



# LOOK ON THE FIELDS

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

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Mark 2:1-22

### **CYPRUS Pop. 1.2 Mil. UK 6** **Logos English School of Education**

We give thanks to the Lord for all His help through this time of COVID. As you can imagine, the disruptions to the school have been many and varied. Several members of staff have been taken ill with COVID, some quite seriously. One member of staff was hospitalised, but we are happy to report that currently all our staff are back to work.

Since 2020, all the schools in Cyprus, including the Logos School, are required to meet the regulatory standards of the European Union regarding school facilities. The Lord was most gracious to help us overcome quite a number of difficulties that had to be dealt with regarding the structure of the building, creating and updating a number of toilet facilities and re-organising the layout of classrooms. We then had to prepare and submit extensive documentation detailing the way the curriculum is taught, and the working policies adopted by the school. We have been verbally told we have met all the required standards and our licence to teach has been retained.

We will soon be presenting all these documents as the final part of our application for a building license, which will officially verify our buildings can continue to be used as a school by the Municipality of Limassol. We ask for the prayers of the Lord's people, as this license will allow the continuation of a work that was established nearly 50 years ago. We hope, once this approval is granted in the Lord's goodness, to be able to move forward with the on-hold project of building new classrooms to replace those that have become unusable due to the changes in legislation.

The Gospel message is heard every morning at school assembly and throughout the day as the teachers have opportunity to speak with the pupils and tell them of the way of salvation. Our greatest joy is the moment when a young person comes to us and simply says that they have trusted the Saviour.

28/2/22 COLIN CLARKE (Chairman of the Logos Trust)

2<sup>ND</sup>

Mark 2:23 to 3:12

### **N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil.**

David Williamson and I continue the door-to-door work in Roman Catholic estates in north-west Belfast. There are some good openings for further work. Please pray for this needy area as we continue going door to door and as we follow up with the contacts made. We would specifically request prayer for wisdom regarding a lady who has indicated that she wants to know God. She went back to chapel but was dismayed that the Bible wasn't being taught, so she has been reading Scripture in her own home

but wants some help in understanding it. She seems very open, and we would value your prayers for her.

David and I are due to commence gospel meetings with the assembly in Newtownbreda on 27<sup>th</sup> March and would again appreciate your prayers.

C. 2008 2/3/22

PAUL & KAREN McCAULEY

3<sup>RD</sup>

Mark 3:13-35

### **MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Cancun**

We deeply value the interest shown toward us and the work here in Cancun. At the beginning of the year, we were encouraged to be able to distribute a good number of calendars to the homes surrounding the hall as well as other gospel contacts. The believers were also actively involved, distributing to their neighbours and family members.

In January, a young man named Reinaldo professed to be saved and has been faithfully attending the meetings. That has been uplifting to the assembly. We ask you to pray for him. We are also encouraged with several new contacts that have attended in these past two months.

We have been having the regular weekly meetings at the hall as well as streaming them online via Zoom, as there are still several that are not able to attend all of the meetings. At the hall here in Cancun, there is a main auditorium on one side and on the other side is where we have the kitchen, two bathrooms, the baptistry and an area for Sunday School. We had been noticing for some time that the floor in the area for the Bible classes had been slowly sinking in one certain spot. It was also affecting the walls and causing cracks. During the month of February, construction work was done on this section, changing the floor and fixing the walls. It was a surprise to us, as well as to the workers, that as they were ripping up the old floor, they discovered a large dry hole underneath the floor. It required four truckloads of rocks to fill it in! We are thankful to the Lord that this hole was discovered and that the floor was fixed, before any other damage was done. At the same time, they also did some minor construction to the roof on the same side of the hall.

We recently enjoyed a two-week visit from Amy's parents, David and Mabel Swan (Nova Scotia, Canada). David was a big help in each meeting, speaking by translation in both gospel and ministry. He spoke on practical and encouraging topics and the believers benefited from his ministry.

We ask you to pray for the unsaved spouses of several believers, for the salvation of souls here in this city, for the Sunday school and for the health of several believers that are currently going through health struggles.

C. 2019 (Ven) 8/3/22 TIMOTHY & AMY TURKINGTON

4<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 4:1-20

### **SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Perth**

Just prior to Christmas I used my trailer to hold an outdoor Christmas carol service in the Gospel Hall car park and we were really encouraged by the response – about 150 people came in total, with around half of them being folk from the community, many of whom hadn't been to the Hall before.

We're encouraged that numbers have kept up at our weekly "Good News at 1" outreach on Sundays, with 12-16 people attending each week, most of whom are not saved.

Numbers are still fairly small on Monday evenings at the soup

kitchen in town but have increased slightly on Wednesday nights nearer the Hall. I was in prison last week to visit someone who's being released soon. He came to our soup kitchen a couple of times and our football outreach once, years ago, and has made a profession of faith whilst inside – I'm hoping to meet up with him when he gets out.

We've recently distributed copies of our Signpost magazine in several different areas in Perth, resulting in a couple of ladies requesting Bibles. We also had a couple of new visitors to our "Good News at 1" as a result of the distribution.

We've had a couple of baptisms in the past fortnight. Darren is in his 30s and was saved reading his Bible at home several months ago. He saw our videos online and started coming along at the start of the year. Roger is in his 50s and has been saved quite a number of years – he is an ex-soldier and has very bad PTSD. It's been good to see him a lot more stable recently and a joy to see him being baptised. Please pray for both of these men.

Next week we plan to start a monthly community lunch in the Hall. We're hoping that it will bring us into contact with some new people and will give another opportunity to present the Gospel.

I don't tend to plan very far ahead but would appreciate your prayers in relation to the recommencement of our football outreach and youth café in the spring. Later in the summer I'm due to speak at the Tayside Senior Camp, and Graeme Paterson and I are planning a few days of outreach in St Andrews in early August.

