



# Douglas Dispatch

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## Consolation in Christ

*Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*  
Philippians 2:1-2

It is such a blessing to know that there are like-minded people around the world who are praying for us. We can have the same love and be in one accord even though we are thousands of miles apart. Thank you for your part in the ministry in Australia through your prayers. Prayer matters and we appreciate you!

We are also thankful for our small church body here in Corrimal who is working with one mind to see this church restarted. It is a slow process. This area seems to be resistant and unconcerned about spiritual things. We are not content as a church to stay small, to stay the same. We are excited to see how Christ will build His church in this place.

## The ministry news and blessings

The last Saturday in October is a movie night for the community. We have advertised around town and are praying for a good turnout. We are showing the Lionsgate production of "No Greater Love," a story of restoration and forgiveness.



Jesus told us the harvest is great!

Renovations on the church property continue. We had a team from the US early in September—a family who worked hard for a week to paint the exterior of the church building. It looks so good, so fresh and clean.

Shortly after, we participated in a community event called "Spring into Corrimal," a one-day carnival, by offering free water and sausage sandwiches (the Aussie version of

hot dogs) to those who were passing by. It was well-received. We gave away 250 sausages and almost 400 water bottles. It was a great way to introduce ourselves to the community and let them know that we are alive and well as a church.

Matt has been preaching through Romans, but is taking a break now through Christmas, preaching on the Baptist distinctives. It's a good reminder for our people of why we call ourselves a Baptist church.

## Family life

Our family is doing well. Amy seems to be doing well at Cedarville. We do miss her a lot. Pray that she will get enough rest and keep up with her studies. Luke just finished his yearly exams at school and is confident that he did pretty well. He's also trying to get more hours behind the wheel of the car. Barb had a bout with bronchitis, but seems to be doing fine now. Matt has been well, but for the occasional muscle stiffness from working too hard on the church property or our own property we're preparing for building.

## Church replant

God has blessed our church with a substantial bank account for much of the renovations that have taken place. This account is diminishing quickly. If your church, or you as an individual, are interested in helping with the renovations on our church property, here is a list of some of the items we need to work on. Perhaps your Christmas offering could be sent to our ABWE account "Corrimal Church Renovations."

- Complete painting of church buildings
- New church kitchen cabinets
- Appliances for kitchen (refrigerator, stove, microwave)
- Structural repair of cottage wall
- New windows for the sanctuary building
- New carpeting
- New curtain for stage
- Handicapped accessible ramp

Or perhaps you could send a team (or join a team from ABWE) to help with the work. Please contact us if you are interested.

*Thanks, Matt & Barb Douglas*

## Praise the Lord

- Church replant is adjusting to change well
- Two families that have come to help paint
- Good outreach events for the church
- Family going good as we look for summer

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## Pray with us

- A coworker in the ministry in Corrimal
- Growth in this replant ministry
- Gov approval to build our house
- More people to come on work teams to help restore the buildings here

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