



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Luke 9:37-62

CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Portage la Prairie

How precious that God's promises are unfailing and that we can trust fully upon our faithful God. Certainly, we have proved this over the past 6 months! We are very grateful for your prayers during this time, as we plodded along with the distribution of the Postal Bible Studies and the radio work.

In March, Elaine and I enjoyed our first out-of-province visit for a week with the Melfort assembly in Saskatchewan. It was lovely to renew fellowship with the dear believers there and to share some studies on Elijah with them, as well as give a report and share in the Gospel. Then at the beginning of April, I began a month of weekly visits to Mitchell, for a Wednesday night children's meeting. However due to a two-day snowstorm cancelling one, we have the final meeting this coming Wednesday, God willing. About 20 or so children and teens have been present. We value *prayer* for the Lord's blessing in salvation.

In recent months, we have been greatly encouraged by all the radio contracts being renewed. This month the last of the nine radio stations is up for renewal, so please *pray* that CKDM 730 in Dauphin, will give us another contract for a year. In January, the Lord wonderfully answered prayer, as the native station (NCI) agreed to give COMPASS POINT another chance. We were disappointed at first that it was for just 3 months, however, again after much prayer that there would be no negative feedback, we were thrilled when they extended it by another 3 months, to the end of July. It is now for 5 days (Sun to Thurs) and at an evening time (9.39 pm) rather than in the morning. So please *pray* that they may extend it next time to the end of the year. We have continued advertising both COMPASS POINT and Anchorpoint Radio in local newspapers this year and have also distributed over 10,000 VIA Magazines in various Manitoba communities using Canada Post. Please *pray* that these will lead to new listeners and will speak to many souls. As I'm due to be away from home for most of this month, I've been recording many extra radio programs to cover this time and to be ahead when I return.

C. 2000 3/5/22

PETE & ELAINE SMITH

2ND

Luke 10:1-24

CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Portage la Prairie

Elaine and I would greatly value your *prayers* for our upcoming visit to St. Lucia. God willing, we head down to the island this coming Sunday (May 8th). We are due to be there for 3 weeks and I'm looking forward to four nights of ministry (in the first week) with the Ciceron assembly and other believers in the north of the island. We will be based in Soufriere for the last week, and I'll be having a week of ministry with the assembly there, God willing. As it will be nearly two and half years since the last

visit, we're also hoping to contact all the schools that received the PBS booklets. Please *pray* that there will be opportunities at each for school assemblies and to discuss the next order of PBS booklets for the new school year in September. This morning I emailed the 18 schools and have already received two requests for a visit. Please *pray* that we will also be an encouragement to fellow workers based on the island and that our time with the dear believers will be a real blessing.

In closing, we are presently awaiting approval of two tent site applications for July & August. Both were approved in 2020 but had to be cancelled due to Covid. Please *pray* for favourable answers once again.

C. 2000 3/5/22

PETE & ELAINE SMITH

3RD

Luke 10:25-42

NORWAY Pop. 5.4 Mil. UK 5 Skien

Thank you for your continued prayers, especially for Jennifer and her consultation and examination with her pathologist yesterday. Results from her recent blood samples were encouraging, and we are glad to report that the pathologist was pleased as there was little change in the past months. Also, Jennifer's cancer condition remains stable at the moment. One slight negative was the possible need for tests on her kidneys, a precautionary measure hopefully.

Jennifer's physical condition – her stability, walking, movements of right arm, hand and leg – revealed little improvement, but she was strongly advised to continue her weekly training with her physiotherapist. To further help her movements, she will have 5 days specialised treatment in Oslo beginning 23 May. After a thorough examination with the pathologist here in Skien, Jennifer was advised she required no further treatment of chemotherapy at this time but will have another consultation and examination in 3 months, a regular practice here in Norway.

Once again, thank you for your prayers. In appreciation to you all with Isaiah 41:10.

C. 1982 12/5/22

NAT & JENNIFER RODGERS

4TH

Luke 11:1-13

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Gantok

Report from Jirwan

Jorethang is a small city which is the gateway to the three districts of Sikkim - Geyzing, Namchi and Soreng. The Gangtok assembly has been labouring in the gospel in this city. The Lord has blessed the work and an assembly has been planted in a suburb called Sisney. Some believers from Nezi, a village in Darjeeling, have also been attending the meetings in Sisney.

The believers in Nezi are doing well. Pawan has been employed in a local power project as an engineer. His work schedule is tight. He has to work in three different stations on a rotational basis and is only free on Sundays, when he drives all the believers to the local assembly.

Kriti has been baptized recently. She is studying in Darjeeling college. She travels from Darjeeling to Jorethang (over an hour drive by a taxi on a rough road) every Sunday. It is an encouraging and challenging commitment from a new believer.

Peter Gurung, a blind believer from the Gangtok assembly has also been fully involved in the Jorethang assembly. The assembly

in Gangtok has been praying for the Lord's guidance regarding commending him in the work of the Lord there.

