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Dear Pastor, church, and praying friends,

When we remember back to the time of our wedding, now nearly 53 years ago, the song we chose to be sung was "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go, Dear Lord". We have never regretted the direction God has led us. Three weeks ago we were confronted with the urgency of our last church in Australia. The pastor wanted to leave and the future for the church looked like the end had come. We absolutely could not sit by and let this happen. Without question, Joyce and I were resolved at once to take action. We committed to the people whom we love that we will be in Australia by the end of May, 2012.

This decision which we firmly believe is God's number one calling for our lives will put us in need of some very important issues. We have made arrangements for our pet doggies to move to Alabama. We have booked our tickets and have that cost covered. We have a car immediately up our arrival in Australia. However, our support level is not up like it needs to be for the financial expenses incurred by Australian standards. Gasoline is reported to be \$7.00 a gallon. House rent will be \$1000.00 and up with a bond down payment of the same or more just to get into an apartment. We have no belongings there, but have negotiated to buy a few things for household living. It is hard to be committed to more than our budget will allow. God has affirmed our needs will be met: "the heart of the king is in the Lord's hands". It is exciting but also demanding our extreme faith.


We have seen God's promises at work in the last three missions conferences that we have been a part of. A high school senior dedicated his life to be a missionary in one church; in another a young lady dedicated her life to be a medical missionary. We saw folks exercising their faith in pledging to give to faith promise. Little did we know God would be calling on us to stretch our faith like He has.

Will you help us? We do not know how long we will be in Australia to build up this church and get a faithful pastor. We can only estimate: maybe two years. We are asking churches to at least raise their support for this amount of time, and to help with special gifts to cover our expenses in getting set up. Right now, we do not know where we will be staying the first night when we arrive in Australia.

It is our intention to begin sending out our letters by e-mail rather than by post. If you could reply to our e-mail address: erjlkoon@hotmail.com, and let us know your e-mail address, we would be able to save a considerable amount of money.

Despite our age and health issues, we are looking forward to serving the Lord again in Australia. The people that we have communicated with are counting the Sundays until we get there. **Please pray earnestly for us: for God to supply our financial needs, household needs, health, and for His blessings on us and our church.** Thank you and God bless you for all you have done and will do! Especially, thank you for your regular support and gifts for February and March, 2012. We are very grateful for your help.

In the Harvest Together,


Earl and Joyce Koon

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6