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Dear Co-laborers and Friends,

We are excited to be reporting that we have started Western Shore Baptist Church! As you can see from the picture, the Lord has blessed as we have been able to rent a suitable building in a nice area. We were also able to get several hundred flyers out



to announce the starting of the church, and we have been able to talk to people in the area as well. The area in which we minister is a rapidly-growing area with projections that would put it and the immediate suburbs at 110,000 people by the end of this year; and within only a few miles of our meeting place, numerous new houses are being built and new apartment buildings are nearly complete. What a wonderful opportunity to be able to serve the Lord in a place where we will never run out of people to whom we can share the gospel!

Another exciting thing that is happening is that I have been able to start to disciple a converted Muslim man. Once a week he has dinner with our family, and then we are able to do our study after that. He is also always there, and very willing, to help with any type of outreach. What a blessing it is to be able to work with such an eager, helpful man!

Please keep the church plant in your prayers as we are looking forward to our first Easter. Easter is a very big holiday here in Australia. Although most Australians do not attend church or have any church background, a majority of people enjoy a four day weekend around the Easter holiday (this includes Good Friday and "Easter Monday.")

Finally, please feel free to have a look at our website www.westernshorebaptist.com. We were blessed to have a young man whom we have known from Vancouver set up our website.

To the praise of His Glory,

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