C. 2015 1/3/22

GARETH EDWARDS

5<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 4:21-41

#### **BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Rio Grande Do Sul**

We are so thankful to the Lord that after the dark days that we faced in the early part of last year, the pandemic situation has improved considerably. Although in recent weeks we had quite an explosion of Omicron cases like most other countries, we have seen very few people becoming really ill. Since the turn of the year case numbers far exceeded the worst days of last year, but intensive care occupancy and deaths remained relatively low. We are so thankful that we have been able to maintain full normal assembly activity for quite some time now, and even the Sunday school has not caused us any problems, in spite of more than 30 children being picked up on the bus.

It has been great to get back to the routine of visiting neighbouring assemblies to help with their midweek meetings and we have really enjoyed being back with the believers in Alvorada, Cachoeirinha, Osório etc, as well as Ivoti and Novo Hamburgo in our own area. A brother of 83 from the Ivoti assembly passed away recently (not Covid related). While we were thankful for a measure of liberty and excellent attention while speaking at his funeral, his passing has left the assembly in Ivoti very weak.

I recently paid an interesting visit to Candiota, in the south of the State, with 2 brethren from the Porto Alegre area. Quite a few interesting contacts were made in this town before the pandemic, but this was the first visit since things have started to improve. We travelled to Candiota on the Friday night and spent the Saturday visiting in the area before holding a meeting in a local community centre in the evening. We then travelled to São Gabriel so we could be with the assembly there for the Breaking of Bread on the Lord's Day. We then returned to Candiota to do some more visiting in the afternoon, before returning home in the early hours of Monday morning. In all we travelled

over 1000 miles, and although the Gospel meeting was smaller than we would have liked, we felt that we had some very profitable conversations with contacts.

C. 1998 14/3/22

JAMES & JOY ARMSTRONG

6<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 5:1-20

#### **BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Rio Grande Do Sul**

Our brother Tom Matthews and I are presently having Gospel meetings in the town of Estância Velha, about 25 minutes from home. There has been a hall in this town for many years, but, although there are a number of believers who live there, there has never been an assembly established. Over the past 2 years of the pandemic the hall has not been used, so we recently took a decision to renovate the building and bring it up to the standard of the other halls in the "Vale dos Sinos" area. That work took about 3 weeks to complete and this week we were able to commence a series of Gospel meetings in the renovated hall. To date we have been encouraged with a good number present, with support from the Novo Hamburgo, São Leopoldo and Sapiranga assemblies. We trust we will have the joy of seeing the Lord's hand working with us in salvation.

We would very much appreciate your prayers for our dear brother Pedro, from the assembly here in Sapiranga, who is presently in hospital, after suffering a heart attack last week. You may remember that he has suffered various problems since he and his wife, Claudia were seriously ill with Covid last year, and doctors seem to link his current heart problems back to that illness. Thankfully, when he took ill during the night, he was quickly transferred to one of the larger Novo Hamburgo hospitals where, within a few hours, he had a stent inserted. While he is still in hospital, he has made good progress and hopes to be home again within the next few days. We miss our brother from the assembly, and especially from the Sunday School where he has an invaluable role in bringing the children on the bus.

C. 1998 14/3/22

JAMES & JOY ARMSTRONG

7<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 5:21-43

#### **IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill**

These past two years of Government Covid Restrictions have been a frustrating time for outreach work from the assembly, but we have tried to maintain contact with people of all ages – by visits, letter-writing, and telephone calls. We are thankful that things are now opening up again, and we would value your prayers that we will see the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of many of the families we keep in contact with.

In February we restarted: the Community Coffee Morning which is well attended by mothers and toddlers; and the Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies (12 and 9 attended respectively). Please pray for God to work at these gatherings.

One of the greatest encouragements was when we restarted our Monday evening Children's Meeting this week. We had over 40 kids on the first night. I had a tear in my eye when they enthusiastically sang favourite choruses telling of the Saviour and His love. This was the first time we had heard children sing in our hall for around two years. One mother attended with her two young boys. Please pray for Julie. She and her husband Jason were both brought up in Christian homes but are still unbelievers. I have had frank conversations with them, and they have acknowledged their need of salvation. It was good to have her under the sound of the gospel message.

I continue visiting in the district and presently have the opportunity to share the gospel message with some who have never heard it before. Please pray for Sean and Anetta whose 20-year-old grandson recently committed suicide; and Sean and Margaret (Sean is presently in prison and I have been communicating with him – he rang me from the prison phone last week).

It was good recently to attend a 'STEP Weekend' of Bible teaching for young believers. Gareth and Margaret organise three of these weekends every year. Around 40 young believers attended, and a further 30 joined us on Zoom. Over the weekend we considered 'An Overview of the Prophecy of Isaiah'. These young lives are so full of potential for the Saviour: please pray that they will be fully yielded to Him.

Please pray for Gareth and Margaret. At present they are distributing prizes to over 4,000 Postal Bible School students. They are delivering prizes to the schools and giving the schools a video presentation as a means of sharing the gospel with the pupils and staff. They have also planned a number of public Prizegivings, the first of which is in Co Donegal this evening. Please pray that as they have the opportunity to share the gospel face to face with students and parents, it will find a response in their hearts.

C. 1992 4/3/22 NOEL & LIZA McMEEKIN

8<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 6:1-29

#### **WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. Pembrokeshire**

The coffee shop has proved popular in Tenby. It is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am until 4pm. All soup, sandwiches, cakes, teas and coffees are provided free as an outreach, though there is a donations box for those who wish to contribute. We have had many unbelievers visit us and they have been complimentary about the premises, the texts and books on the wall, and the welcome they have received. Please pray that this will be a place where many will find peace. We have a Christian bookshop on the premises too, with new and second-hand titles, Bibles, greeting cards etc made available. There are so few such bookshops around these days, we hope it will meet a need.

