



# Webers' Wanderings



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## Praises

1. The chance to be back teaching English again
2. After four months and two phone companies, we finally have phone and internet service!
3. Celebration of 17 years of marriage on August 1<sup>st</sup>
4. Great opportunities to share in our English classes
5. A great turnout for both of our Rouse Hill holiday outreaches

## Requests

1. Boldness in our proclamation of the Gospel
  2. Salvation of Kamala, Rosanna, and many more of our unsaved English and Scripture class students
  3. Salvation for Peter, the lost husband of one of our church attenders.
  4. Continued recovery for Adrianna, who has finished chemotherapy treatments and is awaiting test results
  5. Fruit as we follow up on the contacts we've made
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## Tales from English Class

English classes have picked up again for term three, and we're both back teaching after a long layoff. The first week back we walked into a classroom of students we hadn't seen in nearly two years. We knew we were missing it, but hadn't realized how much until we were among our good friends once again. It is such a blessing from the Lord that we have this privilege.

First up was Rachel. Everyone was so glad to see her again. They had lots of questions about what she'd been up to and how the kids were. Then she got a comment she wasn't expecting. One of our students, Kamala, a Sri Lankan lady said, "I don't get you." At first, Rachel thought perhaps she didn't understand something about class, so she asked Kamala to explain her problem. She told Rachel that she couldn't understand how she could have five children, teach, keep the home, travel and be so busy all the time and yet be happy. She explained that she only has one child and little to do and is unhappy. Why is it that there is such a difference between the two, she was wondering? What an opportunity! So, in front of the class Rachel told her that she was happy because she knew the Lord as her Saviour and was able to learn how to live from His Word. "Oh . . . you're religious," was the reply. Rachel responded, "No, no it's not a religion that gives me joy, but a relationship that I have with the Lord. Knowing Him and being known by Him gives me joy. His word tells me how to live and deal with whatever comes up. His presence in my life gives me joy and strength for each day." Kamala did not make a decision at that time, but it was an incredible chance to share about the Lord in a clear and bold way. She did listen, and it is our prayer that she will continue to give consideration to it as we share from God's Word throughout the term.

The next day was Paul's turn. He asked the class what they'd like to do first. They all agreed that they wanted to just talk and catch up on what we'd been doing for the past two years. It was a great time of getting re-acquainted with each other. As he got into the lesson, Paul began to address the issue of superstitions, and how they are simply based on fear. He had a chance to share some Scriptures with them. He explained that we don't need to fear things like bad luck or curses, but to fear God, who really does have the power to bless and curse our lives. One Italian student, Rosanna, abruptly spoke up, "Why would God curse anyone, isn't He a God of love?" For the next fifteen minutes, Paul had a chance to share with the whole class that God was not only a God of love, but a God of holiness and justice. God must deal with those who break His laws or He would not be just. They also got into talking about why God allows sin in the first place, and why there is so much sin (at least for the present) that seems to go unpunished. Mind you, all this has to be explained in a way that a beginning English speaker can understand. But as He spoke, he could see several of the Christian students nodding their heads in agreement. When class was finished for the day, Rosanna came up and thanked him for his clear explanation. She said, "I may not agree with you, but you do help me to understand it." We're praying that God will not only allow Rosanna to understand the Gospel, but to come to the point where she also agrees with it.

On another note, thanks for praying for our Rouse Hill holiday outreaches this past month. Our creation and Science seminar was a great success. More than 60 people were challenged in their thinking toward evolution and the Bible. Our Time Out outreach drew more than 40 children – a record for us. Our team from Bob Jones

did a great job, and everything ran as smoothly as it could. We also made many new contacts through both of these events. Please pray as we follow up on each of them. **Thanks again for your prayers.**