



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Matthew 22:15-46

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Gaborone

Opportunities to teach school children in the area of Gaborone are still restricted, but I have made time to call into the office of the Headteacher to keep in touch. A lady in a sewing shop told me that over the radio the government had put out a plea to ask for volunteers to provide face masks for schools nearby. Hazel Logan and I were in the middle of sewing 1,000 pencil cases, so with the help of a dear sister in the meeting, we were able to provide over 900 face masks for the school. It is no replacement for Bible teaching of course, but we keep trying to show our interest and care in whatever way we can. Thank you for remembering us in prayer.

C. 1990 6/1/22

JOY GRIFFITHS

2ND

Matthew 23

PERU Pop. 32.5 Mil. UK 2 Lima

On the 22nd December we held our prize giving in Alto Priale, where we commenced a children's meeting in August. We gave out 69 prizes and around 30 other children attended from the district. Including parents, we had around 120. During February we hope to commence a Sunday School and Gospel meetings in the same district.

We have spent the month of December and the beginning of January visiting many new areas with calendars. We feel it to be a privilege that God has entrusted to us, to engage in pioneer work. The need is so great that it is nearly overwhelming. However, we rely on the Lord for His direction. Some districts have been uninterested in the message and the door has been obviously closed. However, there are some districts where the people have been very receptive. One such district is Cajamarquilla (the city of the dead) where I was overrun in the market as people requested calendars. I hope to visit a lady tomorrow to see if there would be a suitable place for meetings in that area.

Today, we commenced a new work in a district called Jicamarca. It is an extremely poor area, without roads or sewers. Even after 4 years in Perú, we are still surprised by the poverty in which people live. Through the contact of a local family, we visited a lady to deliver some calendars in December. She had a large yard and indicated that the only Bible teaching for children was received through the local Priest. She invited us to commence a meeting in her yard and we were delighted today when 14 adults and 35 children came to hear the Word of God. We trust that this will be the beginning of something for the glory of God.

Another such area is Amuata Valle de Monterrey. The houses are built on very precarious slopes. Our contact there told us that the soup kitchen was just up a flight of stairs, however we discovered that this was not strictly true. We climbed up rocks for around

10 minutes and once we got to the top of the mountain we were greatly concerned as to how we would ever get back down again! Around 15 children came to receive calendars and we would like to return soon, but there is no room for a meeting to be held, as the area is too mountainous. Those at the bottom of the mountain also invited us to return and visit again.

C. 2017 13/1/22 CHRIS & MICHELLE BERESFORD

3RD

Matthew 24:1-28

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Liverpool

The focus of our 'day to day' service for the Lord has been local due to travel restrictions, and a significant amount of time has been spent on online evangelism and Bible teaching.

The weekly parent and toddler group continues to be an effective method of reaching people in our area. Please pray for the parents with whom we have had a number of good conversations. Carole also volunteers for a local charity (Homestart) which supports families in crisis. This has been a great way to get to know and help needy people in our community.

School work changed shape quite a lot in the last 18 months. I was visiting 6 schools before Covid hit us but that has been pulled back to 3 at the moment. One of the benefits is that I'm now allowed to go and speak to classes in all of these schools. I was invited before Christmas to talk to all of Year 5 in one school (Evelyn Street Primary) and answer their questions about Christianity. This was a great opportunity to make the gospel very relevant to the issues they raised and to answer the questions they asked. In another school (Tower College) I was invited to speak at their Prize Giving and Speech Day. It was a great thrill for me to speak to over 250 pupils plus teachers and parents. Please pray that these doors will remain open.

C. 2006 11/1/22

STEPHEN & CAROLE BAKER

4TH

Matthew 24:29-51

PAKISTAN Pop. 216 Mil. UK 3 Writing from England

Last year I had to cancel two trips to Pakistan, but the bulk of the work of supporting the saints in Pakistan has been through weekly online Bible teaching and sending funds to them as the Lord has provided. We, and they, are extremely appreciative of the generosity of this support through this period of increased poverty and medical needs.

In the last year we have been able to get one Bible Teaching book on the epistle of Titus translated into Urdu and 1000 copies printed. This was well received and felt very beneficial to the believers.

The believers in Pakistan have been a great encouragement to us. When I first was introduced to them there were 3 assemblies; there are now believers meeting in 11 different locations and even now Sohail is praying about a new work on the outskirts of 'B'. Ten souls were saved a couple of weeks ago and as a result of ongoing conversions, they are regularly baptising and teaching new believers basic truths for Christian living. They constantly face poor health due to their living conditions. This year has seen a severe increase in deaths as a result of dengue fever as well as Covid. But, despite their hardships they continue to serve the Lord and rejoice in salvation. They really appreciate the fact that believers in the rest of the world think about them, pray for them and send them relief. We have also had the privilege of facilitating the

repatriation of 40 Pakistani believers who had been stranded in Afghanistan after the Taliban took control of the country. This was a costly and dangerous operation, but the Lord provided and protected His people on the difficult journey home. Many of these dear souls, especially women, will be scarred for life as a result of the violent and oppressive way they were treated before they escaped.