We also run a food bank from the back of the chapel and that has made us many contacts in the town, both with those who need food from the food bank and those who donate. As a result of some of these contacts, we have had strangers in most Sundays to the gospel meeting. We also have a pool of 25 children in Sunday School, and all of them are accompanied by their parents. Some of these parents who attend are believers, though they are not in fellowship. Many are unbelievers. It is a wonderful opportunity to preach the word to adults and teach the word to children.

The sisters in fellowship are hoping to re-start the parent and toddlers group next Thursday morning and we also have plans for a youth night on Friday evenings.

We are eighteen in fellowship at the moment. We have much for which to thank the Lord.

14/3/22

IAN & REBECCA REES

9<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 6:30-56

#### **ALBANIA Pop. 3 Mil. UK 4 Shkoder**

Please pray for a summer camp with our teenagers and students. This is something we have done before but this is the first year we have organised it ourselves using only our own students and teens to serve. This will include serving in worship, small group studies, testimonies and some teaching. Please pray that this will

be an encouragement to those that take part and pray that it will be a challenge to those not yet committed to our Lord.

It has been an encouragement for us to see some of the students recently baptised and declaring their desire to serve the Lord. Pray that they will be a blessing to one another to help build each other up in Christ.

C. 1997 21/3/22

COLIN & ELIDA STEPHEN

10<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 7:1-23

#### **FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Bouc-Bel-Air**

At the 'Voice of the Gospel' we are still in that waiting period for the full sale of the property to go through. The buyer is moving on with his project and should submit his plans to the local authorities soon. Once these plans are agreed to by the local authorities the full sale can go ahead. We covet your prayers for this and for the future of the work of the 'Voice of the Gospel' and its future location should the property be sold.

An Afghan man is in contact with us and who is very keen to join a literacy class. He lives and works here but can neither read or write French. At the moment the literacy classes are attended by Arab women only so the situation would be rather complicated to include him in this. We are looking to the Lord for the best solution for this man. Please pray for him and for his future contact with us.

In order to reach out more to the area around the church, we mentioned some time ago about the possibility of doing English classes. The idea would be to help our own young people first with their English conversation and with a view to expanding this in the future. All going well sessions will be held in April and May and there are young folks interested in coming. We will say more about this later, but we can start by praying for this activity.

C. 1973 2/3/22

GRAHAM & ALISON BLACK

11<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 7:24 to 8:10

#### **SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Umtentweni**

We have been appreciative of the prayers of the Lord's people over the past weeks since I went down with Covid. We thank God for preserving Dorothy from the infection. She has been a tower of strength, looking after me since my discharge from the hospital. I am still struggling a little with the after-effects—fluctuating blood pressure and blood sugar levels and, of course, the tiredness that can be a problem. Thank God that everything seems to be coming back to normal gradually.

The recent news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has been a shock to many. We have been privileged to remember Timothy and Rhoda Sloan in prayer and thank God for preserving them thus far. We continue to bear them up in prayer, along with the saints in the little assembly in Lutsk. Many of them will pay heavily for just being Ukrainian, in addition to what persecution they suffer for the Name of Christ.

A friend's son in Australia has been cut off from his home by severe flooding. They had over 1,600 mm of rain in just a few days. These people are not believers, and we trust that such disasters will turn them and many others to the Saviour. Our friend here in South Africa attends the gospel meeting at the assembly from time to time. His wife, who died of cancer some years ago, was a delightful believer and was a faithful member of the assembly. Please pray for John's salvation. We bring him to the home regularly for a meal and have opportunity to speak to him of Christ.

In the midst of all these disasters, unexpected volcanic eruptions, flooding, drought, wars and economic uncertainty, it is good to remind our hearts of several unchangeable things: God is still on the throne; Christ is still building His Church; His promise to return has never been rescinded. *“He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry”* Heb. 10:37. Praise God for a faithful, unchanging Great High Priest interceding for us at God’s right hand.

C. 1968 1/3/22 PAUL & DOROTHY GRIEVE

12<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 8:11-26

**BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Três Passos**

It is now 23 years since we came to Três Passos and we can only say that God is faithful. “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us” (1 Samuel 7:12). We owe much to the prayers of saints in the homeland and are truly grateful. Throughout the pandemic we have been preserved from the virus. Apart from a few months, for the most part we were able to continue the assembly meetings with the usual precautions which are still in place. What a privilege along the desert pathway to gather “outside the camp” unto the Name and Person of our beloved Lord and serve Him in the assembly of His people as we await His Coming.

The Lord opened a door for the preaching of the gospel in the small town of Braga (27 miles from here), where we have just finished a series of five weeks in a rented garage, with the help of brother John Davison. A young man called Tiago from there had been travelling those 27 miles by motorbike to the Lord’s Day evening gospel meeting in Três Passos and discovered that he needed to be saved. He never missed a meeting and listened earnestly. Other members of his family came from time to time and some neighbours also attended well. We hope to keep up the contacts and if possible, continue a meeting on a regular basis, if we could get a suitable venue.

Next week, God willing, a local brother and I plan to commence another series, this time in Três Passos in the opposite end of the town from where the Gospel Hall is situated. Some of the believers live in this area and we trust that their families and neighbours may make good the opportunity and come to hear the gospel. We very much value your prayers that there may be blessing in salvation.

