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## News from Down Under!

### Moving, Marriage, and Ministry...

#### Moving

January was moving month. The Lord provided Ira and me with an apartment to call home and to conduct ministry. We have enjoyed hosting church attenders and music practices at our apartment. I also have an office/studio for recording podcasts.

Over January and early February, there were inspections of apartments, meetings with friends, and goodbyes. Wesburn Baptist Church in country Victoria invited me to preach and share the burden for Footscray one Wednesday night. Although I have said good bye to my neighbours, I have still kept in contact with **Jack**. Please keep praying for him. He desperately needs the Lord. When I left, I left my neighbours with a little booklet about how to know you are going to heaven. A few weeks ago, a couple of my neighbours reached out and asked if Ira and I wanted to catch up with them. During that catch up, Angus asked questions about Christianity, and I was able to share some thoughts with him that he had never heard before. Please pray for **Angus and Kiki's salvation**.

#### Marriage

February was an exciting month with my family from the US visiting for the wedding. They were able to visit Calvary Baptist Church where I have served for the past two years one Sunday morning as well as meet some of the people of Graceway at a Sunday afternoon BBQ. My pastor and his wife also came for the wedding, and we took a day to tour Melbourne and see the mission field that God has called me to. **The wedding was 15 February and was beautiful.** See the links below for photos as well as Ira's personal testimony. I am so thankful for her and the ways she has enhanced my life. She has

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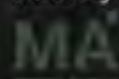
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already been a blessing in ministry as well through her example and music ministry. **Please pray for us as we try to balance home, life, and ministry.**

## Ministry

Since December 15, 2024, we have been holding Sunday Bible studies in Footscray every week except the day after our wedding. We are thankful for several committed members and a number of guests who have come. Sunday, 23 April, we had **14 including ourselves**.

**Caleb, Harper, and Josh**, the core group, have been very faithful and active in bringing visitors, with Josh's brother, **Chris**, and couple mates, **Andrew and Firth** coming at least once. **James**, a Christian who visited the first Sunday, has continued coming. **Samay**, a Muslim teen, has come a number of times; however, after he started handing out Qurans and trying to get into conversations about Islam with people, I had to tell him that Sundays were for worshiping Jesus and not discussing Islam. Last week he came without any issue. **Kira**, a Japanese Christian, has grown over the last few months and deepened her connection with Ira and Harper. **Guy**, a Christian young man in his twenties, has been faithful and is meeting with me for studies on prayer with a hunger for God's Word. **Amanda** and **Dorcas** are two ladies that have visited, and **Leigh and Tara** have visited two weeks in a row. Please pray for these dear people and their spiritual growth as well as ours.

Apart from Footscray, God has also opened an opportunity to hold a Friday Bible study in Warrandyte, north east of the city. Josh was able to bring his friend, Taylor, who has professed Christ, to the study along with the others who have formed the group. We are trying to be a blessing to this group which seems to be without a leader currently and are praying for God's guidance.

We have been doing some outreach at the train station in Footscray and have found some good responses. With Easter approaching, we will focus on spreading the news of the resurrection for the next few weeks with **5,000 flyers** ordered for distribution followed by a "**Hope Campaign**." Working with Baptist Church Planting Ministry, the advice is to saturate the area with the gospel message of hope. We plan to do this in May. The first week of June, we will need to travel to Chattanooga so that

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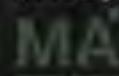
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Ira can attend **Candidate School** at BIMI. It will be a quick trip because we will need to return to conduct a distribution of **33,000 John and Romans booklets** from Bearing Precious Seed in preparation for our official church launch in July.

We appreciate your prayers for these outreaches and the ministry of Graceway Baptist Church in Footscray. There is also a heap of legal paperwork to do for the church organising that we would appreciate prayers for. Also, I have applied for a partner visa to allow me to stay in the country. Right now, I am on a bridging visa which is good, but **please pray for approval for permanent residency here in Australia.**

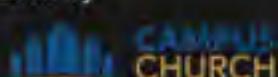
On a final note, I am including an announcement letter with this email. Since Ira and I are married now, we are redoing our ministry letterhead, etc. As we do, we will use the name Multiply Australia for our ministry name. This name is based upon Acts 6:7 which says, "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly" and 9:31 which says, "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." In these verses, we see that the Word, disciples, and churches were multiplied. Our desire is to see that happen in Australia by God's grace. We appreciate your prayers and support to help make that reality.

P.S. PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR MINISTRY EMAIL ADDRESS WILL CHANGE TO  
[ADMIN@MULTIPLYAUSTRALIA.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@MULTIPLYAUSTRALIA.ORG). Thanks!

In Christ,

Josh and Ira Zacharias

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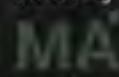
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