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- 3. The upcoming Alpha Course, scheduled to begin in September, that God will prepare and draw in those who are hungry to hear the message of salvation. Pray also for a good response to the appeal for church helpers, so that the course runs smoothly and presents the Gospel clearly. Remember that Jesus told us to "make disciples ... baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19).
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