C. 1988 9/3/22 GREG & ELIZABETH BUCHANAN

13<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 8:27 to 9:13

**ZAMBIA Pop 18 Mil. UK 40 Lusaka**

Pray for the radio outreach work that has been started in Lusaka by local believers. It has opened up a great opportunity for the gospel going out. I am enjoying getting involved and sharing through this medium. The message goes out on the university station and there is also a citywide and a nationwide station. You never know who is listening but pray that it reaches hearts searching for the Saviour.

Please pray for recent conversations that I have had with some local men. We have slowly been building relationships over this past year and it is finally bearing fruit in discussing deeper things, and specifically the gospel. Some have had negative experiences with ‘Christianity’ in the past. Also pray for a lady called Elizabeth – we recently got to know her and she asked if Joanne could explain the Bible to her! They are reading and discussing John’s Gospel on Monday afternoons.

Our little backyard Sunday School class has completed an overview of the Old Testament stories over the past year and is

now moving on into the life of Christ. Pray for understanding and salvation for these kids as they sing, learn verses and hear the Bible stories.

We need the Lord’s leading day by day and also His guidance as we look ahead to the future, God willing. Please pray for help and wisdom in balancing my role in mission aviation maintenance with other opportunities that come up.

C. 2019 16/3/22 MARK & JOANNE GRATTAN

14<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 9:14-32

**VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Tucupita**

The Lord in his goodness and mercy to us has permitted some growth in the work here for which we are very grateful. Last November, eight believers were baptized bringing the little group up to 16. There are a few others who have also professed salvation and are continuing well. Most of the believers show a real interest to help in gospel outreach. We value your prayers for their preservation and that the Holy Spirit may prepare men with a good testimony and a shepherd’s heart to care for the people of God in this locality.

We have been encouraged seeing the interest of several who have been attending the gospel meetings in the different areas where the message is preached. A young man called Lisandro who is an indigenous teacher in Janokosebe, a community where we go on Mondays, was asking several questions about salvation after the last meeting we had there. He is reading the New Testament, so we appreciate your prayers for him. In this community, there is one elderly brother who is baptized, Don Guillermo. One of his daughters also professes to be saved and has been showing an interest to obey the Lord and get her life put in order.

Yesterday we were able to return to a village called El Moriche, where we had a children’s work before the pandemic began. Around 200 children and many adults gathered under some Mango trees to hear the word of God. We hope to be able to continue once a week with this gospel outreach. We have also begun 3 other bible classes for children which had been cancelled since before the pandemic started.

In spite of the difficulty to get gasoline, we were able to go in our little boat, last Tuesday to a few communities down the river. In 4 different places we shared a gospel message to a number of children and adults. The last place we visited is a community of around 70 houses called Santo Domingo. The people showed a real interest to listen, so we are praying that the Lord may do a work in their hearts, and we may also be able to return frequently to preach the gospel.

Your prayers are of great value to us. We realize our total dependence on the Lord for the great task He has given to us, and also feel that time is running out to take the glad news to so many who are willing to hear.

C. 2014 (Ven) 7/3/22 WILLIAM TURKINGTON

15<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 9:33-50

**ROMANIA Pop. 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Ploiesti**

In the initial phase of the war in Ukraine, many people entered Romania at three different border crossings (**Siret and Sighet** in the north as well as **Isaccea near Tulcea** in the south). Generally speaking, they were more well off and arrived in their own vehicles and had money, so they quickly moved on to other countries where they had relatives or friends.

Believers were waiting at borders with food, water, and essential

items, as well as offering transport to bus stations, train stations and airports for those without vehicles. Accommodation was offered to those who needed it, with many people only staying one or two nights.

After the initial influx, various centres for food and accommodation were set up by believers, businesspeople, and local authorities. Donation centres for food, clothing and finance have been set up in local shopping centres. The EU has set up a distribution hub near Suceava airport in the north. People of other nationalities who were living and studying in the Ukraine have left and where possible places are being found for them in schools and universities here if they wish to stay and continue their studies.

Assembly believers in Suceava, in the north of Romania, who speak Ukrainian, have been an enormous help as they co-ordinate different aspects of the relief work. This is the busiest crossing point.

After the first week as the bombardments worsened, many women and children crossed the border, arriving on foot with suitcases and bags, some having abandoned vehicles or public transport as the queues were stretching for miles. The weather turned much colder at this point and there were flurries of snow. Many of these are poorer people who have left everything behind and are exhausted and traumatized. Some need help to arrange onward travel as well as financial help to purchase tickets and obtain any further documentation necessary for travel. Others need accommodation on a long-stay basis as they have nowhere else to go, some prefer to be near the border so that they can return once the situation eases.

Humanitarian aid is being allowed into Ukrainian towns nearer the border in the north of Romania and assembly believers continue to purchase and take in food and essential items, on a daily basis, while it is still possible. Humanitarian aid convoys cross the border with an escort. Items delivered are being transported further into the Ukraine to where they are most needed.

C. 1992 10/3/22 PAUL & SUE WILLIAMS

16<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 10:1-31

#### **ROMANIA Pop. 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Ploiesti**

Believers are working extremely hard and pulling well together in this new and developing situation. People are being housed in church buildings, sports centres, schools, hotels and private homes.

Immediate help was necessary, and the Lord provided in wonderful ways through the generosity of His people. Even greater needs will follow and as plans and decisions are made for the future, much wisdom is needed.

Due to the influx of people, new beds and bedding needed to be purchased, and with a swift turn over in numbers, washing machines and driers have been working non-stop as well as heating systems. Recently a gift was passed on to purchase a new washing machine at one of the Christian centres.

Ukrainian people (believers and unbelievers) are attending assembly gatherings and being shown much love and kindness by believers. Some of those helping the Ukrainian people have their own personal needs too.

There is apprehension here as the war is in the neighbouring country. People were already concerned and economising due to the hefty increase in gas, electricity prices and food prices in recent months, and were thankful for a fairly mild winter. A cold spell is now sweeping through the country, accompanied by heavy snow showers in some parts.

