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the pillar and ground of the truth.
I Timothy 3:15



1ST QUARTER 2021 MINISTRY REPORT

31ST MARCH 2021

Dear Pastor and Praying friends,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I present to you our FIRST Ministry Report!

I thought it fitting to start the year with a Ministry launch day in February and though Covid-19 social distancing and other restrictions continued to be in place, we were able to hold our Ministry launch day on the 7th of February, the theme for 2021 being RESILIENT IN HIS REST...Isaiah 11:10 ..."and his rest shall be glorious." We celebrated with a BBQ and a time of fellowship outside on the church property.

The Lord was gracious and answered our prayers when our scheduled evangelistic meetings with Bro. Chris Hustler were able to go ahead despite the sudden Covid-19 outbreak and lock down happening in the state of Victoria where Bro. Chris resides. The meetings ran through from 19th – 21st February and they were an absolute blessing to all who were able to come.

During his ministry to LHBC, Bro. Chris was able to spend some time with a few of our men from church sharing the gospel and giving out tracts in the Maroubra area at our organised outreach. Amongst many of the locals who were given tracts and witnessed to, we were able to witness to a man (Donald) who had a divine appointment organised by the Lord . Donald's father attends LHBC every time he is in Australia from the Philippines and has a great burden to see his boy walk with the Lord. What a blessing that we are able to continue to reach out to him and his wife.

The preaching from Bro. Chris was pointed and impacting and the meetings overall were a huge blessing to our church.



The 5th of March saw us host our second 1/2 Night Of Prayer this year. The church family assembled at church to spend time in prayer from 8:00 p.m. through to 12:00 midnight. A fruitful time spent praying for all the church families, ministries and other churches and pastors of like faith, missionaries and everything else the Lord laid on his children's heart to bring before the great throne of God. We still believe God works in the midst of praying . .

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Christians and we are careful to give all the Glory to God for all our answered prayers.



The church rejoiced in the early part of the year when Bro Ilias and Sis Carolyn (Husband and wife) accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour and where wondrously saved!. They went on to make the decision to follow the Lord in believers baptism and were baptised. I continue to weekly disciple this couple and it's a joy to see them grow and mature in the Lord, I never get tired of witnessing God's children have a real hunger and thirst after righteousness.

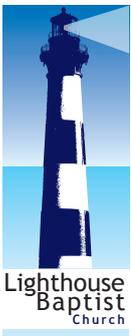
Also young Isabelle, who is twelve years old and the daughter of one of our very faithful families at LHBC also decided to be baptised. Praise the Lord for young hearts that want to follow the Lord.



Despite the covid-19 pandemic affecting hundreds of thousands of lives and economies world wide, we are humbled to say that as a church we have witnessed God do amazing things with His people. The Lord preserved us and answered our petitions in regards to our people's needs, especially in the areas of health, finances and service. We slowly and by God's grace continue to grow as a church, not only spiritually but also numerically. Through outreach and discipleship the Lord has blessed us with 5 additional new members in the last few months, sister's Janette, Sheena and Kim, along with Ilias and Carolyn all decided they wanted to take ownership of the local NT church and signed up. Glory!



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Bro Tony, Kim's fiancé has made the decision also to be baptised and we will have a baptismal service of the 18th of April. Please pray for this event, as we hold a "Friend Day" with a Gospel message and a luncheon.

Lastly but definitely not least, Corrine organised our first ladies fellowship of the year on the 27th March. The Lighthouse ladies thoroughly enjoyed their time together with a challenge from the scriptures, pizza and pasta for dinner, and sweet fellowship. The night concluded with a time of prayer that was from all accounts, Spirit filled, the ladies wept and prayed unto the Lord as they interceded for each other. A profitable time of ministry indeed.



Of great encouragement was our church's decision to take on another Aussie missionary in Pastor and Mrs Sehmish in Thailand. We praise the Lord that as a small church we continue to have a big foot print in world wide missions.

We truly look forward to what the Lord has install for us as a family and for Lighthouse for the rest of this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued prayers and support for us and our ministry. We press forward in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney for the cause of Christ. Oh how great is our God and unto Him we lift up our praises and thanksgiving!

Psalms 18:3

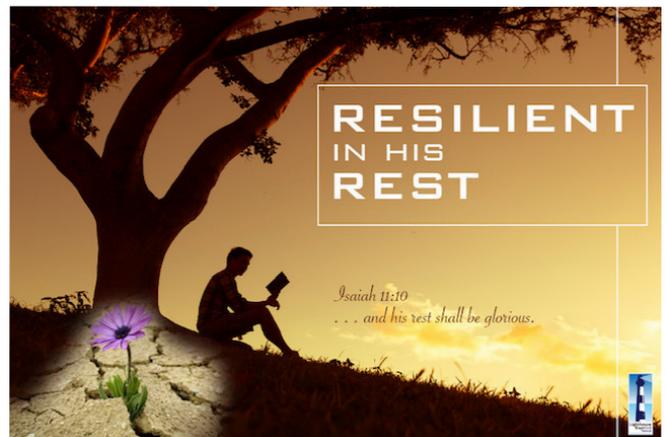
I will call upon THE LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Pastor Gus and Corrine Battistuzzi.



PRAISE and PRAYER POINTS:

- *I continue to recuperate and strengthen from a Right Radical Kidney Nephrectomy due to Kidney Cancer, praise the Lord, I have the all clear. Praising God!*
- *God continuing to hold our family safe in the palm of His hand. Corrine, Kayley and Gabriel doing well.*
- *Support at around 45% of what is needed. Praise the Lord!*
- *God's leading and timing, starting to transition to full time ministry, Lord willing I will be able to leave my secular employment by years end.*
- *Pray for our Easter Services, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.*
- *Pray for our first ever Senior Saints day out to the Blue mountains on the 15th of April*
- *Bro Tony's Baptism and Gospel Service on the 18th of April, lost family and friends invited.*
- *Please pray that the Lord would provide a new church building as He sees fit, we have to probably be out, at this stage, by years end or early next year.*
- *Pray for the salvation of James, Marcela and Felicity.*
- *Pray for those being disciplined and undergoing premarital counselling.*
- *Please pray for an open door and effectual to share the Gospel to Sydneysiders.*



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