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## July 2022 News

Dear Friends and Family,

Recently the results of the Australian census were released and revealed that nearly as many people identified themselves as "having no religion" as identified themselves as "Christian." As the numbers of people who do not identify themselves as Christians (at least in name) increases, the more believers will have in common with the early church. In the early church, people who identified themselves as Christians were in the minority and many times they experienced ridicule and persecution for their beliefs. In fact, the Apostle Paul told Timothy, "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me (2 Timothy 3:10-11). In the next verse, Paul warned believers of the persecution they will face and stated, Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (v11). Then, in five of the next six verses, the Apostle Paul exhorted believers to prepare for those tough times by knowing and clinging to the Word of God. Times are getting worse, but God's Word is still an anchor to the believer's soul! As a friend of mine always says, Stay in the Book! Praises:

\*Camps went well and several life-changing decisions were made. Continue to pray. \*We are seeing results from our tract distribution and neighbourhood outreach. \*For guidance for two young men who are praying about full-time gospel ministry.

## **Prayer Requests:**

\*For our upcoming Christmas in July activity (22<sup>nd</sup> of July) \*For Becca, Clarisse and Bryce who are having some health problems \*For afterschool Bible club (18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> of July) \*For our continuous cricket match (4<sup>th</sup> of August)

Thank you for your prayers and gracious giving.

With love and prayers,

Kelly, Becca, Clarisse & Bryce Gilliam