At the beginning of March during our day visit to Suceava we saw the humanitarian aid being collected and taken to areas where it is needed. Our minds went back over 30 years to the time when this type of activity was taking place in the UK for Romania. Now the nation is moved and making every effort to meet the needs of those fleeing from war in a neighbouring country.

Owing to the generosity of the Lord's people in recent weeks our role has been to send finance to assembly believers in the north of Romania (Suceava and Sighet) to purchase food and essential items that are being taken across the border daily to help those who have remained in the Ukraine. Food and essential items have also been purchased to help the refugee work carried on by believers in Romania as well as help with travel costs for those in need.

We receive updates several times a day so that current needs can be met. Families arrive with just a suitcase, cold and hungry, some having walked for 3 days after their homes were destroyed. As the weather has turned cold and long queues have remained at the border, believers have been out offering warm clothing to those who need it as well as hot food.

C. 1992 10/3/22 PAUL & SUE WILLIAMS

17<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 10:32-52

#### **SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 George**

It is hard to believe we are into our third month of 2022. We can indeed raise our Ebenezer's and say 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us'. We are thankful as we are continuing in Breaking of bread, Prayer and Bible study, Gospel meetings and open-air meetings. We are also very encouraged to be able to commence cottage meetings.

We are thankful for answered prayer to a young sister who is out of fellowship, sadly due to having fallen into a relationship with an older Moslem man. The Lord has opened her eyes and we are so grateful to the Lord for answered prayer. The mother was so thankful and asked for a cottage meeting in their family home to give thanks for answered prayer. We were also thankful to have a cottage meeting in a newly developed area, Golden valley, George.

We are thankful for another young sister who has a huge responsibility where she looks after her mum and has two children and has also adopted a young girl. Her brothers are sadly involved with drugs, and this brings so many problems to the household. We are so thankful she has made a stand, despite her husband being unsaved, to bring up her children in the fear of the Lord and dedicate her children to the Lord. We are also encouraged that a young brother from Malawi, working in George, has come into fellowship.

Another young brother is going through a very difficult time with family problems. Please pray for the family involved.

The daughter of a brother in the meeting recently requested baptism. What a lovely testimony of obedience in these difficult days. Another young mum is distraught as her two cousins were arrested for the murder of a young man. This is a common happening due to drinking and drug problems. We would appreciate your prayers. The problems with unemployment and poverty amongst the folk in and around George is rife. We pray for wisdom in every situation as it is sometimes difficult to know what to do.

C. 2000 (SA) 7/3/22 ROBIN & MARY ROSSOUW

18<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 11:1-26

**SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 George**

We are thankful to the Lord for the growth and continuation of the Afrikaans Bible correspondence. The letters are being done in different areas of George. Most weeks we have a few more children joining. There has also been a mum who joined, and we give thanks as the Word of God goes into these homes. Thankful to hear of some that have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. We pray that many will remember their Creator in the days of their youth and prepare to meet their God. In one of the very poor areas, we were happy to chat to one of our past Sunday school children. He is head boy at the senior school in the area. Please pray for this young man, Ronaldo, in very difficult circumstances in his home. Please also pray for his brother, Elrico.

Please continue to pray for mums and toddlers' group. We have had some good discussion times as we continue talking about 'what is a Christian?'. We were glad some attended the baptism recently. Also saddened as one young mum who was in fellowship, promised to come, but sadly excused herself.

Please pray for Robin, who was not too well. They have increased his Parkinson medication once more. This has helped, but they also found he had haemorrhaging, swelling and scarring to his retina. He will begin with injections into the eye again to try to control his condition, although they say they will not be able to improve the sight that has deteriorated.

Please continue to remember our family and brother Thomas, who has just had a stem cell transplant and is in isolation.

C. 2000 (SA) 7/3/22 ROBIN & MARY ROSSOUW

19<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 11:27 to 12:17

**GREECE Pop. 10.7 Mil. Writing from N Ireland**

Firstly, we want to thank you for supporting us in prayer through many changes during this past year.

We were in Thessaloniki in Northern Greece for ten weeks at the end of 2021. We are very glad that we could use our Irish passports which meant we had no need of a visa and could come and go as we please. We did however need to get into the Greek tax system to be able to rent a flat.

This proved to be very time consuming but with persistence and the help of Greek friends, Harry has got us into the system! He also got our vaccines from Afghanistan recognised in their system and we were even able to get our third booster in Thessaloniki! So we are very thankful that looking ahead we should be able to feel more settled in Greece.

It was quite daunting starting from scratch trying to find ways of meeting Afghans to be able to share Christ's love and word with them. So we volunteered in two centres that help the homeless and refugees, eighty percent of whom are Afghans, so our language skills were much in demand. We were able to help in the centres five days a week, where we prepared and distributed food along with clothes. It was great to be able to meet Afghans and talk with them in their own language. We want to build on these relationships when we return.

Harry also connected with Afghans in the main park in Thessaloniki and had some wonderful opportunities with families who were transiting from an island camp on their way to Germany.

He helped them get accommodation for the night as they had already slept out in the open and gave them a Gospel, making

sure that they could get to the airport the next day. One of these men, Abdullah, is still in contact with Harry and wants to learn more about Christ after reading through the Gospel.

C.1989/82 25/2/22 HARRY & STEPHANNIE LANNON

20<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 12:18-44

**GREECE Pop. 10.7 Mil. Writing from N Ireland**

We have linked up with an Afghan brother and his Dutch wife who are working in the many refugee camps around Thessaloniki. He is a Bible teacher and is very wise in discerning the hearts of his fellow countrymen. They are trying to set up a discipleship centre in a village west of the city. They have asked us to join them in the outreach to the camps and to reach out to refugees living in the city and to help disciple new believers. We count it a privilege to help this key couple.