Kunal and Pema, a young couple have been labouring with the assembly in Jorethang. Kunal is a schoolteacher and Pema is a housewife.

Nitya and Maryada, two young girls from Nezi are seriously considering their need for baptism. Nitya is a student. Maryada is a schoolteacher.

Riya, another young girl from Nezi, has also been showing tremendous interest in the meetings. She comes every Sunday.

Saheel and Siddhant, are two young boys from Nezi. They are saved but they need prayer support.

Tara Prasad Rai, is a new believer from Nezi. He has great potential as a believer. However, he is struggling with several problems.

Shreya is a young girl from Budang who attends the meetings. She is a new believer. Her cousin, Sanidhya attends the gospel meetings. His life is in a big mess. He admitted it to some believers recently. He has apparently been on drugs for some years.

11/5/22

CHARLES DAVIDSON (N Ireland)

5TH

Luke 11:14-36

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

My family and I would like to express our sincerest appreciation for your recent prayers. After the initial shock of Allan's home call, I have felt an indescribable peace that can only be explained by this experience of being prayed for.

As you well know, Allan had many near encounters with death. It's a comfort to understand that the number of his days were determined beforehand in God's sovereign will. Although we may humanly feel it was too soon, we know he was called home not one day early. We count our time on earth in years, but God counts our time in days. In contrast to the finite number of our days here on earth is the infinite number of God's thoughts towards us. How great are His mercies!

Allan was such a dynamic presence in our midst, involved in every aspect of our lives. The huge void is made apparent daily. Although we feel our weakness and inadequacy more than ever, we will continue with the work that the Lord has called us to do. It is only in His strength that it will be possible.

C. 1995 (Ven) 20/5/22 SANDRA TURKINGTON

6TH

Luke 11:37-54

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

At the start of the year, Allan visited the assemblies in the area. Then, mid-February, we returned to Colombia to fulfill a commitment with gospel meetings in the assembly of Villa del Rosario, the city on the border with Venezuela. He started with a week of ministry meetings and spoke on the topic of restoration. *Turn us again* (restore us!), *O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.* Psalm 80:19. *He restoreth my soul.* Psalm 23:3. The book of Nehemiah and his purpose to restore the walls of Jerusalem was studied. The ministry meetings were followed by three weeks of gospel meetings in the hall of Cucuta. This hall had not been opened in two years.

There was blessing in both efforts. We later heard the good news of Christians coming back to the fellowship of the assembly and

souls confessing Christ as their Saviour. Please pray for this work. It was Allan's desire to start helping more in Colombia in these later years. When he returned from our previous trip, the vast need of the country had been impressed upon his heart. Colombia, with around 50 million inhabitants, has almost double the population of Venezuela, and only 16 assemblies. Four of these are very new, established since three Venezuelan workers have been commended to Colombia. Pray to the Lord of the harvest!

The week before he was taken home, he had gone to each of the assemblies in the area for one of their midweek meetings. Please pray for the continued preservation and growth of the five assemblies in the state of Barinas.

At present we have 25 children in the school and hope to have all the legal paperwork finished in time for September to receive others from the neighborhood. We continue assisting brethren with necessary medication and have seen an increase in cancer patients that require costly treatments. Together with Battle Creek foundation, we have been able to help with this need.

C. 1995 (Ven) 20/5/22 SANDRA TURKINGTON

7TH

Luke 12:1-21

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Bethany Hospital, Mumbai

As we look back, there is so much to thank the Lord for. We have now been covid free for the last 2 months, and that is such a relief both for our staff and for the finances of the hospital. We are now in the grip of a deluge of non-covid cases where treatment has been delayed; many are surfacing with very advanced disease. We keep trusting the Lord for wisdom and guidance.

One of the palpable challenges that we are facing post covid, is the anxiety that has gripped many people who come to the hospital. You just have to start talking and many break down, not knowing how to cope. The sadness however is that for many, the gospel does not seem to be the solution. We have great opportunities currently in the gospel and we pray that the Lord will give us a rich harvest.

Our HIV/Aids work has gone into full swing, with many requests from the community; the team are also looking after many terminally ill patients with cancer. Visiting homes, giving food rations, bringing very sick patients to our hospital and providing basic primary care for those who are very sick continues to be the main work, along with communicating the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Our end-of-life care home has finally received permission from the authorities. After a wait of nearly 18 months, we hope to be able to start before the rains in June. Please pray that this initiative will go smoothly.

Joshua has got selected in the national training for surgical registrars and will be moving south to either Southampton or Winchester. Benjamin continues to really enjoy his psychiatric training in Bristol.

Claire and I are keeping well and celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary last month, the goodness of our God has been so evident to us both in the last 30 years of life together. It has not always been easy, but it has been exciting and joyous.