The work of the Lord in Uganda has been really encouraging. I had a series of online meetings with elders in one church/assembly where they have moved from recognising one 'pastor' to accepting that a local assembly should be led by a group of elders. Sanya, the brother I have been working with, is a keen evangelist. The weekly 60-minute Bible teaching/gospel program on a local Christian radio station continues. This has been a great channel for teaching the word of God and preaching the gospel.

We are extremely grateful to hear of souls saved regularly in Uganda and Pakistan. Please pray for wisdom to be given to the elders and workers in Uganda and Pakistan as they shepherd, teach and strengthen these saints.

C. 2006 11/1/22 STEPHEN & CAROLE BAKER

5TH Matthew 25:1-30

ST LUCIA Pop. 0.19 Mil. Ciceron

We printed and distributed 5,000 calendars in St. Lucia in December. The advantage of printing them locally is that we are able to customize them by adding contact information for each of the 7 assemblies, as well as our own on the back page. We have been encouraged that there has been a good interest in giving out God's Word in this form by the local believers. Please pray for a blessing as the scriptures are displayed in homes throughout the island.

Weekly visitation continues in the town of Anse la Raye. This is a small fishing village we have worked in, both with children's meetings and personally sharing the gospel. Children's work has been closed down for the past year and more, but each week I distribute tracts and Bible texts throughout the village and seek out a number of individuals to bring the gospel to. We do pray for a rich harvest in the timing and will of our God. Along with personal work, we seek to be of help in three of the seven assemblies. Most are smaller in number, and we desire to share in the responsibility and pray that our Lord will bless in salvation and raise up others to continue in testimony for Him.

Last year, a Saturday Bible Class was recommenced which specifically aims to help younger believers be grounded and built up in their faith. There are not many second-generation believers and so the need to teach the truths of Scripture is crucially important. We are grateful for the interest of these younger ones in learning and would value your prayers for them.

In particular, we have been encouraged by the spiritual progress of a young woman named Denila. She was baptized in March last year and we had been meeting on Zoom for months with her and also some of her relatives. For a number of weeks, she has come over to our place on her day off work so she can learn more. That has now turned into a regular Friday afternoon for several hours and it is a privilege to teach her and others the truth of God.

C. 2017 (Can) 31/12/21 PHIL & TRENA GOULD

6TH

Matthew 25:31 to 26:2

N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil.

At the end of last year I had a few weeks of 'in person' gospel meetings in Lurgan. It was a very encouraging time, with blessing in salvation, for which we give all glory to God. I plan to commence this Lord's Day in the hall in Broughshane and would certainly value your prayers. It is difficult times in which we are living, but there is no doubt that we need to keep at the preaching of the gospel.

The power of God was manifest through John the Baptist, so that the wilderness became spiritually fruitful. Such an uninhabited place was filled with people, many of which repented. This is a real encouragement to us as we look around at the barren desert that this world has become, knowing that God still delights to make the barren place fruitful. We value your continued prayer as we labour for Him.

C.2016 4/1/22 ANDREW & MARIA STEELE

7TH

Matthew 26:3-30

USA Pop. 330 Mil. Writing from Michigan

This last quarter we seemed to be running at full speed. At the end of October, we shared in a series of gospel meetings with the Stark Road assembly in Michigan, USA. The only contact that showed real interest during the three weeks was a Mexican man named Refugio. Despite attending for most nights, he did not profess during the series but expressed interest in continuing to get together. This became the catalyst for a work in downtown Detroit where he lives.

After a number of weeks of door knocking, we have made some contacts in the area and have rented a small store front on a main street for ESL (English as a Second Language) classes and other gospel related efforts. We recently signed a one-year lease and will be given the keys today. Our first ESL class will be on the 13th of this month so please pray for that. This work is being sponsored by the Stark Road assembly and we will be leveraging the ESL work that Joel and Rachel Holmes have been organizing for a number of years. Joel and Rachel live downtown and have been inviting neighbours to their home two times a week for gospel meetings for a few weeks now. Aside from this, we are currently meeting personally multiple times a week with contacts in the area for gospel bible studies. Please pray for the furtherance of the gospel in downtown Detroit.

C. 2011(Can) 6/1/22 JONATHAN & HANNAH SEED

8TH

Matthew 26:31-57

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Writing from USA

Hannah and I also recently made a visit to Guadalajara in Mexico for a week without the kids. It was a different experience, but we enjoyed being able to visit all the believers and spend time with them in a way we couldn't have done with the whole family there. We were also able to help with a weekend of teaching on church truth. On November 25th the assembly celebrated 6 years since breaking bread for the first time. We trust the truth that was taught will continue to be practiced and passed on to the next generation. The assembly is small but continues to see consistent growth in attendance.

