

# *Missionary to Australia*

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*"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Romans 11:36*

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## **September 2018**

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;" (II Corinthians 1:3). Greetings in the precious name of Christ Jesus the Lord.

It was a blessing to have visitors to attend the services as a result of the Gospel articles that we had placed in our community newspaper. It is somewhat disheartening that most do not come back. Nevertheless, we strive to encourage ourselves in the Lord, and seek grace to continue faithfully in the propagation of the Gospel, knowing that His word does not return unto Him void.

I had an opportunity to speak with Brother Wilfred Megaye this month. He is the pastor of Tugu Baptist Church, that is in a remote area of the Highlands in Papua New Guinea. Due to this remoteness, it is often difficult to get phone reception, so it was a blessing to be able to talk with him. His village is in the area affected by the recent earthquake. He informed me that while there had been difficulties and shortages of food, things were returning to normal and their gardens were producing once again.

By way of an update regarding my health, I continue to be monitored for any change in my condition. Cyd and I both greatly appreciate your prayers for our health.

Our sincere thanks once again for your continued love, prayers, encouragement, and support for the Lord's work in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Love in Christ, Frank James

## ***News From The Homefront***

Journalist Serena Solomon writes about the magpie issue better than I could. It affects the whole country. Here is an excerpt from her article.

"There are the snakes, the sharks and the spiders, but no one told you about the magpies, did they?"

In September and October, Australians band together as if motivated by a national war effort. It's swooping season for the native magpie. This black-and-white bird with beady red-brown eyes can become aggressive, dive bombing and pecking anything, especially humans, that it deems a threat to its chicks.

During the spring swooping season, victims of attacks update online maps with nest locations in order to warn others of the danger from above. Principals put their bodies on the line to protect students. Talk radio shows are flooded with dramatic swoop stories.

"It is the biggest urban wildlife problem there is in Australia just because of the scale and sheer number of animals involved," said Professor Darryl Jones, an urban ecologist with Griffith University in Brisbane."  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/14/world/what-in-the-world/australia-magpie-season.html>

A friend in Christ, Cyd James

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