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16 December 2025

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters,

Psalm 92:1 says, *"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."* Thinking back on 2025, we have many blessings to report! Here is a list of highlights from the year.

Sunday, 15 Dec 2024: This marks **one year** since we held our first Bible study in Footscray.

January: Josh transitioned from Calvary Baptist Church, Bayswater, and **moved to Seddon** to live in our target area for the church plant. Many thanks to Pastor Manny and Calvary for helping Josh to enter Australia and begin ministry in the field of God's calling.

February: We were **married** with many friends and family coming to support us.

March – May: We worked on getting settled in Seddon and consistently saw **visitors** at our Bible study and had visitors at our Good Friday outreach as well as **26 attenders** at our Easter service. By God's grace, we saw over **50 attenders** at our Bible studies/outreaches throughout the first half of the year.

June: Ira was accepted as a **BIMI** missionary.

June – July:

- We received **33,000 John and Romans** booklets from Bearing Precious Seed, and with the help of several churches around Melbourne and Ira's church in Sydney, we distributed close to 20,000 before our official launch. **Thanks** to the following Baptist churches for their prayers, support, and assistance with the distributions/Grand Opening: Calvary (Bayswater), BBC Liverpool, Westside, Friendship, Calvary (Moe), Anchor, The Way, Wesburn, Faith, Melbourne BBC, Open Door, Ferntree Gully, and Rose City. We saw 4-5 individuals and one family come as a result of the distribution, and thousands of homes received the gospel and church invitations. **Two people and the family** have been consistent attenders this year since then.
- **Special thanks** to our assistant pastor Tim Zacharias (No, he's not Josh's dad, but we share the same last name.) and Jeremy Rowland (BCPM) for coming to support us in the Grand Opening as well as Bible Baptist Church (Liverpool), Calvary, The Way, and Faith.

August: We were able to go to **Fiji** to minister at a youth camp in Sigatoka with Pastor Mani and Glory Gate Baptist Church.

September – October: Church attendance averaged **around 20**; we began a kids' class; there was one profession of faith in Christ, and Josh began some community volunteering to make personal connections for witnessing opportunities.

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November: Our evangelistic Bible study saw a couple visitors, and one received understanding of **eternal security** (many churches in Australia do not teach eternal security), and the other, our neighbour Palden, **heard the gospel for the first time**. Another man in the community, named Harry, read a book about Jesus' resurrection that Josh gave him, and Josh was able to discuss it with him.

December: Our neighbours' daughter came to our youth night and **read the Bible for the first time!**

We really do thank the Lord for using us this year, and we pray that He will help us to grow and be more and more useful as His servants in 2026. Looking ahead, we would appreciate your prayers for the following:

Christmas BBQ: 20 Dec. our church will hold a Christmas BBQ and carols in the park. We pray that our church will be able to get to know each other better and be a witness to those who will hear the carols.

Christmas service: 21 Dec. we have scheduled a Christmas carols service as an outreach to share the gospel with our community. Please pray for us as we prepare and that God will bring people who will hear the gospel and who are looking for a Bible-preaching church.

2026 vision: As we enter 2026, please pray for God's guidance and our church to share the vision of Growing in Grace and hungering after spiritual growth and maturity.

Next year:

- **January:** We have two teens signed up for **teen camp**. Please pray for God to use this camp starting on 5 January in their lives. Also, we have several interested in **baptism/membership**. Please pray for God to unify us as we take this important step toward officially chartering the church.
- **February:** In February, Pastor Frank Guglielmo of Faith Baptist Church and I have been working to bring Bro. Rowland back to Australia to hold a **church planting conference** for our churches. Faith has been assisting us in our early stages, and we are working together to reach out into the outer western suburbs. We have begun an outreach in **Laverton** and are planning to begin a Sunday evening outreach Bible study in **Tarneit** in March of 2026. Please pray for us as we work to reach out to suburbs with notable Muslim and Hindu populations and no independent Baptist churches that I am aware of.

Thank you all once again for your prayers, encouragement and support. We wish you all a merry Christmas celebrating the Saviour and a happy New Year!

See pictures on the last page.

Kind regards,

Joshua and Ira Zacharias

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