All of this increased activity implies a greater burden for Ricardo, who is the only brother who is currently qualified, able and desirous of the work of an overseer. The amount of visiting and

teaching that falls on his shoulders is substantial, and the other brethren are either too young in the faith or not able to help in a significant way. Most of the believers attend the meetings consistently and are a tremendous help in practical areas such as administration of finances, cleaning, providing meals, and even gospel outreach. However, the work of shepherding the flock falls mainly on Ricardo. Please continue to pray for his encouragement and preservation. Also, that more brethren would be raised up and aspire to the work of an overseer.

We plan to visit the assembly again in February for a few weeks. We are looking forward to either another week of teaching or a series of gospel meetings. It will also be another opportunity to further our plans to move back later in 2022. Many things need to fall into place and one of them is the search for an appropriate speech therapist for our youngest son Augustine. Your prayers are appreciated.

C. 2011(Can) 6/1/22 JONATHAN & HANNAH SEED

9TH

Matthew 26:58-75

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Moray

New strains, Omicron, LFT's, PCR's etc, all becoming the language of everyday conversation, with changing rules and restrictions all adding to the confusion. How refreshing to turn to the Word of God and hear God's proclamation 'I am the Lord I change not'. How thankful we are to be able to visit and speak to people about the unchanging message of the gospel. Although every new pronouncement of men seems to result in greater uncertainty, the Word of God still rings out the glorious message of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The closing weeks of the year have been spent mainly in calendar work. Once again, I have been able to have a box of these calendars on display in the local Co-Op store for customers to help themselves; over 250 have been taken through this means. I have also been handing them out on the High Street, which has given rise to further conversations. Over this past year it has been encouraging, once again, to see the calendar displayed in three or four shops along the high street. I have been around all the shops and businesses on the main street again, and this year have had no refusals. I have also been invited into a few homes as I have visited around various contacts in the town. We pray that God will bless His Word.

As you know, it has been a difficult year for the small assembly in Forres, with three of our number now safe home with the Lord; we feel their miss. They may have been 'well-stricken' in years, but they were faithful and have each left us an example. 'Whose faith follow'.

11/1/22 AINSLIE & SHELIA PATERSON

10TH

Matthew 27:1-26

Ireland Pop. 6.6 Mil.

Writing from Moneymore, Co. Londonderry

We have been occupied since early November, with calendar distribution around the hospitals, prisons, and nursing homes of the Island. We have appreciated the help of many in both preparation and distribution, particularly brother Stanley Davison. This year we have visited additional nursing homes and prisons that we had not previously been to and most of these 'new stops' have been encouraging. We have received emails from folk in administrative positions at some of the new locations, telling us that the calendars have been placed on display in all their residents'

rooms. Pray that God's Word displayed in these places, along with calendars given out by many assemblies across the island, will result in salvation.

We continue to organise the display of the Word of God on public transport, billboards and the like. At the end of November, the text 1 Peter 2 v 24 was posted on the rear of 40 Dublin buses. As we worked around Dublin city with calendars, it was good to see buses with texts each day. Just prior to this, texts were posted on buses and on phone boxes in the North, many of which had considerable overrun, remaining up for almost seven weeks when only a 2-week cycle had been secured. Indeed, some texts are still displayed on buses from earlier in the year. Over the Christmas period we have been able to display texts on three large billboards in Derry, venues we had also been able to use in the Spring. We are thankful for freedom to publicly display God's Word. Pray that this door will remain open as well as for those who have requested bibles via the contact details displayed with the texts.

From Spring until Autumn, we are thankful that drive-in gospel series were possible, both north and south of the border. The final 3-week series concluded in Letterkenny at the end of October, and it was good to see locals there who had not attended the hall previously. We were also glad to see some in attendance who travelled from a more rural area where David McAlister and I had been preaching during August. Pray for the blessing of sinners as a result of drive-in efforts held in the past year, and 'labour with us in prayer' that we would be where we ought to be, when we ought to be, in the year that lies ahead.

C. 2017 11/1/22 PAUL & LINDA KISSICK

11TH

Matthew 27:27-44

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

As we look back on 2021, we can truly lift up our *Ebenezer*. The Lord has helped in a peculiar way, and we give Him all the glory. Venezuela, just like the world, was struck hard by this virus but the political and economical crisis multiplied the suffering that a lot experienced. It is estimated that over 5 million have emigrated to other countries seeking relief, including a considerable number of the dear saints. In our area, the small assembly of Barinitas lost about half of its members, who went to Chile.

Locally, normal assembly gatherings have recommenced. Sadly, the time of inactivity has affected some hearts, for which we pray. We have also had a few series of Bible teaching meetings. Frequently, quite a few unsaved turn up and we have to use the double-barrelled gun as my grandfather used to say (some gospel and some ministry). In Guamito, Barinas city, Barinitas, Rastrojos and here in Barrancas we were able to have a week or two. In most of these places, baptisms were also held on the closing night.

