

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Tim. 2:2

Tom & Cris Geer



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Dear Friends,

THANK YOU for your faithful prayers on our behalf. We are grateful to the Lord for continuing to use us and give us strength, ability and a full schedule. We boarded a plane in Texas on December 29th (winter!) and landed in Sydney, Australia on December 31st (summer!) We were invited to attend a New Years Eve service, which we gladly accepted, though we didn't stay too late as our bodies were quite confused and wanted to finally go to bed for some strange reason!

It was a fitting start for the first VBS of 2019 to help Crossroads Baptist Church in Rosmore, NSW, Australia as our theme this year is Showdown at the Crossroads. We ended up registering 44, over double the attendance of our first day with 3 accepting Christ as their Saviour! There were a good number of visiting parents who had an opportunity to hear the gospel during our closing awards program as well. We look forward to building on this in January of 2020.



The next week we headed to Morrisset for Tom to preach a Junior Bible camp with 26 eager campers. He challenged the children to be White Knights in the dark days in which we live. One camper received Christ during the week. An added blessing was to see a missionary couple, Jerry & Debbie Wilhite, whom we went to Bible college with... many, many years ago. It is always a blessing to renew old acquaintances with folks who have remained faithful and fervent in serving the Saviour!



Our second VBS of the year gave us 26 precious children with 2 accepting Christ. We are so proud of the folks at Shoalhaven Baptist Church in Nowra, NSW who have stepped up and faithfully continued ministering to the children in their weekly Sunday school, Kids Club and Teen Club programs which they started as a result of their first VBS three years ago. On our second morning, as Bro. Geer was standing at the front porch of the church he saw 5 neighborhood boys riding their bikes down the street. He immediately stepped out in his full cowboy garb and called out to them. They, somewhat reluctantly, came to him and listened as he enthusiastically invited them to VBS. The two sets of brothers each rode home, got parents permission and rode back quick as a wink and joined us for the remainder of the week. Each day they lingered after VBS was over and were the last to leave relishing every moment. On the last day, the oldest, Adam, accepted Christ.

February turned out to be teacher training month. We held several days of Teacher training at Sydney Baptist Bible College for area churches to attend. Our classes included people from Papua New Guinea, Korea, China, Philippines, Malaysia as well as some true, blue Aussies. Exciting to think that some of them will be going back to their countries and taking what they have learned with them to reach more children around the world! We also very much enjoyed doing Teacher training with Open Bible Baptist Church, Pastor Jason Young. It was a pleasure getting to know and fellowship this good family and church.



We have been working with churches in Australia to initiate some different methods of outreach and have had good success on several occasions by having an activity in a local park with games, refreshments and a Bible message. As we are playing games with the church children, the adults go around the park and invite the other parents and their children to join in with us. Saturday in the park with Victory Baptist was no different. We had some children join in and many adults were also able to hear the gospel message as well as several having one on one conversations with soul winners. It was an encouraging time and we look forward to doing this again.



We traveled to Queanbeyan, NSW to preach the first night of a new Teen Bible Club at Queanbeyan Baptist Church with missionary Kevin Beier. Tom always enjoys getting right in the middle of the action.

We ended the month of February doing special children's meetings during a conference at Faith Baptist Church in Regent's Park, NSW. We were pleasantly surprised to receive a copy of the 3 year Sunday school curriculum that this church has put together. They shared their gratitude with us for giving them the instruction and vision to accomplish this great feat. We are so proud of Bro. Peter and crew who have worked tirelessly on this project and plan to continue on. This blessing is also fruit to the account of those who pray and sacrifice to send us around the globe to train and encourage children's ministry labourers.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support!

Very Sincerely for the Children,

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