We will be visiting the UK in the end of the month, as there is a family get-together to celebrate Claire's Mum's 80th birthday.

4/5/22

DR STEPHEN & CLARE ALFRED

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Nantes

Last weekend we were over in Northern Ireland for a missionary conference in one of the assemblies there. It was a real privilege for us to spend some time and to deepen our links with them. It was great to see their interest in God's work in France and we are assured of their prayers, which mean so much. It was also beneficial for us personally, to spend time in the Lord's presence seeking His face as to what we should share at the different meetings, and we trust that what was said will yet be used of Him to build up His people and maybe even call some new workers to this needy land. He is the Lord of the harvest!

One 'new' elder who has been accompanying the three others for well over a year now, will be recognised by all as an elder. Thomas is much appreciated, as is his wife, Catherine. He is a sports teacher and Catherine is a child minder. We are thankful to see good spiritual progress on their part and we thank the Lord for their presence among us. That will now make a group of four elders, and we commend them all to your prayers. May they be united as they seek to lead the Lord's people. Remember Thomas, Timothée, Lionel and Gerry.

An annual conference will be held here in Nates on 4-6 June. Our main involvement will be manning a stand from the bookshop, which we run in the city. Every time there is a coffee break at the conference, we will be at the stand. It will no doubt be intense! But also, a joy to serve the Lord's people in this way. Many come from smaller towns where there is no Christian bookshop so it a good opportunity for these friends to stock up on good books.

Thanks again for your prayers.

C. 1985/88 11/5/22 GERRY & DOROTHY SEED

BRASS TACKS

We give thanks for answered prayer on several counts – our team leader Paul had his long-delayed surgery and is making a good recovery.

After two years of working within UK, we are venturing out to Africa next week. Two main projects are planned over the next 3 months: one in Lusaka, Zambia, where an initial team of four will go to assist in construction and fitting out a facility there. This has necessitated the purchase of a scaffolding tower and other equipment, which is now we trust on its journey there by container.

The other project – actually, two – is in Angola, to complete the construction of a mission house deep in the interior. This was put on hold due to Covid restrictions. On the same trip, our expert builder, Phil, will set out foundations for a new assembly building in Saurimo.

There have been numerous hurdles in obtaining flights, visas and work permits. Praise God, these have finally arrived this week. We fly out on 25 May; your prayers for safety and good health would be very much appreciated.

C. 1987 20/5/22 ALAN & SHIELA PARK

THAILAND Pop. 69 Mil. UK 8 Bangkok

Last Sunday afternoon a number of believers came to our home for fellowship and they brought with them Simon - for whom we ask your prayers.

Simon, who is in his late 50s, is a Cambodian refugee who escaped the mass murder of Pol Pot at the age of 6 after his parents were starved to death.

He ended up in Australia where he grew up and after graduating from university he came here to Thailand where he has been for the last 30 years or more. He is married to a Thai lady with 2 teenage children.

For many years Simon has been searching for the meaning of life and often talks with a work colleague who is a Christian. It was this Christian friend who invited him here last Sunday, and it was an honour for me to share the gospel with him. We would appreciate your prayers for Simon that soon he would come to know the Lord and come to trust him for salvation.

C. 1973/77 3/5/22

TOM & NUI HILL

Ireland Pop. 6.6 Mil. Moneymore

Stanley Davison and I will conclude four weeks of Gospel meetings with the Bellaghy assembly on Friday night. Numbers have been encouraging with some present who had not previously come to gospel meetings, and we look to God for blessing on His Word. On Sunday we plan to start Gospel meetings with brother David McAllister in Letterkenny where we had drive-in meetings during October. Pray that the saints may be encouraged, souls saved, and the assembly built up.

David McAllister and Adam Ingram plan to share Gospel meetings with us in Limerick city during July and meetings are planned in Navan town with brother Malcolm Radcliffe during August. We are very thankful for those who have committed to help with invitations and with other meetings during the summer months. Do pray that during these spells in the gospel there may be help with the visitation, in the streets and during the actual meetings, and that salvation may result, 'that in all things He might have the Preeminence' (Col. 1:18).

We are thankful that schools are now beginning to welcome the Bible Exhibition back, with schools to be visited in June and several schools arranged for the Autumn term. Pray that this continues to be the case and that as we propagate the 'Word of God' it may produce fruit.

C. 2017 2/6/22

PAUL & LINDA KISSICK

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Chennai

I am sorry I haven't been in touch for some time. I have had terrible diarrhoea and it put me into bed for a couple of weeks because it was so bad. But after that I had asthma very badly which I haven't had for a long time. I am more or less over that now, and I thank you all for your prayers for me.

I got up to go to the office and because I had not walked for three or four weeks, my knee gave way on my left leg and is causing me a lot of pain. I am not able to walk properly, even with my 'walker'. My legs have to be strengthened and I have started some exercise which I need to continue for two or three weeks.