Between October and November, we visited Colombia. It was Sandra's wish as a belated 25th wedding anniversary gift. In Cali we were present for the formation of a new assembly. Travelling north from there, we were able to visit with the Word over twenty places, where small assemblies or outreaches are shining in the dark. What a joy to share a little with these dear saints who rarely get any visits. On the north coast, in Cartagena we were able to attend the wedding of a young brother from Barrancas who was marrying the daughter of one of the Venezuelan preachers who works in that area. After travelling about 4,000 miles in a small, rented car, our hearts cry out to heaven: 'Oh Lord of the harvest field, send many labourers to this vast field that is white unto harvest'. Our girls, who held the fort here to make this visit possible, were very glad to see us again. Our enlarged family

of social orphans keep happy and growing thanks to heavens provisions. Eleven live with us permanently. A few more drop in every week, which we help momentarily. In relation to the school, the government school official was at our 'end of year' presentation and expressed much approval. We continue to pray for the official papers that will give us freedom to function as a legal school.

The medicine work continues. The official foundation that backs this work is now functioning; its name is Mercy and Truth Foundation. This gives us much peace. In handling such large quantity of medicines, we could be penalized otherwise. We stand amazed at how the Lord has provided in such a timely and perfect way these medicines for literally thousands of these dear saints. In many cases it could be called a 'life-line'. Our Father, who alone knows every detail will not forget this labour of love in the coming day of reward.

C. 1995 (Ven) 28/12/21 ALAN & SANDRA TURKINGTON

12TH

Matthew 27:45-66

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lutsk

Ukraine is suffering through a surge in coronavirus infections, and sadly have the highest number of deaths in relation to population size. Only 16% of the adult population is fully vaccinated and drastic measures are being introduced. It is now impossible to board a bus or train without a vaccination certificate or a negative test. Soon the government will make it mandatory for attendees of churches to be vaccinated before attending.

In April, Lord willing, we will celebrate 20 years of assembly testimony in Lutsk. Over that time, six of the assembly believers have gone Home to Heaven. Fedje, aged 76, went home to be with the Lord on 9 November 2021. Fedje came into the assembly in March 2003 and, along with his wife Maria, were faithful members. As gypsies living in absolute poverty, enduring hardships most of us would know little about, they were devoted to the assembly. We often used their humble home in the village to preach the Gospel. Fedje will be sorely missed. Please remember Maria in your prayers.

Last year we provided an update about the passing of a dear sister Inna, who is also sadly missed. She was the wife of one of the elders, Vadim, and mother to Marianna. Marianna is not saved and we would appreciate your prayers for her. She never misses a meeting, Lord's Days or the Thursday evening prayer meeting and Bible study. Vadim and Marianna's home is very poor, and we are exercised to help improve their circumstances.

We have recently been asked to visit a local refugee camp just outside Lutsk. Presently there are 122 refugees, including 9 children, from 13 different countries. We provided Christmas boxes of sweets for everyone and are now trying to source Bibles and books in their own language for future visits. Please pray for this new work.

C. 1993 3/1/22 TIMOTHY & RHODA SLOAN

13TH

Matthew 28

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lutsk

In April, God willing, we will celebrate 20 years supporting needy street children! Over the years we have seen a number of these young people saved, baptised and in assembly fellowship. Every day we still gather the boys and girls for a morning session and an afternoon session. Each session has 10 minutes of singing, 10

minutes learning a Bible verse, 20 minutes listening to a Bible story followed by 20 minutes for a hot, cooked meal. Anatoly, Olga, Vita and Ira are a great help in this work. Vita also has the responsibility of looking after 37 'special needs' children in our district. These children are visited twice a month and provided with a food bag on each visit as well as nappies, bed sheets etc, clothing and medicines.

Every week we have over 400 children who attend the assembly meetings – Sunday School and UCC (Ukraine Child Care). Each month we hand out about 1,500 small prizes, ranging from socks and underwear to sweets and pencils. The children love getting something they cannot buy locally – or even afford.

God willing, we look forward to opening the orphanage this year. We commenced renovating in February 2018 and over the last 5 years there has been a tremendous change. Floors 3, 4 and 5 are completely finished - painted, carpeted and furnished. Floor 2 should be finished soon, and we have now commenced on the ground floor and the basement.

The building is large! It covers about 3,000sq m, has 33 bedrooms, 9 apartments, 7 classrooms/playrooms and a medical room. When fully functional, the orphanage will house 60 children, including 8 with 'special needs', as well as accommodating 27 workers and visitors. God is good!

C. 1993 3/1/22 TIMOTHY & RHODA SLOAN

14TH

Acts 1

WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. 'Your 542 Day' Outreach

The lead up to Christmas was an exceptionally busy time. The free offer of the CD of our Christmas Special 2020 resulted in a final figure of 2,050 copies produced and distributed throughout the UK and as far afield as India. This number far exceeded our original expectations, and we praise the Lord for everyone who used this form of Gospel Outreach.

