



Dear Brethren,

Greetings from Western Australia. The church here in Armadale is doing very well. There is peace and harmony and a closeness between all the brethren. We are gaining strength from one another and have a combined vision for where we see the local church going. It is very rewarding working with these wonderful people and shows great promise for the future.

We had a very busy April, so much so that only now does it feel like my feet are hitting the ground.

Anne and I made a very quick and unscheduled trip to Tanzania. The day we arrived home, Clint De France arrived here for our gospel meeting. We had Clint staying at our house, Anne did a wonderful job transforming from a jet lagged traveler to the best of hostesses. We had a great time with Clint and his visit created many good leads.

## Tanzania

We needed to go to Tanzania to see if we could help a preacher there who had had a very bad motor cycle accident and injured his head. There had been a number of very conflicting reports and we really didn't know what was happening. The congregation here at Armadale had sent money for him to travel to Kenya for head surgery and we were worried that in his confused state things had gone horribly wrong. Anne was invaluable in this area, she is a Theatre Nurse (Operating Room) and her expertise was a great help. Also her knowledge and compassion went a long way to comforting this brother and explaining things to him and his wife. Fortunately there had been a mix up in communications and the surgery had gone well and the brother is recovering excellently.

While we were in Tanzania I had the chance to meet up with an older brother who had traveled to Arusha from Lake Victoria. This brother had previously worshipped with multiple cups, he changed his worship practice, but still broke the loaf. He studied himself out of this practice and has been worshipping scripturally for some time now. He is a good man and has established 6 congregations in that area. He has asked me to come and visit them when I am next in the country.

While we were in the country there were a couple of problems that I was asked about. I was able to sit down and talk with a lot of people and I think they are on their way with dealing with things. Anne and I were only in Arusha for one week, but we were very busy and got a lot of things done.

## Gospel Meeting

As I have already mentioned, we arrived back in Perth on the same day as Clint De France arrived from the U.S.A. It was very good to see Clint, we arrived at the airport and drove straight to our son Jamie and his wife, Elizabeth's house. They had picked up Clint and had spent the day with him. We had a lovely time together and then later took Clint home.

In the few days before his meeting Clint and I had a number of studies and met with all of the Christian families here in Armadale. Clint's friendly personality, his love and of the brethren and his Bible knowledge meant that he was very warmly received by all. Everyone was really looking forward to the meeting.

We were not disappointed with how Clint taught. As normal, we had an 8 day meeting - Sunday to Sunday. It is really wonderful with everyone coming out each evening to worship together and learn from the Bible. Practically the whole congregation was at all the services and we had several community visitors as well.

Clint taught a number of his "Sheet Sermons" These went down very well with all. The young people particularly appreciated this style of teaching and on several nights they came up and thanked Clint for his teaching and mentioned how much it helped.



## Possible New Work

One evening after worship a number of us went down to the local McDonalds. While there Clint was explaining about demon possession and he stated that Australian Aboriginal people could not have been possessed by demons. As it happened there was a very large Aboriginal man passing right at the moment. He obviously miss heard Clint and was very upset. Clint then failed to hear correctly what this man was saying and things were looking like they could get bad for a while. I went over and talked quietly to this man, apologising for any misunderstanding. Clint also came over and we ended up laughing at the situation. We left on friendly terms with this man inviting us to visit him in his home town (about 2 hours drive away from Armadale).

Clint was clearly upset by what he thought was a situation that might have put the Lord's church in a bad light. So, we decided to travel the next day to visit this man. Brother Troy Robinson came with us and we headed to a town none of us knew armed only with the name of this man.

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Within 5 minutes of being in the town of Narrogin (population 4000) we were standing outside Clive Kickett's house. When he pulled up in his car we were welcomed like long lost brothers. In a little while Clive's cousin, Graeme Miller arrived and they told us that their town really needed the gospel - they needed to be saved.

We studied with these men and found them really serious about the Bible. They had had a very hard life and wanted to turn around. We explained about the Church of Christ and how to obey the gospel and saw they were getting very excited. We also were very excited about this first meeting.

We traveled back to Narrogin a few times and had several studies. Last Thursday we had the wonderful opportunity of baptising Graeme into Christ. He is a really great guy and has had a great love for the Lord. He told us that he had never heard the true teaching from the Bible and was very excited about it all.

I saw Clive on Tuesday and he is very interested, but they are having a large number of problems in his family - numerous deaths and funerals he has had to organise. He is very serious and recognises that this is the most important decision of his life. He wants to study more and then be baptised.



I really see that this a great opportunity and one that we all have been praying for. Please pray for this new work.

One of the visitors that we had at the gospel meeting showed a great interest in the church. I arranged on Tuesday to study with him and we had a really great study. He is planning on coming to worship next Sunday and I am sure that we will be able to have more studies with him.

As you can see we have had a busy month and it looks like we are going to be continuing to be busy - I am very happy about that. The congregation here puts a lot of effort into our gospel meetings and we all feel that all our efforts this year have been really worth it.

I thank you all once again for your continuing interest in the work here in Australia. While the Armadale congregation is the only faithful congregation that we know of in the whole of Australia we all feel that this will not be the case in the very near future. Please continue to pray for the Lord's work here.

In His Service

Keith Thomson