

PIM NEWSLETTER

MIDWEST PATROL – Surendra, May, Gabriella, Elijah & Caleb Wesley



Greetings to you all from Mount Magnet in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for your faithful obedience to the Lord in supporting His work in Mount Magnet through your prayers, visitation, encouragement and finances. We are a team for God's kingdom using our God-given gifts and talents for His glory to extend His kingdom. May the Lord bless you richly and keep you in good health and watch over your families and loved ones.

An Aboriginal gentleman that I mentioned in my last newsletter has been moved to Perth permanently due to health reasons, but he is well looked after and cared for there by the government services.

Many changes have occurred in Magnet since last year. Last year we started a vacation Bible school for the kids here in Magnet during the third term break. It was a huge success by God's grace, and we had about 42 children attend the program which ran for four days. So this year also we have planned it. The program will take place from September 30th to October 4th. A lot of preparation has gone into this program, especially in advertising it in Magnet and also in the surrounding areas like Cue etc.

Sunday Worship Service

By the grace of God our Sunday Worship Service has picked up a little, and we are getting about 17 people on a regular basis. We have had a young couple join us recently and the husband is actively participating in reading the Scriptures on Sunday mornings. We have Aboriginals, Australians, English, New Zealanders, Ghana, Indonesian, Sri-Lankan and Indians in our congregation. Praise God for this wonderful richness in diversity.

Sunday School

At the beginning of this year, our Sunday School attendance took a great hit due to a lot of families moving out of town for better education opportunities for their children. In just six months our School attendance went down from 140 students to around 35-50 students. Sunday School lost about 14-16 kids in this migration of families. By the grace of God, we are still getting around 10-14 kids at the moment for Sunday School.

Station Visitation

Two days a week I visit stations and by the grace of God I am well received by them and I still get a lot of produce given to me from the stations. A few of the station owners have sold their stations and have left but the new ones have come, and I am building relationships with them, by helping them in any way I can.

Community Involvement

We are quite heavily involved in the community; we attend most events unless they are in the night (due to our kids being young and also night events lead to drinking and fighting). I help a lot at the school, sometime school needs extra help with students, so I go and help as much as I can, and by doing this I have developed a very good relationship with school staff and the committee and the shire as well. Just recently the shire has agreed to give us a very good discounted rate for VBS people to stay at the caravan park.

We just had an Astro-Rock festival and Naidoc day celebration. These events were well attended by many visitors from all around Australia due to wild flower season, and a lot of tourists came by. We also had safari women come by and it was well attended by our church, we had about 15 women attend the Safari women seminar.

May has also started a ballet class for little girls, where she teaches them how to do ballet, but primarily a way to reach their parents, the final ballet program for this term is on this Sunday evening, where we have invited people from the local community.

Kids music club is also going well but due to funerals in town or in other towns we lose a lot of parents for months, but we continue to run it even if there are only 4-5 children. This program is mostly attended by Aboriginal parents.

The ANZAC Day service was very well attended this year, close to 300 people, two thirds of them were miners. This year the organiser of the ANZAC service asked me if our Magnet Presbyterian Church could sing few hymns, but he asked me a day before the service, unfortunately we could not do that but I promised him that next year we can surely prepare few Christians hymns to sing and people can just join us in singing during the service. I was given 3-5 minutes to talk, and by the grace of God I shared the full gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ. The ANZAC service has been one of the greatest ways to reach out to the vast number of people with the gospel message.

Women's Bible Study

We were trying to experiment with running women's Bible study this year and by the grace of God it is well attended, with about 6-8 women including sister Jerry who runs the Catholic Church in Magnet.

Prayer Meeting

Our prayer meeting is held on every Friday at 9am and now mostly it is just my father-in-law and I in attendance.

God is truly doing wonders in this little town; He has blessed us with many opportunities to reach out to different groups of people with His love (His word).

I would also like to share this news with you that we feel that our time here in Mount Magnet has come to a close, and by the end of this year we will be leaving to go to Leigh Parish VIC to serve God. We have accepted the call from The Leigh Presbyterian Church to serve God there. This decision has come due to our children's education concern, so when God in his mercy opened this door, we thankfully accepted it. But the wonderful work of God here in Mount Magnet will continue as PIM is seeking a suitable man who is called to serve God in Magnet and surrounding areas. May I invite you to join us in praying and asking God to provide us a labourer for harvesting the fruit for His kingdom.

Praise Points

We thank God for His amazing and unconditional love, provision and goodness.

We thank God for the wonderful privilege to serve God alongside you all here in Mount Magnet.

We thank God for His blessings in providing with blessed opportunities to share God's word with many people.

We thank God for your prayers, encouragement and financial support through the years to continue to serve God. May God richly bless you and your families and may you continue to take part in building God's kingdom with whatever capacity God enables you.

Prayer Points

Please pray that God will send a man called by God to continue the work in Mount Magnet.

Please pray for our smooth transition to our next appointment.