A verse and our logo as well as the caption 'Christmas starts with Christ' were placed in the South Wales Evening Post for four consecutive nights from 20-24 December. At the newspaper's recommendation, the verse & logo were placed in the Entertainment Section to attract greater attention and the caption was given a prominent place amongst the leading news items.

Radio Tircoed, Radio Walkham, Blaenymaes Christian Radio and Vintage Radio aired three different programmes (Christmas Special 2020, Christmas Special 2021 and Christmas Carol Service from Carmel, Pontarddulais) from Christmas Eve to Boxing Day.

The Christmas Carol Service is now also available on CD. Carmel ordered 200 copies and these have already been distributed. Praise the Lord.

Finally, the Christmas Special Programme 2021 is also available on CD as a catch-up for those who missed the broadcasts.

We look to the Lord to bless abundantly.

6/1/22 DAVID LISCOMBE & PETER FRANCIS

15TH

Acts 2:1-21

N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil. Magherafelt

I was with the small assembly in Londonderry last Saturday to consider the fifth of the Levitical Offerings, the Trespass Offering. I have been with them each month over the winter considering this subject. There are just a handful in fellowship but they were

joined by a few others, as together we enjoyed covering these subjects with them.

I completed posting to the homes in the countryside around Hillhead Castledawson a gospel tract and John 3:16 postcard, using 'Whistl' mail to accomplish this. Just prior to Christmas we completed the annual calendar distribution, along with a new Christmas tract in Castledawson and around the hall in Magherafelt. We still carry on with the drive-in gospel meeting on a Sunday afternoon and it continues to be fairly encouraging. Your prayers for these outreach opportunities would be appreciated.

I hope to be with the Coleraine assembly from 7th February, God willing, for two weeks of Bible readings on Matthew 5-7.

C. 2003 13/1/22 AARON & EUNICE COLGAN

16TH

Acts 2:22-47

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

The need is so great in Angola, we are very conscious that we just scratch the surface in a country that is overwhelmed with poverty. Sadly it's the same old story; the rich get even richer and the poor get even poorer.

We've been back in Angola for nearly four months already. However, it was lovely to spend precious time in the UK with the family and to get to know Zachary, who was only 6 months old when we last saw him. We were able to celebrate his 2nd birthday together and also to welcome into Alex and Laura's family little Benjamin, who was born while we were home. We also were able to see Luke and Rosie's new home for the first time and see Luke start his new job as Deputy Headmaster at the school the boys always went to when we were home on furlough! The goodbyes don't get any easier!

Throughout the year Bible study groups continued on a weekly basis here in the home. I have also started a programme of visits out to strategic assemblies approximately three hours away, on three of the four roads out of town for Bible teaching on a Wednesday, leaving early in the morning and returning just before dark. These were in progress before Covid struck but since then it hadn't been possible, so it's good to be able to start these up again. Filipe, Bigel and Horano also have a weekly Bible study group and it's good to see those who have been taught, teaching others. Teaching in the local assembly continues. I am going through the book of Exodus teaching one Sunday, listening to another brother from the assembly teach the next Sunday and then out visiting a village or town assembly the next week.

In the week after Christmas, I did three nights of teaching, mainly for the young folk of the assembly, explaining the doctrines of Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah Witnesses and Catholics. Through ignorance, some of the teachings of these 'religions' can infiltrate the minds of believers and so it was good to be able to point out their erroneous teaching from the New Testament.

C. 1993 20/1/22 BRIAN & DEBBIE HOWDEN

17TH

Acts 3

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

As soon as we returned from the UK we were able to finish Soba's house. He was very happy to receive a watertight house before the onset of the rains. The road down through the village

into the mission also needed a lot of attention as the last rainy season had worn a lot of it away. So for a few weeks, two of our workers took collections of dried ant hills (mafika) then crushed it on to the road, rolling it with a roller and soaking it with water so that it bakes hard in the scorching sun! It's not quite tarmac but it's not a bad substitute when there's nothing else. It also means we help lots of people by paying them to collect the mafika.

We've also distributed all the beds which we recently received in the last two containers, and these have been so gratefully received. We now have a constant stream of people coming asking for a bed thinking that the supply must be endless - it's just a drop in the ocean of poverty. We've also been able, through the kindness of the Lord's people, to distribute hoes, machetes, large basins and ladies clothes to a good few villages and 200 kits have gone to Cavungu in the far north east of Angola where Irene, a national worker, distributes these items among those in need.

In the run up to Christmas we were able to purchase food for 7 villages on the road beyond Camundambala going south towards Luena. Some of these villages were very remote requiring many hours of driving off road through terrain which seldom has a car pass, but the believers were thrilled to receive the food which was taken to them. It is a blessing that Horano is able to drive and undertake these journeys and two of our other lads who work with us also accompanied him. They too enjoy being able to bring blessing and happiness to those who receive the goods in a culture where it is so rare to receive something with nothing being expected in return.