I am asking you to continue praying for the strengthening of my knees and to be relieved from the pain in my back. My secretary, Roselyn Simon, comes up and reads all the e-mails to me and I am able to do some dictation, for which I am thankful.

We were very sad on Tuesday, 24th May when we got the news that Mr Devadoss, who is 103 years old, passed away that morning. He visited me a few weeks ago. I know him very well as he used to be the cook in all our camps. He cooks delicious food and was devoted to doing the Lord's work. I brought up his daughter called Ruth because his wife had died, and he asked me to take care of her. After some time, I got Devadoss married to a lady called Esther. We had the wedding in our home. Radha is the daughter he had with his second wife, and she lived with them. Devadoss and Esther were both wonderful believers and they had a very happy marriage, and she will miss him very much. Devadoss has worked very hard for the Lord and is now at peace.

Radha is a trained nurse and after leaving CMCT, she is now working in a hospital elsewhere. She is married and has a daughter and is living not too far from us. Ruth is also married and has three children, but they all are away from the Lord. It is very sad. I have mentioned all this for you to pray for them.

There are many things in India to pray for and so please uphold this country in your prayers.

C. 1964 (New Zealand) 26/5/22 COLLEEN REDIT

13TH

Luke 14:25 to 15:10

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Hanches

We celebrated 40 years in France on the 31st March. We truly thank God for His goodness to us during our years of service. When we arrived in 1982 there were just 4 baptised believers in Rambouillet to greet us; 2 of them are still in the assembly today.

In His goodness God has given us many encouragements in recent days and months. We continue to welcome new people every Sunday to services, both Christians and non-believers. We are very pleased that our neighbours came to a special event recently and some other people living near us are coming regularly to meetings.

We welcome people from all over the world. French speaking Africa is well represented, with 9 different nationalities. Other folk come from various countries in the Americas, Asia and Europe.

Easter Sunday was the first time in our new premises when there were more people present than chairs to witness several baptisms. Some folk had to sit in the entrance where it is still possible to follow the meeting in the main hall.

We ask for prayer for the many opportunities we and others have to share the gospel and also seek to give guidance and leadership. We need strength and much wisdom. One other elder, along with his wife and their children will be leaving us this summer for at least a year. We will miss them. Many of the believers in the assembly are in the 25-45 age bracket with children. Yohan and his wife Emeline, do an excellent work with them. We ask prayer that God will raise up new elders.

C. 1982 11/5/22 ALAN & VALERIE KYLE

14TH

Luke 15:11-32

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Francistown

As we write to you, we are well and thank God daily for His gracious kindness unto us. Our 3 children are back to school again after the holidays and are doing well. For Rejoice, it is her second

year of A levels, so big choices and changes are not too far ahead for her. We are beginning to realise that our house which is busy with us both and 3 grown up teenagers, will very likely soon be quieter as further studies and opportunities are pursued elsewhere. On March 26, Gaone, who we brought up since she was 6 years old, was married to Mothusi, who is also from Francistown, but currently employed in Gaborone. We are thankful that they have taken this step together in a society where marriage is for many not convenient and too expensive.

Recently an aged sister of 92 years of age, attended the meetings for the first time in almost 2 years. She lives near to the Gospel Hall. During those 2 years she suffered from Covid-19 and was severely ill in a government isolation clinic. Thankfully she recovered well, but her recovery took time. Once she was stronger and more mobile, she ventured into her garden, but unfortunately somehow or another she broke a bone in her foot resulting in her wearing a plaster cast some months ago when temperatures and humidity were quite high. Our 'Assembly grandmother' has also recovered from that injury. She was extremely happy to be back at the meetings of the assembly again.

A strike by public transport workers is underway causing inconvenience for some. Low salaries and unemployment are a challenge for many here, with the 2 years of the pandemic affecting some whose businesses have closed or relocated.

C. 1999 31/5/22 JOHN & ONTY BANDY

15TH

Luke 16

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Francistown

Over the past few years, the Francistown Assembly has been saddened by various younger brethren leaving, some now no longer in fellowship elsewhere. We feel their absence and pray for their return and restoration. The Assembly therefore has fewer brethren on a regular basis.

With the improved Covid-19 situation and the commencement of the second term of school, Sunday Schools are restarting. It was lovely to be able to open our front gate at home 2 weeks ago and welcome the children in once again. A few days previously, Onty walked around the 3 neighbourhoods to invite her little friends to Sunday School, and almost 50 of them came, some younger ones for the first time. We trust that as the Gospel is shared with these children that some will trust in the Lord for salvation. Yesterday about 60 children attended our Sunday School, including a good number of older ones, which is encouraging.