We have enjoyed our time at home with family and friends. We heard a couple of days ago that Harry's recent C.T. scans were clear. We are encouraged that with this clean bill of health we can now make plans to return to Greece at the start of March.

We hear regularly from our dear friends in Afghanistan. As you might imagine their situations are dire. The economy has collapsed and there is no work. We are able to send in money although this is now quite tightly controlled by the Taliban. Please pray especially for Stephanie's language teacher who although only twenty-five has cancer. She needs to go to Pakistan as there is no effective treatment available in the country. She and her brother have applied for passports, and we are doing all that we can to help and advise. Most of all please pray she sees her need of a loving caring Saviour. She has been privileged to hear the gospel.

Harry's language teacher who is a believer has also applied for a passport as he and his family fear to stay. Not only is he a secret believer but his wife was a policewoman. They are now living in a remote village as this is safer. How incredibly sad it all is to be living in Afghanistan in these days.

Please pray for the small Christian groups who are trying to remotely organise relief work and eventually hope to return to the country.

C.1989/82 25/2/22 HARRY & STEPHANNIE LANNON

21<sup>ST</sup>

Mark 13

**N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil.**

In addition to my writing commitments, I am busy most Lord's Days with 'Drive-in Gospel' meetings. It connects well with 'street preaching'. Some brothers like the platform, I enjoy the challenge of outdoors, and quite a few assemblies here have continued with 'Drive-in' opportunities in car parks, yards and so forth through the winter, and even now that halls are open again. Many are still hearing who would never come inside.

From a street-work point of view I try to manage 4 trips each year to the West and South of Ireland. I do this in fellowship with Jonathan Goodwin, a brother from Collooney, who is a window cleaner by trade, but a street worker by calling – and gifted too. They do 6,000 homes in Nov-Dec in Sligo County with calendars, which I have helped with since 2015. I have the use of a 2-berth caravan, so we go twice a year into the Munster Province and preach in the cities there. Cork and Limerick are very open to the gospel, even among students, in a way that all

parts of the UK are not. This is a 'new door' unknown previously. I will be down again with the caravan in May, God willing.

Pray for Neill (a recent convert from a paramilitary background), for Tara and Victoria (a convert who got away from the Lord due to strong pressure in the South of Ireland, and is coming slowly back), for Brian, for Steve, for Susie, for Nathan and Lindsay. All of these are close contacts (though some far away geographically) who all requested the book ('End Times for Beginners') and are reading it.

In August and September Helen will join me (with the caravan) for a lengthy preaching / ministry tour of the Highlands, the Orkneys, and the Hebrides. I try to get to the 'far north' once a year as well, though 2021 was missed out due to Covid.

We also had plans for a lengthy visit to the interior of British Columbia, Canada, where I had been doing a lot of outreach and gospel work pre-covid. Some of the assemblies are terribly isolated - as much as 1,000k apart - and very little to encourage. They need prayer and support. Though it looks as if things are not as 'settled' there as here, we may have to schedule for spring 23, God willing.

C. 2004 3/3/22 DAVID & HELEN MCKILLEN

22<sup>ND</sup>

Mark 14:1-26

#### ALASKA UK 1 Writing from New jersey

My husband Tommy went to be with the Lord just over eleven years ago. We had served the Lord together for many years in Alaska. Subsequently, the Lord led me back to 'my roots' near family and my former home assembly in September 2018 (Gen. 31:3). He provided a nice first floor apartment. I will be 86 in May but have so much to thank the Lord for. I am still able to live independently, and drive to my former home assembly at Pennsauken only 15 minutes away. It is a very active assembly in the gospel and ministry, and I am happy there. As for my health, I was hospitalized from 7-9 January due to an episode of low sodium. It took me about ten days to recover my strength.

Since Ukraine has been in the news since 23 February, it has been the focus of our concern and prayers. Timothy and Rhoda Sloan's daughter and family are in the Hatboro, PA assembly, an hour's drive from here. I have enjoyed reading some of the Psalms of David in time of crises, such as Psalm 37, 46 and 91 on the Lord's protection. I am praying that even this awful conflict will reach out to the furtherance of the gospel, as the Christians are seeking to continue to witness there.

Maranatha!

C. 1986 2/3/22 MARJORIE THOMPSON

23<sup>RD</sup>

Mark 14:27-52

#### N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil. Ballyclare

As some will know, we started a weekly Gospel meeting in the Stonewall Gospel hall, Co. Cavan (Republic of Ireland), at the beginning of December last year. It is very much like pioneering work in this area. I only know of a handful of believers in a twenty mile radius, however we have had great times speaking to families and to individuals. It is still possible to find souls willing to allow the Scriptures to be opened in their homes.

Meetings have been up and down as far as numbers are concerned.

A few weeks ago I set up the two roads and two destinies chart to use in the meeting. I spoke about two types of people, two directions, two judgements, etc. That night only two men came in, two unsaved men, two men in their fifties, but two precious souls, and I had the joy of telling them of the One and only Saviour. Please pray for these two men. One of them has been in almost every meeting and has openly acknowledged that he never heard this before and that he is not saved. The other one was in for the first time. Both need our prayers, both need Christ, both have big problems in life.

I have been in their homes and have spoken to them in very plain language. They have taken literature and DVDs and show great respect for the Word of God. We thank God there is Salvation for both of them!

One family that I have visited quite regularly and have discussed the Gospel to them in their home, seemed to be steadfast and immovable. But lo and behold, two of them arrived last Lord's Day. Both listened extremely well and seemed transfixed by the Chart.

