

## **Letter from Alan Mitchell (Overseer of Queensland, Australia) April 2023**

A few things should be mentioned at this time. Things have happened that have shaken us and brought distress, but it all serves to remind us that our hope and confidence are in the Lord and such distresses should help our hope and confidence to become more deeply rooted in the Lord. Psalm 118: 9&10, "It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man, It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

We are also reminded of the need to take heed to ourselves. 1Timothy 4: 16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." This is written in to a servant of God, but many times in the Old Testament the whole congregation was exhorted to take heed to themselves.

The best way to help your neighbour with his garden is to tend to your own garden. Near the end of last year, all the Qld workers were advised to revise the CSA training program. We would like to remind everyone that if there are any concerns regarding sexual abuse, it needs to be taken to the appropriate authorities for the safety of our young ones, as we are not qualified to handle such matters. We cannot act on hearsay, without a proper investigation. Some of us hope to do some planning etc in Adelaide next week and we will appreciate your prayers.