John has recently been able to start visits again to the Francistown Centre for Illegal Immigrants for Bible lessons. Due to Covid-19 such establishments were closed to all visitors. Schools were also closed to visits for assemblies, and we are hoping that some fresh opportunities will soon open up for us. About a month ago some tracting was undertaken at the Francistown bus station. It was fairly busy although it was a Sunday afternoon. It was great to be able to feel free to distribute Gospel literature again. Although not able to be out and about as pre-Covid-19, the Gospel messages and verses we have shared on FaceBook have been viewed by many people and we look to the Lord to bless. Our sincerest thanks to you for your continued prayerful interest in us and the work of the Lord here in Francistown and Botswana.

C. 1999 31/5/22 JOHN & ONTY BANDY

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria

We were happy to learn of the recommencement of camps in Ituiutaba, our former area of service. The numbers were down, around 80 to 90, but the interest among the young people was real. There were some who made professions of faith, some lives were redirected into the Lord's ways and, also, reconciliation.

The local assembly had a Special Easter Service for the children and parents. The hall was packed full, with lots of strangers in attendance. The children sang and Walter had the closing message. On retreat, many of the visitors said how impressed they had been and said they would be back. How good it would be if some would honor the Lord by allowing him to control their lives.

After the meeting, Leandro, father of little Luisa, who we mentioned in our last letter, told me that his father, long resistant to the Gospel, had placed faith in the Lord Jesus. What joy!

For many months we have been studying in the Old Testament. The youth and adult classes have had interesting studies beginning at Genesis and going right to the return of the exiles from Babylon. The elders decided it was time to move to the New Testament for a time and have chosen to focus on studying 1 & 2 Peter and Jude's epistle. We look to the Lord for interpretation and application of truths found.

Elizabeth caught the Covid virus, however, instead of keeping it to herself, she very kindly passed it on. The virus in itself was mild, but it left us with a terrible flu and cough. After over three weeks we are well on the mend, although tire easily. Today was my first back at the office in almost four weeks.

C. 1966 3/5/22 WALTER & ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

DEM. REP. OF CONGO 86 Mil. UK 3 Ikelenge

Jim Smith arrived from the UK to help oversee a 52 man local team of builders. Over a six-week period they completed work on a new secondary school. We praise God for the enthusiasm of Jim and his team, that the completion of this building will be a great testimony to God's provision.

We give thanks for the health, strength and safety of the construction workers throughout this project. The happy atmosphere and good attitude was also something for which we are grateful.

The timing of the arrival of the supplies was also something to thank God for. It has been amazing how the Lord has overruled on timing again and again. The various materials were repeatedly provided just in time to avoid delays or having underused workers.

Josh and Keri Kaye have now arrived in Lubumbashi and are settling back into life here in Katoka.

Meanwhile, the medical work continues. We had a visit from doctors from Kinshasa and they seemed happy with their inspection. They commented on the tidiness of the main pharmacy so my afternoons up there sorting and labelling paid off!

Please pray for Mukanda our senior nurse who is travelling to Zambia to seek some treatment for an eye problem. Pray that this will prove helpful.

C. 1965 28/5/22

MARY RATTER

IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Greystones

It has been said that the Russians are invading Ukraine, and the Ukrainians are invading Europe!! We now have around 30,000 in various places in Southern Ireland. The 300 plus that are in the nearby hotel have been told that they can stay there until the end of the year. This gives them time to adjust and orientate to Ireland. Many hotels that were doing slow business have closed to outsiders and are now only available for the refugees.

We are so happy to have time to get to know these precious folk. We asked for prayer for Ivan and Sergio, who were regulars to our Wednesday and Friday Ukraine meetings. Since that time, when the men shared the gospel with them, we have not seen them. Keep praying for the Lord to convict and save them. Yesterday, we had our highest ever number of refugees, namely 17. Out of these, four men come from Algeria and are Muslim. A chapter of John's Gospel was read in English and then Ukrainian, which is our practice on Friday evenings.

Our clothing room is very full of new and used clothes. The new clothes go quickly and are appreciated. For the first time, Lora invited me and Kathy into the hotel so she could give us a cup of tea! Tears and stories followed from many of the ladies. Some have lost all material possessions. Many young women are here without their husbands. Pray for Marina, Olga, Laryssa and many others.

Pray for my prodigal children, and for the gypsy travellers, that many would be saved soon.

C. 1991/2002 (USA) 7/5/22 JIM & KATHY MORIARTY

MALAWI Pop. 19 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

I love Malawi. I'll take every opportunity to visit Malawi. But I hope I never have to visit again in the circumstances that made this present trip necessary.

As many will know, sister Anna Vallance recently suffered a very traumatic burglary and assault at her home. The trustees agreed unanimously that Gail and I should travel to Malawi at the earliest opportunity to support her through this crisis. We also felt it appropriate to review and improve the security of our people and property in Malawi in light of what had happened.

Although our visit was unscheduled, Gail and I have felt that the Lord has really blessed it. Personally, it was wonderful to have a couple of weeks in Malawi with my wife!

