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Christopher Eckels Family January, February 2020
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Prayer Highlights...

- New Location for WBC
- A Furlough
- Finances to move
- Yolanda's health
- Rachels upcoming wedding

Praises/Answered prayer:

- Still in our building
- Support from Churches
- Our health is well.

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Aussie word(s) to know!

Chockers: Very full
The Boot: A Car's Trunk
Eskey: Cooler
Ute: A small truck



Fires, Plagues, Pestilence and Floods

Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

Ministry Highlights...

Apocalyptic headlines are everywhere we turn in our media. The media is even using Biblical terms in describing these events in our world. What a reminder that God's word is true. Signs of the times are everywhere reminding the believer that Christ will soon return.

Hard to believe we have entered another decade, and this will be **our 14th year** here in Australia. The Westside Baptist Church will be celebrating its **11th year** here in Victoria. The holiday seasons came and went quickly with the church having a candlelight service, a Christmas day service and our annual New Year's Eve service. We prayed in the new year and asked God for new direction for the Church and ministries. We took 7 to summer camp in January and saw our teens make life changing decisions. My wife was a Sr. Girls leader and I was a Jr. Boys leader. The highlight of our year was to work in camp.

We are excited about the times we are living in. We just graduated another man in our discipleship program. We said good bye to one of our members and her son who returned back to the States. Yolanda spent a year and a half discipling her every Thursday for several hours.



Saying Goodbye

A Graduate

We continue to pray for God's will in where we will meet for this year. We would love to stay where we are until we can get our own place. Please pray about this situation of another location and more ministry.

Australia Highlights...

The fires have done much damage here in Australia as many have heard or seen on the news. Many people, especially those who lost everything, are very discouraged and are moving out of the areas leaving behind a financial burden on the small outback communities. The rains have come as we head into winter here in Australia causing heavy flooding. If that wasn't enough Australia has felt the effect of the **Corona virus**. Australia depends heavily on China. China's money has floated the economy, housing market and their students have filled the universities here. Now as the Uni season starts 69,000 Chinese students are still in China putting a heavy drain on the universities.

Family Highlights...

Another wedding is on the horizon as Rachel was just engaged to a young man Tyrone who is from a good church in California. Looks like we will be making a trip to California in December. We are trying to plan a furlough right now along with trying to leave a large ministry for a while. Jeremiah and Marcela are doing well and have settled down to married life and serving in the church here. Noah finishes High School in a few months and will be off to Uni.

Yolanda has had a **relapse** of sort with her health. We found ourselves in the emergency room with the same symptoms of her last ordeal of her blood clot with the lungs. She was released with clear tests and so we are not sure what to think right now. Please pray for her and her health. She has a cough, chest pressure and tiredness.

**Your support received with much
thanksgiving.**

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Christopher Eckels & Family