the Lost, and the messages are clearly evangelistic. We had the joy of seeing many souls come to Christ in the Family VBSs.

Our last Family VBS was in Anderson, CA, just a few miles south of one of the largest wildfires in the state. The fire started part of the way through the week and by the end of the week had claimed three lives and destroyed many homes including some in the city of nearby Redding. The church is located across the street from the county fairgrounds, which were being used as the staging area for the fire crews that were battling the fire. There was a constant stream of fire vehicles coming and going being fueled, filled with water, and repaired. Fire crews rotated around the clock washing up, changing clothes, being fed, bunked, and sent back out again. There was a definite urgency about their work as they struggled to hold back the flames, spare the destruction of homes, and save the lives of folks who were threatened by the fire. O, if Christians only had



the same urgency for reaching those who are threatened by eternal fire without Christ!! Due to the fire, several families in the church had to be evacuated from their homes. The air quality in Anderson deteriorated and each morning we woke up to more ash on our truck. We abbreviated the last night’s program due to fire activity. Despite the fire, however, we had the joy of seeing a number of folks of all ages make professions of faith in Christ. Praise the Lord!

Following our last Family VBS of the summer, we held a half week of regular revival and then departed for the month of August to Australia, where I am composing this update. *(More later)*

## **ITINERARY**

- Aug. 2-Sept. 6 – AUSTRALIA MISSION TRIP**
- Sept. 9 – (SUN only)** Harvest Baptist Church, Daly City, CA
- Sept. 16-19** – Harvest Valley Baptist Church, Riverton, UT
- Sept. 23-28** - Hope Baptist Church, Payson, UT
- Sept. 30-Oct. 3** – Calvary Baptist Church, Tremonton, UT
- Oct. 7-12** – Faith Baptist Church, Cheyenne, WY
- Oct. 13-17** – Colby Independent Baptist Church, Colby, KS
- Oct. 21-24** – Olathe View Baptist Church, Olathe, KS
- Oct. 28-Nov. 2** – Faith Baptist Church, Benton, IL

## **OPEN DATES AHEAD**

### **2019**

- June 16-19, Aug. 18-23** - Canadian Maritimes
- Aug. 25-30, Sept. 22-27** – New England

### **2020**

- Jan. thru Feb.** - FL, GA, AL, TN, SC
- Mar.** – SC, NC, VA, MD
- May thru mid-June** - PA, MD, NY
- July 19-24** - PA
- Aug. thru early Sept.** – PA, OH, IN, IL, MI
- Late Sept. thru early Oct.** – MI, OH
- Nov. 15-20** – SC, NC, VA



***Be sure to check our web site for itinerary updates, cancellations, and other open dates.***



We truly appreciate the missionaries, churches, families, and individuals that partner with us as we ***“Go...into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*** (Mk. 16:15)

## AUSTRALIA

On August 2, Cheryl and I flew from San Francisco to Australia to begin four and a half weeks of meetings in six different churches. We are now half way through our trip, and since it is time for the monthly update, instead of waiting until we return to the U.S. for the full story, I thought I'd give you the "Halftime Report." Our first meetings were with the Northside Baptist Church in Adelaide, South Australia.

The attendance was great and the believers worked hard to invite the unsaved. The Lord blessed with souls saved and many decisions among the believers. Several folks also came for baptism and church membership. Praise the Lord!



From Adelaide, we flew to Sydney. After an hour and a half drive south, we arrived at the Illwarra Community Baptist Church in Dapto, NSW. This church has a contingent of Korean members. Everyone was working to bring visitors. The Korean visitors who came needed the messages translated, so one of the church ladies provided this service. I typed the transcript of the message for each night and e-mailed it to the pastor, who forwarded it on her. She translated it all into Korean, including the Bible passages, and printed it out for each visitor who needed it. She would then sit outside the auditorium in the next room and listen



to my sermon over a speaker. Then she translated the message via a wireless listening system to those who needed it. God blessed His Word in both languages. We saw Australians **and** Koreans profess faith in Christ! Praise God!

On Saturday, we traveled five and a half hours north to the town of Taree, NSW, where the Living Hope Baptist Church meets in a rented building. The first four days were at the rented building in Taree. What a blessing it was

to see souls saved there. For the next two days our meetings are in a rented Senior Center hall in the town of Forster where the pastor works, and where we are lodging. We are praying for many visitors, and for souls to be saved. Following this week, we have three half week meetings before returning to the U.S. Thank you for your prayers!

## MINISTRY TRANSITION

Eight years ago, our daughter Rachel and her husband Tristan moved to San Diego, California to assist Tim and Eileen Sneed in planting the Metro Baptist



Church. They have labored in a lay capacity with the music and children's ministries of the church. Now that the church is self supporting and has other solid couples in attendance, the Smiths believe the Lord is leading them on to assist another church plant. At the beginning of October they are moving to Shorewood, Illinois to help Nathan and Dana Barber plant the Shorewood Baptist Church. We have known the Barber family for years. My father preached meetings for Nathan's grandfather. He was one of our own ministry's first board members. Besides his grandfather, we have preached meetings for Nathan's father and his uncle. Rachel and Tristan have known the Barbers since college when Nathan and Dana were the youth and music directors at the church where Tristan and Rachel attended. The Barbers have prayed for someone to come and help them with the music and children's ministries at Shorewood. Once again, this will be in a lay capacity. Tristan is a trained electrician. Rachel has her hands full taking care of their four children, Henry, Brynn, Pemberley and Clara. Please pray for the Smiths as they move to Shorewood. Pray that God will give them safety in travel, provide affordable housing, and enable them to get set up and plugged in smoothly to the ministry of the church.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Wisdom in scheduling meetings.
- Strength, Safety and Souls in Australia.
- Safety as we drive and fly many miles this year.
- Souls to be saved in our meetings.
- God's hand on the Smiths as they relocate to Illinois.

May God bless you for your prayer and financial support. Come and see us when we are near you!

Yours for Souls,

*Barry and Cheryl Webb*