We were grateful to be able to spend some days with Anna. She has been staying with dear Christian friends in Lilongwe. Their love and care have been a real blessing to Anna. After a few days with her there, we had a couple of days at Lake Malawi, a wonderfully restful experience.

My last visit was plagued with vehicle difficulties, because of which I had to cancel a planned visit to Dzaleka. I was glad that Gail was able to accompany me on this occasion. It was encouraging to see the progress there, and to hear from participants of the skills training project. This weekend, over 40 ladies will graduate from the program with new skills in sewing, knitting and embroidery. Hopefully, this will help them earn an honest living and escape the poverty trap that has brought many into prostitution.

C. 2003 30/5/22

STEPHEN & GAIL HARPER

MALAWI Pop. 19 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

Improving our security is a major priority but will be an ongoing process. Hardship is increasing in Malawi, and with it, crime. As we continue to develop and equip the site, the risk of theft will only increase.

We had a meeting with representatives of the local police unit at Thondwe. They gave us a number of suggestions for improvement. We will certainly need to invest in additional manpower, as well as further physical and electronic protection. We will shortly install additional lighting around the site and continue building the perimeter wall. The next phase will involve electrifying the perimeter and installing electronic protection.

Brother Goodson and the team of builders he supervises have been doing a great job at the site. They are just putting finishing touches on a covered workshop where they hope to be able to continue moulding soil stabilised blocks in all weather. The rains prevented block moulding as the soil became water-logged. This should really enable the work to be completed soon.

Another team has simultaneously been creating a paved parking area in front of the container bay. The inner compound has alternately been full of mud and dust and the paving should eliminate this problem. It has been very labour-intensive work, but expertly executed.

Malawi Gospel Outreach (MGO) will soon be on us. The fire in January and the need to improve security mean that we have not yet been able to build the accommodation we had planned for MGO. However, Gail has been able to negotiate a very good deal for accommodation and food with a B&B in Zomba. Although a 30 min drive from Saidi, where most MGO activities will take place, it should be an excellent base. Please pray as we continue to make further arrangements for MGO 2022.

I hope to return to Malawi in a few weeks' time. Much of the work in hand is time-critical due to the security concerns mentioned above. I am looking forward, God willing, to being able to put these concerns behind us.

Thanks for your prayerful support.

C. 2003 30/5/22 STEPHEN & GAIL HARPER

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Palo Negro

The past two years have been challenging in many ways, but it's been encouraging to hear of meetings resuming in many areas. We are all keeping well, and happy to have my parents back here for three months. They are glad to be back and have kept busy visiting the assemblies in this area. Meetings resumed last year, and we've been encouraged to see the Lord's hand.

We had an encouraging series in the gospel in the Gospel Hall in Palo Negro during February and March, with a full hall most nights. We were cheered to hear of a few trusting Christ. At the same time the assembly in La Pica, in another area of the town, had well attended meetings in the home of believers with a little fruit. Some unsaved from Magdaleno, a town 12 kms away, attended so the brethren preached there for three weeks during April. A lady in her sixties has professed to be saved.

We travelled to San Carlos on Good Friday for ministry meetings. It was so encouraging to see over 1,500 believers present with a desire to hear the voice of God. The Lord helped in the Bible Reading in

the morning and ministry in the afternoon. The following day we went to Valencia for another ministry meeting and were encouraged to see the large hall filled as 3 brethren helped in the ministry of the Word. The brethren told me they served 614 meals at lunch time, a testimony to the faithfulness of God.

We were greatly saddened by the sudden home call of brother Allan Turkington, a week short of his 60th birthday. He was a tireless worker and greatly used of God; it leaves a void in his family and the work of the Lord here.

C. 1999 3/5/22 SAMUEL & SHARON USSHER

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Descalvado

We had been away from Descalvado for a fortnight because Marco's mum wasn't well and was in ICU. On the early hours of the Tuesday, 3rd of May she was called home to be with her Lord and Saviour and now she is free of pain and the limitations she had. She had metastasis of the cancer she had years ago. This time it had travelled to the bones and lungs. Thankfully she didn't suffer much for she got pneumonia and a bladder infection, and the Lord called her Home.

This past month we were able to have more open-air meetings with good numbers listening. The radio program continues, and it is nice that some brethren are willing to do this work also, and so when we aren't able to do it, they can manage on their own.

We would appreciate prayer for Francisco. His wife is in fellowship. He comes regularly to meetings, shows interest but still isn't saved and can't get free of drink. Also, Taisa, a young mother that was in fellowship and due to personal problems, said she would like to be out of fellowship until she sorted things out. We would appreciate prayer that she may feel the desire to be restored to assembly fellowship. Gisele, a lady in her late 30's also left the assembly. Recently she has started attending meetings once more. We would value prayer for her and her family.