C. 1993 20/1/22 BRIAN & DEBBIE HOWDEN

18TH

Acts 4:1-31

CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Nova Scotia

I have much for which to thank the Lord: 'Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness' (Lamentations 3:22-23).

I have a few prayer requests...

- For the strengthening and building up of Clementsvalle assembly. We have lost many of our older believers in the last 10-20 years, including my dear husband James (five years ago) Also, since we live in a very rural area some younger brethren and sisters have had to move away for employment or further education.
- For the encouragement and restoration of some who haven't returned since the first Covid related lockdown. They are needed and missed.
- For the raising up of Workers in Nova Scotia, to devote their service to the Lord in a full-time capacity, which won't be easy in these circumstances.

I should say that a few of our grandchildren have professed faith in Christ this past year, for which we thank the Lord. We trust that they with us will be preserved and that the others who are not saved yet, will soon be saved. There have been a few other encouragements amidst the discouraging circumstances due to Covid. To God be all the glory!

15/1/22

AMY McCLELLAND

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Hanches

As we look back on 2021, we have much to thank God for despite the obvious challenges. February saw the first meeting in the new assembly building. At that time restrictions were such that only a limited number of people could attend on Sunday morning, with more being present on Zoom. As infections dropped restrictions were relaxed and numbers physically present increased. Although we were not able to have a completely normal programme, there was much joy in being together again after over a year.

Near normality was restored at the beginning of the new school year and in God's goodness we had the joy of witnessing an expansion of the children's and youth activities. More people were attending meetings, both Christians and non-Christians. That is until Omicron hit France recently and suddenly. Infection rates increased at a very rapid rate.

Last Lord's Day morning, numbers were thin on the ground and Zoom was up running again. A number of believers in the assembly have Covid and others are isolating but no one is seriously ill.

The Bible discovery group will be starting up again, God willing, after a short break, with 4 interested men. A number of other people are waiting to be baptised.

Alan was given an early Christmas present when he was the first person in Versailles hospital, and one of the first in France, to receive a new treatment for those whose immune system is severely compromised. Four vaccine doses hadn't worked but, he was told, this new treatment gave him immediate protection.
C. 1982 5/1/22 ALAN & VALERIE KYLE

USA Pop. 330 Mil. San Antonio, Texas

We are thankful that no one was hurt by the fire that destroyed 8 apartments including ours early in 2021. Our prayer continues to be that God will bring "*beauty from ashes*" **Isaiah 61:3** and that by this event, souls would be saved for His glory. Please pray for a Hispanic couple Andres & Flor that lived below us and whose apartment was also destroyed. Since the fire we have had the opportunity to share the kindness passed unto us with them. In addition, they have gladly received a Bible, as well as a Gospel text which they have on their new apartment wall. Pray that Andres & Flor would understand their spiritual need and come to trust Christ as their personal Saviour.

Our exercise for the Hispanic community began in the United States before being entrusted to the Lord's work full-time in May 2006. It took us initially to Mexico first to study Spanish for two years in Hermosillo, Sonora, and then later in 2008 to the beautiful port city of Veracruz, Mexico. In 2009, we had the joy to see the hand of God in the salvation of souls and an assembly established in the port. The work has prospered by the grace and power of God and continues to grow to this day. The 15 years have flown by fast! There is still much need, and we appreciate prayer on behalf of the Lord's work in the state of Veracruz, Mexico. Pray for Tim & Jenna Stevenson, who since 2013 have lived with their now 4 children and laboured together for the Lord in the state capital of Xalapa, Veracruz

During the past few years, we felt that the Lord was impressing on us a new location and we continued to pray that the Lord would

guide us. In 2018 with several necessary trips to Texas, we began to see the need for the gospel message in the state, especially in the Hispanic community. We learned that 63% of the city of San Antonio is Hispanic, with most of Mexican descent. The Lord has seen fit by various means and circumstances to lead us to San Antonio, Texas at this time with an interest to work here in the Gospel. In October 2020 God provided an opportunity to live in San Antonio, and we continue by His grace to this day. At the same time, the state of Texas offers us a place near Mexico in general, and allows us the opportunity to more easily maintain contact with Lord's work in Veracruz, as the Lord would permit.

We have rented a hall in the west of the city and began a gospel series in Spanish on 2nd January. To date, 18 different individuals have attended. Please pray for this ongoing work.

We would appreciate your prayers for the spiritual need in Texas.
C. 2006 20/1/22 JOHN & REBEKAH NESBITT

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. London

We leave for India tomorrow. This is more of a personal visit to see Ellen's mother and attend her brother Timothy's wedding. Ellen's mother was very unwell last year with heart failure and cancer, but the Lord's mercies are very great, and she has recovered well from treatment and surgery.

We continue to see encouragement at our home assembly in Clifton Hall, with increased numbers in Fellowship and the children's work going on well.

However, we do value urgent prayer for a difficult situation in London. Gospel outreach has been negatively impacted, especially an ongoing work with children, which is now conducted in a local park. We look to the Lord to intervene.

