Exodus 11:1 to 12:20

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Umtentweni

On Christmas Day we had our usual gospel meeting. A good number attended, including quite a number of unsaved. some for the first time. My nephew, Andrew Grieve gave a faithful, clear gospel message. Pray for the salvation of those who attended. We thank God for His faithfulness to us over 2019 and look to Him for grace and help to be faithful to Him in 2020.

C. 1968

PAUL/DOROTHY GRIEVE

Exodus 12:21-51

CHINA Pop. 1,386 Mil.

The word 'Crisis' in Mandarin is made up of two components, 'Opportunity' and 'Danger'. In such circumstances, may God help us to 'Seize the Day' for the glory of our Saviour. Unconventional, inconvenient meeting places become the route as authorities vigorously crack down on all practice of faith that is not sanctioned. A harsh environment and distant travel is not considered enough to halt the gathering together of believers for fellowship, teaching and encouragement. Pray for our fellow believers in such circumstances.

C. 1975 (Aust)

JOHN/KAREN SHORT

Exodus 13:1 to 14:4

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.4 Mil. Perth

It is now almost 4 years since I left employment to serve the Lord. The majority of my time last year has been spent engaging in local activities around Perth. The soup kitchens we run on Mondays and Wednesdays have been visited by in excess of 500 different folks in the last couple of years. 7 attendees have died in the past year which is a great tragedy. We are encouraged by those who have attended the Hall. I have also commenced a weekly outreach at Perth College. A couple of Muslim lads have been asking a lot of questions. Pray for them.

C. 2015

GARETH EDWARDS

Exodus 14:5-31

N IRELAND Pop. 1.9 Mil.

We are grateful for your prayers as we continue to be engaged in the spread of the gospel, with a special focus on Belfast. David Williamson and I are engaged in gospel work with the little assembly at Laganvale in South Belfast. The need here (and everywhere) is great. God is able.

C. 2008 PAUL/KAREN McCAULEY Exodus 15

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20

Encouraging news has come through of a man, Ivo, being saved in the rough inland area of Ceara, north east Brazil. His wife is in fellowship locally in Ramadinha. Many have witnessed to him for years, but the Lord has now broken through the hardness. What a blessing! There was an excellent response to the calendar and gospel leaflet distribution in Tupi. Some new contacts have been made. Pray for this vast country and its great need.

C. 1974 JOHN/CLAUDETE AXFORD

Exodus 16

JAPAN Pop. 127 Mil. Koshoigaya

There were many opportunities to preach the gospel last month and we were encouraged by the many new faces who attended. My External Radiotherapy Treatment is about to start, but the timing is the Lord's as it does not interfere with my responsibilities at Dokkyo university. We would appreciate your continued prayer. Through the witness at Dokkyo, several are now attending the Coffee House in Koshigaya Hall and hearing the Gospel each time. What a wonderful opportunity!

C. 1988

NOEL/EILEEN HAMILTON Exodus

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Xalapa

We recently enjoyed a short spell of Gospel meetings with the help of fellow worker Shad Kember. A mother and son trusted the Saviour, which was very encouraging. Pray for Concepcion's husband and other two sons, who are all very open to the Gospel. A young man Alexis also told us he had got saved a few months previously. He is a lawyer but is having difficulty getting work, as it often requires dishonesty. Pray that he will find a job soon. Alexis has also indicated he wants to be baptised and added to the local assembly fellowship. TIMOTHY/JENNA STEVENSON C. 2011

Exodus 18

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Xalapa

A week ago we visited the coastal city of Tuxpan for two house meetings in the home of a Christian couple called Alejandro and Maribel. A nice number attended with plenty of questions following the preaching of the Gospel. On route, we stopped at a large town called Papantla to distribute calendars and preach in the central park. It was remarkable to see so many locals come with outstretched hands to receive one. We trust they will have the same desire to receive the Saviour. Pray for the believers that face many dangers in Mexico.

C. 2011 TIMOTHY/JENNA STEVENSON 28^{TH} Exodus 19

TANZANIA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 6 Dar-es-Salam

Both the Thursday and Friday Kids' Clubs ended very positively with almost 550 children attending the prize giving. It was a thrill to hear over 200 of them recite Psalm 23 perfectly for a prize. We travelled back to the UK for Christmas and shortly afterwards, Gill's dad, who is 86, fell at home and broke his hip, which needed surgery. Please pray for him, along with Gill's mum and others who are helping out. We were encouraged to hear that back at the Kinzudi assembly, Robert's wife, a Muslim lady, came to the carol service, which is quite a breakthrough. Pray for her salvation. C. 2002 STEPHEN/GILL DAVIES

Psalm 19:7

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Descalvado

A few weeks ago we visited a small assembly about 400 miles from us. We were with them over the weekend and it was good to see the assembly growing. On the Saturday evening, four were baptised; a man and his wife, their teenage daughter and a teenage boy. The happiness of the assembly was contagious and it was nice to meet up with other believers who also visited for the Bible teaching weekend. MARCO/JANICE GEBARA C. 1998 (Brazil)