I have real hopes that they will be back.

We were encouraged two weeks ago when our youngest daughter, Rose, told us that she had been saved in the Drive-in meeting at Ballyclare in August last year. She seems very happy since telling us. It has been an encouragement to many.

Many thanks to all who have been praying for us and for our family. Your prayers are an encouragement to us and are so appreciated.

C. 1991 9/3/22 TERRY & CHERYL TOPLEY

24<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 14:53-72

#### BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Tupi Paulista

Your continued prayerful and practical interest gives momentum to the furtherance of the Gospel in Brazil. The open door to preach the Gospel has in fact been an obstacle to the Gospel. There is so much falsity in "evangelical" circles that people just don't know what to believe. Many are corrupting or making merchandise of the Word of God - 2 Cor 2:17. We are praying that the Lord will raise up more true evangelists and shepherd/teachers.

Here are a few specific matters for prayer:

Our move to Manaus and the selling of the house in Tupi was delayed as there was a stream of visitors wanting to be with us before the move. We don't expect any more visitors so trust in the Lord to have His hand upon the sale of everything here. Our intention is to move with the least amount of baggage. Claudete would like to keep a few good pots and pans. The kitchen sink will stay behind!

The schoolwork in Novo Airão is in place and continues well as also in the upper reaches of the Rio Negro in São Gabriel da Cachoeira. We should be revisiting both cities soon and will be looking to the Lord for openings with the families represented by the children. Alexander and Geovana with their two boys have moved to Manaus recently and will be able to visit Novo Airão soon by road. S. Gabriel is several days journey by boat, so if our move to Manaus comes quickly, we will move together, God willing.

The interest from Lucio, Neia and family in Manaus is developing. Contact has been maintained with them through WhatsApp. Alex and Geovana have been to visit them last week. Pray for the

family to sense their need of a Saviour and approach Him with repentance and faith. That would be a great start into the Parque Dez area of Manaus (geographically central).

Socorro is growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, as is also Cleuza who lives about an hour by road from Tupi. They are enjoying sweet fellowship with the Lord on a daily basis. Pray for this to be kept up. The enemy of our souls has some very subtle ways of keeping us all, young believers especially, from the living Word of God.

C. 1974 25/2/22 JOHN & CLAUDE AXFORD

25<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 15:1-23

**ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Lancashire**

We have been working with providing food bank parcels delivered to those in need in the Cleveleys area, through Christian Care and Share (now registered as a charity). Our primary aim is to share the Gospel with these folks.

Last week we were asked to take on clients from another food bank that is closing at the end of March. We currently supply 20 households (45 people) with a weekly food parcel.

Each week a tract is enclosed, and we get opportunity to speak to clients on their doorstep when we deliver, often asking them what they thought about the tract received last week. Free Bibles are offered, and it was good when a lady recently asked for one.

Contact is made with people from all walks of life and lifestyle, and how thankful we are that the Lord is gracious, 'not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance'.

Bible stall work in Fleetwood market continues, although we now attend 3 days a week instead of 4, however the stall is open for people to read the displays and take tracts when we are not there.

The Cleveleys Assembly meetings are smaller in some ways, with 5 elderly saints unable to gather due to ill health. However, a brother from India recently moved to our area with work and enjoys fellowship with us, as also our daughter Sarah, who has employment in Cleveleys now, so good to have her in the Assembly again.

Please continue to pray for this needy area of England.

C. 2010 4/3/22 NEAL & CHRISTINE HARTRIDGE

26<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 15:24-47

**BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Pirassununga**

We have been meditating recently on the lovely word of II Corinthians 4: 'For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ'. Note the 'who': the same God who commanded the light to shine in Genesis 1 hath shined in our hearts! Also, the 'why': 'to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God'. What a privilege to receive knowledge of the glory of God! And especially, note the 'where': where does this glory shine? In Creation? In Heaven? 'In the face of Jesus Christ!'. May we gaze by faith on our blessed Lord, 'till He come!'.  
  
This past week I had the privilege of preaching the Gospel at the funeral of a dear elderly sister from Casa Branca, 50 km from here. She was the only family member in the assembly there, and all her 8 children, plus in-laws and grandchildren, were present at the

funeral and heard the Gospel. A sad day, yet a great opportunity. The assembly in Casa Branca had been reduced to only three believers in fellowship — now, only Carlinhos and his wife are left. Please pray for them.

We have lost two families lately: one from Pirassununga, one from Aguaf. The fathers in both of these families are Brazilians commended from other regions of Brazil. Both were excellent teachers, and the nine assemblies in this region will miss their help in the ministry. One moved up to the Amazon region, and will be helping the assemblies in that part of Brazil. The other, sadly, had to return to his commending assembly due to problems. Please pray for the need we have in the region as a whole, and especially the young assembly in Aguaf.

We value your prayers, that the Lord may preserve His people and His assemblies during this crisis, and that soon we may be back to normal activities, according to His will.

C. 1998 3/3/22 WILLIAM & ELEN WATTERSON

27<sup>TH</sup>

Mark 16

**ARGENTINA Pop. 45 Mil. UK 6 Parana**

Despite days of uncertainty, we have seen the Lord's hand in the salvation and subsequent marriage of two couples with children. We have rejoiced in their marriages, their baptisms and addition to two of the local assemblies. By law, only the Civil Registrar is authorised to marry. It is customary in these cases to use this opportunity to have a meeting, where their commitment is underlined, and prayer is made to commend them and their children to the Lord. I was asked to speak on both occasions, with the largest number of unsaved friends and relatives present in a very long time. Pray for both families and the gospel preached.