C. 1998 (Brazil) 4/5/22 MARCO & JANICE GEBARA

CHILE Pop. 19.1 Mil. Los Angeles, Bio Bio

We are thankful to the Lord for good health and strength to carry on in the work here. The past 6 months have been extra busy and tiring for us with the building of the new hall here in Los Angeles. We started November 2nd, with the excavations and are now in the finishing stages. The building is 7.5 by 14 metres, a wooden construction with a balcony over the entrance. We had 3 young men, who are believers, do the building and they were good hard workers. We are preparing to have an opening next Saturday and start a week of special gospel meetings. David Rodgers has been invited to come down and help with the meetings. We are printing up a nice invitation to distribute around the neighborhood and praying that some of the neighbours will respond and come out to hear the gospel.

Here, we are in much better shape than last year at this time, but still have some Covid restrictions, like having to wear masks in closed buildings, which means in our halls. Outside you don't have to but the majority of people still do. According to statistics in the press Chile has had over 57,000 deaths due to Covid from over 3.5 million reported cases. Numbers are going down, for which we are thankful. Many are still not returning to a 'normal' lifestyle, including some of the believers. Attendance at our meetings is still below normal and some, sadly, have drifted away. We pray for their restoration to the Lord and to the assembly.

We are both very tired and in need of a break. We are planning a trip to see the family in Canada for a couple of months, leaving July 5th. It's been 3 years since we last travelled.

We really enjoyed having Julia, our granddaughter, here with us for 3 months (Dec. to Feb.) She got around a bit and had some trips by herself. I was so busy with the building of the hall during her visit and couldn't get away anywhere with her. She picked up a lot of Spanish and was able to talk a little too.

Your continued prayer for the work of the Lord in Chile is greatly appreciated.

16/5/22

DENNIS & GLORIA HANNA

24TH

Luke 22:1-30

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Umtentweni

Please continue to pray for South Africa. Several weeks ago, torrential rainstorms wreaked havoc along the east coast, where we are located. More than 400 people lost their lives. Many families lost their homes. Major roads were completely flooded, and parts washed away. Water mains were destroyed leaving hospitals and schools without this basic of all necessities. Roads to the oil refinery and storage tanks were impassable, leading to rationing of fuel. Many stores found it difficult or impossible to restock their shelves. A large number of people remain unaccounted for, including three young schoolgirls we have heard about in our area. The grandmother of one of these girls is in assembly fellowship.

Three weeks ago, our water was shut off and has still to be reconnected. The Lord has faithfully provided for us but now we have only a small reserve remaining. We wait to see how He supplies this time! It is exciting to see how the Lord steps in at just the right time, so we are learning many lessons in these difficult days.

Numbers attending our gospel meetings have begun to rise to more normal levels again. However, we long to see some turning to Christ for salvation. We are blessed in that we usually have some unsaved at each meeting.

C. 1968

6/5/22

PAUL & DOROTHY GRIEVE

25TH

Luke 22:31-53

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

The English classes got off to a good start at the end of April. Another class will take place this coming Sunday and this will be the last in the series for the time being. Both young students and not so young, from the church and outside the church, have shown great enthusiasm and we pray that this will indeed develop and have a wider outreach in the future.

This coming Sunday the 'Oasis' group will meet again, and meetings take place once a month. This group is directed towards those who have a Muslim background or have been converted from Islam. Much prayer would be appreciated as this group continues and develops.

Over the past three years we have had five weddings in the assembly and another couple will say 'yes' to one another on Saturday 14th and yet another in June, God willing. It really is lovely to see these young couples coming together and getting married and putting a real emphasis on Christian marriage. We do praise God for each one and for their involvement in the local church.

Following on from the wedding, the fifth session of meetings with and for couples will take place. These sessions have been taken by different couples in the assembly who have a varying length of

experience in Christian marriage from 15 years to over 50 years. We don't need to tell you how much marriage and family life is under attack in society today, so your prayers for what is shared during these sessions would be greatly valued.

We have couples in the church at the moment who are going through very difficult times in their relationship and much prayer, wisdom and guidance is needed.

C. 1973 5/5/22

GRAHAM & ALISON BLACK

26TH

Luke 22:54 to 23:12

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Perth

Good News @ 1

The slightly more informal approach to our Gospel outreach on Sundays has gone well over the past year. It was such a joy to present the Gospel in that relaxed environment. Easter Sunday was the final week of this outreach and we had 21 people along, maybe 15 or 16 of whom were non-believers. We are now reverting back to a more traditional Gospel meeting on Sundays. Please pray that all these folk will still come along.

Soup Kitchens

The soup kitchens are ticking along, with 15-20 people attending on both Mondays and Wednesdays at the moment. The folk listen well to the Gospel and a few of them come to the Hall on Sundays.

Kids' Events

In the last couple of months, we've organised 3 special children's events in the garden area of the Hall. 40-60 kids plus 20-30 parents attended on each occasion, most of whom don't come to the Hall at any other time. We plan to run another similar event in June for the Queen's Jubilee.

