



# The Webers

Missionaries to **Australia** December 2011



## *What do you think?*

John was a man who worked in the shoe repair shop in our local shopping centre. When I took a pair of my shoes in for repair this week, he made it clear to me that he'd like some company. So I stayed and talked with him while he worked on my shoes. He asked me what I did for a living, and I told him I was a pastor in Rouse Hill. This is when he began to open up about his own religious experience.

John was raised a Catholic, and his parents "made" him go to church. As he grew up, he found that his parents' religion didn't satisfy him. He felt like a hypocrite going to church, so against his parents' wishes, he stopped going. When he finished telling his story, he couldn't have left the door open any wider when he turned to me and said, "What do you think?"

For the next fifteen minutes, I was able to explain to him that "religion" would *never* satisfy him. But true Christianity was about more than just outward dos and don'ts. He didn't need religion, he needed a relationship with Jesus Christ. He agreed with every word I said.

Before we knew it, we looked up and there were already several customers waiting. Our time was up. Even though I tried to wait, John remained busy as more customers came. Finally, I said goodbye and told him I'd come back another day to talk to him again. God willing, I'll come back next week to talk some more and to invite him to our church to experience what this relationship is all about.

We ask your prayers for John and others like him, that God would allow the seeds that are planted to take root and grow in their lives, and that He would open more doors to share the gospel with others.

## *Prayer Praises*

1. Some wide-open doors to share the Gospel
2. Spiritual growth for our children
3. The chance to do some mentoring this summer
4. God's provision this past year
5. Our great prayer partners

## *Prayer Requests*

1. The salvation of John, a worker at a shoe repair shop
2. More opportunities to share the Gospel this season
3. Fruit from church Christmas outreaches this year
4. Time to get away for rest and relaxation this summer
5. The salvation of our daughter, Sarah

## Ministry Update

Even though our teaching ministries are finished for the summer, Christmas brings with it a whole new set of ministries. On December 17<sup>th</sup> we've been invited to a caroling event with Bethesda Baptist in Prestons, and that evening we'll be participating in another carol sing with Berean Baptist in Corrimal. Pray that we'll get a good number of people from the community to attend.

The summer season also means a lot of travel for many of our pastors. Last week, Paul preached an evening service at Central Mountains Baptist Church and this week, he'll be preaching at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

This past Friday, we invited our English classes to our home for a Christmas party. It's always great when we're able to share with our students on a more personal level. Pray for the Gospel to bear fruit in their lives.

Finally, please pray that God might keep us in mind of the reason for this season, and that He might give us opportunities to share it with others. **We pray the same for you this Christmas!**

## *Rachel's Corner*

*As we're finishing up this school year we look toward the next year and its plans. One thing we're planning is to put Sarah in kindergarten. After seventeen years of someone being home with us during the day we'll now have one year where all five are in school at once. Andrew is finishing up his last year of high school as Sarah begins her school career.*

*The kids are all doing well in school and in their personal growth, and we're very proud of them. Please pray with us for Sarah. She's had a lot of questions lately about salvation. She is showing awareness and remorse for her sin and we look forward to seeing her come to know the Savior. Anna, too, has been asking about being baptized. It is a joy to see our children walking in the Lord. Thank you for your prayers on their behalf.*

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