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Dear Brethren,

Things are going fairly well here in Armadale. The brethren seem to be doing well, with just the usual amount of passing illness. We hold services twice on the Lord's day, at 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Most of the brethren come to the evening service, which is encouraging. We don't have an evening service, but a few of us gather together in individual's houses on a Tuesday night for private studies.

Each year in April we have conducted a week long gospel meeting and this year we have asked Mike Criswell and he graciously agreed to come and speak for us. This is the first visit that Mike will be making over here and we are all really looking forward to hearing him speak. We don't usually have a lot of interest from the community through the year, but we have consistently had new contacts from our meeting, several of these contacts leading to conversions.

The church in Armadale is the only faithful church that we are aware of on the continent of Australia so there are times when we can feel just a little isolated. Perth, the capital city of Western Australia, and the city of which Armadale is part of, is considered to be the most isolated capital city in the world. Does that mean that we are the most isolated church in the world? I don't know, but I do know that the closest faithful congregation is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2 500miles away!

Anyway, as a result of all this, the gospel meeting is a real highlight of our year. There is a noticeable excitement as we get closer to the week of the meeting and a real "buzz" in the congregation afterwards. Lord willing we will have the same effect this year and all the brethren will be greatly uplifted.

While I mentioned we don't often get visitors, this last month or so has been an exception. We are having an elderly couple worshiping with us for the last seven or eight weeks and Lawrence, one of the young men here, has been bringing a young lady on a working holiday from Canada, to worship quiet regularly. Lawrence is not a member yet and I have just started studying with the two of them and receiving great interest. We have also had more intermittent visitors who expressed an interest. Lord willing, they will come back and I will be able to study with them.

One of the main focuses of the church this year is to offer a Bible Study Course to the local community. We are using the course written by Jim Crouch and are offering a free leather Bible on the completion of the course. I will be delivering these personally and attempting to get private studies going. So far I have letter box dropped over a thousand flyers and are looking to start advertising in the local paper (an expensive item here in Perth). While we have not had any responses yet, I am not discouraged, I am just sowing seeds.

I would like to thank the brethren once again for the help and encouragement you are offering to myself and the work here in western Australia.

God Bless you all.

In His service.

Keith Thomson.