Your fellowship in prayer is much appreciated.
1/1/22 NITISH & ELLEN PATEL

ARGENTINA Pop. 45 Mil. UK 5 Parana

Just a bit of news at the end of another year. We were able to have an outreach on Saturday afternoons in each of the three schemes of the Houses of Peace in the last couple of weeks. We've had a few new people coming along as a result. Please pray for 3 families:

- Gastón (20) who we've mentioned before. This week he got news that he has more tumours in the throat area.

- Dylan (13) His cancer has disseminated into the lungs; he was operated on last week again.

- Carmen (in her 40's) has 3 slipped disks in the cervical area, apart from a tumour above the left ear and is in much pain, but soldiers on. She has 5 children between 15 and 24. They are all in fellowship. Her husband is backslidden, and it was touching on Tuesday night to hear two of the young ones ask us to pray that their dad would come back to the Lord.

Carmen's brother, Carlos, is under house arrest in a rented room. Heber was asked to visit him, as he had tried to commit suicide. We are so grateful to the Lord that he has professed faith in Christ and is testifying to those in the hostel. He even told his lawyer that he is praying for him - and he's intrigued as it's the first time he's ever been told that. The owner of the hostel has given him repair work to do so that helps him pay the rent.

This morning we were buying something to hand out tomorrow at the soup kitchens, along with a calendar with Bible verses for each day of the year. Pray that this will be a blessing to many.

We would ask special prayer for Estación Parera. Specially for Ricardo and Claudia, as some of the neighbours who professed faith in Christ are now joining another group, making it a bit awkward. Pray for wisdom for them and for us as we face the challenges ahead.

As regards our family, keep praying that Iván will come back to the Lord and for Martín who has quite a lot of pain in the shoulder blade area. We have planned a couple of days away in January with Melissa and her family, Heber's Mum and Dad.

C. 1999 5/1/22 HEBER & FIONA GALLITO

23RD

Acts 7:30 to 8:4

**N. IRELAND Pop. 56 Mil. Holywood, Co. Down
Ministry for Europe Trust**

In relation to the recent floods in Western Germany, four assemblies were in the flooded area. Two were badly damaged, with many saints losing almost everything they had. We have had the privilege to forward significant help, on behalf of assemblies in the UK, for which we praise the Lord. These gifts are a great encouragement both to us, and to those we seek to serve.

We have a number of projects in the planning, for which we would ask you to pray:

- The work among female drug users, prostitutes and homeless people continues in Be'er Sheva and Haifa, Israel. It is our exercise to continue supporting and helping these women, who have fallen into a trap and are caught by the constraints of evil. We look to invite them for a meal, and from there house them in one of two hostels. They are given food, clothing, medicine, counsel, and above all, the only Way of escape!
- We are commencing to plan the free distribution of City Bibles in English, Macedonian, Russian, Hungarian and Moldovan, for outreaches in Belfast, Stip, Tel Aviv, Budapest and Zirnesti, respectively. Again, your prayers would be appreciated.

1/1/22

THOMAS & DIETBURG JENNINGS

24TH

Acts 8:5-40

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Sapucaia

We thank you for your continual prayers on behalf of Andrew, Bruna and family as well as for Stephen. Thankfully, they all are well, but we long to hear of their salvation. Please continue to pray.

As you know, Brazil has come through a tough period due to Covid. We lost two sisters in our assembly in São Leopoldo, but their husbands, who are faithful, valuable and exercised brethren, continue steadily. Recently, a young single man in his 30's was baptized and received into the fellowship. He was saved a year ago as a result of the online gospel meetings. He seems to be making good progress.

For over 20 years we have been distributing calendars in our neighborhood without any exciting results, but at the beginning of 2020, a young couple, Jefferson and Aline, who live beside us, expressed interest and wanted to attend meetings in our home.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we had suspended our gospel meetings, but we gave them the code to be able to attend the meetings by Zoom. They listened regularly for months. Recently, Aline told us that, having been reared attending Pentecostal churches, she was always told that, while the death of Christ was important, her salvation was dependant on her obedience, faithfulness and, of course, the giving of the tithe. However, reading her Bible in her own home, she discovered that the work of the Lord Jesus alone was absolutely sufficient for her salvation. She said that, making that big discovery for the first time in her life, she trusted Christ as her Saviour. This is a big encouragement to us in Sapucaia do Sul. Aline is able to bring one or two neighbours to hear the gospel in our home as we have recommenced the gospel meeting held every Saturday night. Pray for Jefferson, that he'll be enlightened as to his spiritual situation and seek salvation.

We continue with the printing work in our home. Tracts and invitations continue to be made as well as two quarterly magazines: one for believers (1200 copies) and the other for children (650 copies). Our prayer is that this effort may result in the edification of the Lord's people.