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Genesis 39

ROMANIA Pop. 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Ploiesti

We have just finished our 12th year of Gospel outreach using tents. Last year tents were pitched in 122 villages and towns throughout Romania, with many trusting the Saviour as a result. Over 14,000 young people attended children's meetings and a similar number attended the adult meetings. We have been greatly encouraged. Pray for this growing work. Also, over 100,000 calendars, Gospel texts and seasonal tracts were distributed by many assemblies prior to Christmas. Increasing numbers of believers have caught the vision to reach out in the Gospel, for which we are grateful. C. 1992 PAUL/SUE WILLIAMS

 2^{ND} Genesis 40

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

We praise God for His faithfulness to us throughout 2019. Our daughter Kara is recovering well following successful traction and then delicate neck surgery in South Africa. We have been loved and cared for in so many ways during her hospitalisation and initial recuperation, especially by the local believers in the assembly in Berario. God willing we fly back to Zambia soon and value your continued prayers for her full recovery. C. 1997

TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

Genesis 41:1-49

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

The opportunities at the Loloma Hospital continue to encourage. Every morning the Gospel is preached throughout the hospital via a PA system. Time is also spent on each ward with staff and patients, giving spiritual encouragement and praying with them. This has been very rewarding. The Boarding School at Kayombo has over 300 pupils. Many parents appreciate the positive change in their children when they return for holidays. Pray that strong spiritual foundations will be laid.

C. 1997 TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

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Genesis 41:50 to 42:38

NORWAY Pop. 5.4 Mil. UK 5 Skien

During 2019, Jennifer's cancer did return aggressively. After further treatment we received the news a few months ago that unfortunately the cancer was now incurable! We recently managed to visit her aged father in N. Ireland, who is 99 years old and still rejoicing in the Lord. This was a great tonic to Jennifer, as was seeing the rest of her family. We are deeply conscious of the Lord's help throughout the journey permitted in His Sovereign will. We have also had opportunity to witness to many about the Saviour that would not normally have crossed our path. Please continue to pray for us.

C. 1982 NAT/JENNIFER RODGERS

5TH

Genesis 43

ITALY Pop. 59 Mil. UK 16 Naples

The planning permission for the building project has made some progress but is stalled until the land owner modifies our agreement in accordance with the Counsel's request. It is extremely frustrating dealing with Southern Italian bureaucracy. Pray that the Lord will guide and move as He alone can. We have just had the opportunity to speak to 160 young people on the Lord's coming and the effect it should have on our daily Christian life. Pray for their response.

C. 1995 ALEX/PATRIZIA CATCHPOLE

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Genesis 44

IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill

As we look back over another year, the Lord has been faithful. We recall young people trusting the Saviour at our Summer Camp at Avoca; many believers gathering for three Bible Teaching weekends; a significant number of local people contacted, with some attending our Gospel meetings; and a regular Children's and Teenager's Outreach. We are also thankful to God for the young believers in our local assembly in Drum who are so committed. During December I visited almost 3000 rural homes with Gospel Calendars. Please pray for further blessing. We value your encouragement in the work of the Lord.

C. 1992 NOE

NOEL/LIZA McMEEKIN

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Genesis 45

URUGUAY Pop. 3.5 Mil.

By the grace of God we continue serving the Lord in Uruguay, where we have laboured full time for over 60 years! We are now almost 89 years of age and, like you all, awaiting the coming of the Lord. Until then, we sow the Precious Word among saved and unsaved, leaving the results in His hand. We recently had a weekend of special meetings locally which were well attended. Brethren pray for us as we need it here in Uruguay.

HUMBERTO CORREA

QTH Genesis 46:1 to 47:26

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Francistown

A few months ago after the Francistown Conference, there was an evening of thanksgiving for 50 years of the work of the Lord in Botswana. Each assembly gave a report, which was very encouraging. Toward the end of last year 7 Sunday School Prize Givings were held, giving a further opportunity to present the Gospel to hundreds of children and their parents. Two young believers, Thabang and Martha were baptised in Francistown recently. Remember them and us in your prayers. C. 1999

JOHN/ONTY BANDY

9TH

Genesis 47:27 to 48:22

NEPAL Pop. 29 Mil.

Brethren Tika Ram Shrestha (aged 34) and his uncle Tika Narayan Shrestha (aged 61) were tragically killed in a car accident in December 2019. Both will be hugely missed by their families and all the believers in Nepal. Tika Ram started a primary school in Nepal, resisting government pressure to open on a Sunday. He was a humble and generous brother. He and his wife Gita housed over 10 children in their family. As a result, most are saved and in assembly fellowship.

CHARLES DAVIDSON

10TH

Genesis 49

NEPAL Pop. 29 Mil.