Throughout the country most local church activities have been resumed with the necessary precautions in place. What joy to meet again! There is concern that during these two years, some have grown cold in heart; also, some who have returned to the meetings are less consistent than before. In the Parana assembly, it was decided to suspend Zoom transmission of meetings as this tended to promote absence. We have been stressing in ministry the difference between belonging to and meeting in the local church.

Nevertheless, in some situations Zoom has proved to be a real blessing and has kept me very busy. For example, I was speaking in Santiago, Chile, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February. This was an anniversary conference of the pioneer work of Mr Andrew Stenhouse of Loanhead, Midlothian in Scotland. Together with his wife, they saw a very big and strong work began in Santiago, Chile's capital city.

God willing, I plan to return to Scotland for some rest (if possible) during April and May. I will be staying at the Missionary Flat in Edinburgh. Fluctuating restrictions may change that. Like David we can say 'our times are in thy hands'. They could not be in any better!

C. 1974 21/2/22

JIM BURNETT

28<sup>TH</sup>

1 Peter 1:1-12

**SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Ayrshire**

I fly to Uganda on the 21st of March for a 10-day visit. My last visit was in February 2020, and I am very much looking forward to meeting with the saints there again. Stephen Baker will be



accompanying me to Uganda and from there I will fly to Ethiopia to spend a few days with Robert Revie. I also hope to visit Josh and Keri in DRC later this year for Bible teaching and further expansion of the billboard work there.

I mentioned in January that the shed construction was about to start. The walls are partly built, and the roof is on. Hopefully in a couple of weeks the walls will be finished and the doors on to allow the concrete floor to be laid.

While in Canada last October we started looking into the possibility of billboards there. The believers have now purchased billboards and we have designed banners for them and hope that God's word will be on display there in the very near future. Whilst there, I also met a full-time worker from the island of St Lucia. We have been working together and a billboard has been designed and is ready to be printed to display God's word to the people there also.

Please continue to remember us in prayer as we seek to grow this work for the Lord's glory.

14/3/22

PAUL & RACHEL JENKINSON

29<sup>TH</sup>

1 Peter 1:13 to 2:10

**MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Xalapa**

For two weeks, at the close of January and the beginning of February, fellow worker David Cadenas helped out with visiting and preaching the Gospel here in Xalapa. Due to the pandemic and the cooler, wet weather, we didn't see good numbers attending. However, a number of people attended with some showing an interest in being saved. May they even yet place their trust in the sufficiency of the Lord Jesus and His precious shed blood at Calvary. Pray for Alejandro, who trusted Christ for salvation after one of the Gospel meetings. The change is quite remarkable! Pray for her boyfriend Fortino's salvation. From his darkened, hardened heart, he fought with many of the messages he heard; but surprisingly, he continues to attend.

Every second Saturday we visit the city of Puebla for a Gospel meeting in one of the large parks. Such places are perfect for preaching under the shadow of the many trees in the fresh highland air at 2,200m above sea level. We sowed the Incorruptible Seed to a nice number of attentive souls who had gathered and others that passed by. As a result of distributing Gospel texts and calendars we've come to know quite a number of people who live in the metropolitan area that includes over three million people. Remember 50-year-old José Luís. He obtained a Gospel text in November and made contact on Christmas Day asking for someone to come and teach him the Bible. He has quite a colourful past and is seeking, as he told us himself, the new life that is found in Christ. Pray for 44yr old Álvaro. He too is quite a character. He heard the Gospel a few weeks ago for the first time and has expressed his desire to be saved. Pray for Nancy who attended for the first time in three years with her two boys. Also, pray for Natanael & Sara. They heard us preaching in the park as they tried to start their rather rusty and unreliable car. Afterwards Natanael told us he was a Christian seeking a place to gather. We marvel to see how God works in His own mysterious ways – even using the inconvenience of a broken down car!

C. 2011 3/3/22

TIMOTHY & JENNA STEVENSON

30<sup>TH</sup>

1 Peter 2:11 to 3:7

**MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Xalapa**

Last month we visited a couple of mountain towns with some of our remaining calendars. In the towns of Xico and Xico Viejo we have quite a number of contacts who were happy to receive us into their homes to hear the Gospel. It's quite incredible to be among people who live in simple homes stuck together with wooden pallets and corrugated iron sheets. Their obvious materialistic disadvantage is a real advantage for us as we seek to see them won to Christ. Cars are rare, internet non-existent, but they have a whole lot more than those who live here in the city – a hunger for God's word. Pray for a young mother named Francisca. It was a pleasant surprise to see the words of 1 Corinthians 15v3 written on the door of her mother-in-law's home: 'Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures'. That provided enough to converse about the work of the Lord Jesus on Calvary's cross. What an encouragement to hear her tell us again, after perhaps a year since we last spoke, that she is depending upon Christ and His sacrifice. This is a truth she understood during one of our first visits back in April 2020 as she overheard us explaining the meaning of her mother-in-law's name – Grace! Truly amazing grace!

Yesterday we travelled 1hr 20mins to a town called Libres. It's located in desert conditions at about 2,350m above sea level. Due to the blazing sun overhead, we sought refuge under a shadow in the central park to preach the Gospel. As we placed the 'Gospel trumpet' to our lips so to speak, desiring that there wouldn't be any uncertain sound, people drew near to listen and then to ask questions afterwards. Later we visited the home of some contacts for a Gospel meeting, which concluded with two women asking how they could obtain eternal life. Pray for the salvation of Anita and Irene. They are sisters and have eight children between them. Further evidence that God is working among these precious souls was seen as we departed – they asked when we'd return to preach God's word. In such a parched place, the people are thirsting more than the land. Perhaps the words of Isaiah 35v1 could be applicable: '...the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose'.

We are thankful for your prayerful fellowship with us in the work the Lord is doing here in this land of coffee beans, chapel bells and a few Christians bought with precious blood.

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