Last night, we were in Porto Alegre for the usual Lord's Day gospel meeting. At the end of that meeting 2 people were baptized. Interestingly, it is just a matter of weeks since 3 people were baptized in the same hall. So, in spite of difficulties due to Covid 19, it is encouraging to us to see a little progress in the work of God.

Many thanks again for your continued remembrance of us.

C. 1992 5/1/22

LINDSAY & BETH CARSWELL

25TH

Acts 9:1-31

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Ayrshire

2021 was an unusual but exciting year for the work of Hope by the Roadside. We do not know what lies ahead in this new year, but we do know that the Lord is in control and that He still would have all men to be saved. We therefore plan to continue displaying God's word in as many public places as we are able, both here in the UK and abroad.

The billboards in Uganda recently received new Bible verse banners, and I hope to visit the believers there in the early part of this year. I also hope to visit our brother and sister Josh and Keri Kaye in the Democratic Republic of Congo this year for Bible teaching and further expansion of the billboard work there.

I mentioned previously that we had received planning permission to erect a large steel shed to house the van, trailers etc that belong to Hope by the Roadside. Due to material shortages, construction was delayed. However, we are excited to say the diggers are onsite and we expect to break ground tomorrow. We are very conscious that the work of Hope by the Roadside could be shut down by the government in the near future, so we are eager to maximise the opportunity to publicly display God's word while we can. With this in mind, we hope to increase the billboard coverage in the UK, Uganda and Congo, and also expand into Canada and more African countries over the next few years, God willing. We are incredibly grateful for your continued kindness and support and ask that you continue to remember us in prayer as we seek to grow this work for the Lord's glory.

11/1/22

PAUL & RACHEL JENKINSON

BELGIUM Pop. 11.5 Mil. UK 1 Assebroek

Most days of the week, I speak to people who have experienced the darkness of human nature. These dear people have often suffered abuse and betrayal at the hands of others. Life hurts and they ask for help. Time and again, our Lord has come in and brought life.

This past month, I have with deep gratitude worshipped our Lord as He brought life in such darkness. For many months, I have been meeting with a woman who was abused by her brother. This past month, both of them met. It was a time of confession, repentance, talking, and the extending of forgiveness. Difficult and life-giving. Both have different lives ahead of them as the Lord continues to transform their hearts. Thank you for praying.

A non-Christian woman asked for help because she was not coping with continued emotional abuse by her ex-husband. Last time we spoke, she asked me why some people can be so cruel. This gave us an opportunity to speak about God being our maker and people rebelling against him. After talking about the mind and the importance of thinking truth, she asked me how we can know truth. Will you please pray for the Lord's work in this woman's heart for Salvation?

The book, *'The Emotionally Abusive Parent: Its Effects and How to Overcome Them in Christ'*, is due to be published on February 15. Please pray for many to be helped. All the proceeds are going to the Lord's work.

Lord willing, I will be going to South Africa in March. They would like me to speak about 'Redeeming the Trauma of Rape and Emotional Abuse'. My hope and prayer is that this will lead to women being helped in such difficulties. I would also appreciate your prayers for my growing involvement with the people there.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and interest in the work.
C. 1999 19/1/22 ANNE DRYBURGH

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Aberdeenshire

We are grateful to the Lord for all the varied opportunities to share His powerful glorious Word during 2021.

We were able to connect with members of the local community at an evening event held near Inverurie Gospel Hall. The assembly distributed invitations to meetings, some Christian magazines, as well as hand warmers and Hot Chocolate! It was a great opportunity to show Christian love and work together as an assembly. We have also distributed Gospel calendars around our local area and we pray that the Lord will illuminate the Word of God.

We are thankful that the Bible Explorers Club for primary age children has recommenced in our village of Newmachar. After some prayer, the Lord has faithfully provided a different venue. I was amazed that two of the children who came on the first week knew so much about the Gospel. When asked, one girl said she learned it all at the club before the first lockdown! The Word of God is like a seed planted on good ground!

I have had the privilege of studying John's Gospel with a new Christian. It was an encouragement when he recently asked for baptism. Please pray that the Lord will maintain his testimony and give him courage as he makes this public declaration of faith in Christ. Please continue to pray for another lad I meet with who is from a Christian home but is struggling to believe the Bible.

5/1/22

GRAEME & FIONA SMITH

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Dipalata

The Lord's work continues as usual here in Dipalata, even though the Covid virus also continues in Zambia. We lost an elderly couple from the assembly as a result of the virus, but we have not found any positive cases for over three months now.

The gospel goes forth each Lord's Day as usual in the gospel hall and each weekday in the hospital. The local people appear careless and uninterested regarding their need for Salvation and the meetings are now small.

There has been a big upsurge in witchcraft all over the province and as a result, some people have died. One of the believers in the assembly was accused of being a witch after a child died in the village. They tried to kill her and she had bad injuries which meant she had to be taken to the Zambezi Hospital. We now have built her a little house at the elderly widow's village on the mission compound.

We look to the Lord for daily help and wisdom. Please continue to remember the work in prayer.

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