Our late brother Tika Ram Shrestha was a lover of souls and the gospel was his primary focus. Hundreds of villagers attended gospel meetings and it was Tika Ram's testimony that brought them. The Lord led the local believers to gather as an assembly in June 2019. Around 20 are in fellowship. His homecall is an immeasurable loss for the assembly, his family and for the gospel work in Nepal. We do not understand, but can only say 'As for God, His way is perfect'. CHARLES DAVIDSON

11TH Genesis 50

NEPAL Pop. 29 Mil.

The breaking of bread at Sante Chowk at the start of January was very emotional, with all who had been bereaved attending. Every brother took part publicly and it was a thrill just to be there. A van driver called Admit was saved last January, baptised in May and is now in fellowship. He asked if he could borrow the school's medium sized bus to bring people from his neighbouring village. Last night I counted 71 getting off the bus with him! The relatives of the 2 men who were also killed in the same accident as our brethren intend to make the 10 hour journey to come to the gospel meetings at Sante Chowk. Only the Lord could do this!

CHARLES DAVIDSON

17TH Exodus 1:1 to 2:22

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Serowe

After taking ill, brother Jim was hospitalised in Francistown for a week and looked after by Dr Mompati. His son Crawford and daughter Judith flew out to be with him. After some discussions, the family decided that Jim would come back to the UK for the foreseeable future. He will be based in Fife in Scotland, from where he was commended over 50 years ago. His illness and departure from Botswana is almost exactly a year since his dear wife Irene was called home. Remember our brother Jim as he undergoes more tests and looks to the Lord for His guidance.

C. 1968 JIM LEGGE

13TH

Exodus 2:23 to 3:22

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Nantes

The Lord has still not returned, leaving us with more opportunities to make known the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been working among the numerous muslim refugees in our area. There is a very small group of ex-muslim believers but many of these are persecuted for their faith. In spite of many encouragements, there are also many challenges in the work in France. It is disappointing to see some believers sidetracked in their faith and commitment to Christ. Pray for this needy country.

C. 1985/88 GERRY/DOROTHY SEED

 14^{TH}

Exodus 4

N. IRELAND Pop. 1.9 Mil.

Brother Bruce Cottrill and I were in Oil Springs, Canada for Gospel meetings following the conference there. The meetings were very encouraging, with four souls saved during our time there. This caused great joy to the saints and we all gave glory to God. A brother was also restored to the Lord, which was marvellous to hear. Pray for us and our young son Sean Mark. He continues to have oral chemo and steroids each night and every month attends the Royal Children's Cancer Unit for a different chemo.

C. 1991 TERRY/CHERYL TOPLEY

 15^{TH}

Exodus 5:1 to 6:12

EMMAUS MIDDLE EAST

The Lord continues to bless the work in Jordan. Another six new believers were baptised recently. Pray for the continued expansion of Emmaus work in the Middle East. In South Sudan, 21,000 Arabic courses are due to be delivered soon. In Nazareth, work is progressing on the renovations of our new office building. Pray for the Lord's protection and encouragement of new believers.

GEORGE/ROS KHALIL

16TH Exodus 6:13 to 7:25

ALBANIA Pop. 3 Mil. UK 4 Shkoder

We are still dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake that struck at the end of November 2019. Many towns are affected but thankfully no believers were killed as far as we know. One wall in Durres was badly damaged but you could still read the Word of God painted on it which stated 'I have loved you with an everlasting love'. We had a stall at the National Bookfair in Tirana, where 100,000 people visit over 5 days. Young people from the assembly helped out and it was good to see them sharing the Gospel with visitors. Please pray for the literature distributed.

C. 2008 ENRIS/SYLVIA NASE

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Exodus 8

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Meyzieu

Last month, 5000 Bibles were distributed to people in Lyon during the Festival of Light, a time when many visitors come to the city. Pray for Emmanuel, a tiny baby born very prematurely to believers. Pray that it may also speak to those of his wider family who are unsaved. We now have 8 Emmaus courses on our web site. We hope to have them all on within 2 years but it is a mammoth task. We were encouraged by 4 baptisms last month, including Alain, a man in his sixties converted 2 years ago.

C. 1980/84 DAVID/BRIGITTE SUTHERLAND

18TH

Exodus 9

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Bensham

I have always felt that the Lord has called me to be a 'gutter evangelist' to bring the Gospel to those who are teetering on the very edge of eternity. Pray for the Sunday night soup kitchen, hostel visitation and street outreaches. Often those we help come to hear the Gospel at the Hall. Please remember our ongoing work in HMP in Durham. We have embarked on an intensive introduction of Emmaus Bible Study Courses which the men can do even if moved to other prisons. Pray that this area of service will remain open.

JIM/JANET McMASTER

19TH

Exodus 10

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IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill

There are now over 40 in the Gorey Christian Assembly, and we thank the Lord for His steadfast faithfulness over the last 10 years since its commencement. The assembly continues to trial a Foodbank program. Pray for the 40 – 60 people who attend each week. Relationships are being built and the gospel shared. Pray also for Barry and Morgan, along with their daughter who come occasionally and have asked about doing a Bible Study, which is due to start in January. Remember the many Scripture calendars given out in the local area last month. C. 2003

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