Community Lunch

Our first two community lunch outreaches went well. We had about 30 people along both times – over half of them had never been in the Hall before. The attention given to the short Gospel message was excellent. We plan to run this on the first Monday of every month.

Hope Explored

We've recently completed this short Bible study course over 3 Tuesday evenings. We had a decent crowd of people along each week, including some from the soup kitchens and others who came to Good News @ 1.

Literature Distribution

Last month we distributed the latest edition of The Signpost to around 3,000 homes near the Hall and another 600 homes out in the village of Methven.

Social Media

Our YouTube channel recently passed 1000 subscribers, and along with the Facebook page, it continues to give us a means of reaching lots of people. I was also recently interviewed on a local podcast about the various activities we're involved in – if you want to listen to me rambling on about it for half an hour you can find the link on our facebook page!

Baptisms

We were encouraged to baptise 2 men on separate Sundays back in February – pray for Darren (in his 30s) and Roger (in his 50s) as they seek to go on for the Lord.

Looking Ahead

We hope to recommence our summer football outreach to young men fairly soon and possibly our youth café for local youngsters too. God willing, in July I am speaking at Tayside senior camp and in August Graeme Paterson and I hope to lead a team of young folk in some evangelism in St Andrews.

C. 2015 1/5/22

GARETH EDWARDS

27TH

Luke 23:13-46

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Meyzieu

Every day this week we have meetings with different people:

On Monday I have been asked to visit a man involved in the occult. He already knows the elder of another church, and this brother has asked me to accompany him on his next visit.

On Monday and Wednesday Brigitte will be meeting with two ladies whom she is mentoring, whereas on Thursday we will both meet up with a young couple to talk and to pray with them.

I will also have my fortnightly visit to our young disabled friend on Tuesday. He always has questions and listens careful to the answers given to him. On Tuesday evening, we will have a Bible study with a young couple who have been devouring the Word of God for the past two years. We are going through Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Please pray for these ongoing activities, as well as other impromptu calls, visits and hospitality. We trust that these contacts may either receive Christ as Saviour or grow spiritually in challenging times.
C. 1980/84 5/5/22 DAVID & BRIGITTE SUTHERLAND

28TH

Luke 23:47 to 24:12

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Sao Joaquim da Barra

Life is gradually getting back to normal, and we are now allowed to use or not use masks according to the situation.

Meetings are picking up in number. We are planning to have an assembly lunch at a rented ranch on the 21st and that will give the children also an opportunity to vent out their energy.

During the pandemic we had cut the magazine circulation down to half the amount as the post office was also closed. However, we are delighted that this time we are back to our normal 4,000 magazines for a 3-month period.

I arranged to visit my brother in Goiânia. He moved up there during the pandemic, and with restrictions, I was unable to go and see him. Now it was time for me to go up and see where they are living. It was the first time in 14 years that I went back to using public transport, as during this period I was the official chauffeur to Dad and Mum then just for Dad. It takes a lot longer, but it was also too long a drive for me on my own. He is almost 600 km north of where I live. I went by car to Uberaba, left it there and had a visit to my cousin, who I had not seen since Dad's funeral, so it was good to catch up on news, and then she took me to the bus station and on the way back her son picked me up and we had breakfast together before I hit the road again.

The day out with the children and adults associated with the assembly went well, with no accidents. I was working in the kitchen helping with lunch and later in the afternoon I went into the swimming pool, as I had promised to take a young toddler in with me. The next day was a lazy one!

2/4/22

MARGARET CRAWFORD

29TH

Luke 24:13-53

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 6 Chihuahua

By the goodness of God we started a special series for the preaching of the gospel on Monday, May 2 at the Valle de la Madrid Gospel Hall. Everyday, invitations with Vía magazines are distributed in the neighbourhoods near the hall, and during

the meeting we use a loudspeaker so that the neighbours can hear from their homes. We greatly appreciate your prayers for this effort, that the Lord would help us in the preaching of the gospel and that souls may be reached by the grace of God.

On Mondays we go to Ciudad Delicias for the teaching of the word of God and the preaching of the gospel. The believers Martin and his wife Minerva Ibarra, Rodolfo and Octavio Domínguez, Mirna and her niece Patricia and Mrs. Guadalupe all are faithful to attend each meeting. It is a round trip of 180 kms south of the city of Chihuahua.

On Wednesdays we have a Bible class in the north of the city in the neighbourhood of El Porvenir, and it has been very encouraging to see the children come and now some adults to listen to the message of salvation. We appreciate your prayers for the salvation of these little ones and their parents.

C. 2005 (Ven) 14/5/22 GILBERTO & ALICIA TORRENS

30TH

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MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 6 Chihuahua

Every fifteen days we have been able to travel to the Ejido del Vergel in the Sierra mountains of Chihuahua and to the city of Hidalgo del Parral, to have a Bible class with the children and Bible teaching for the adults. The believers Daniel and Tania Ayala, Ivonne Varela, and María Arzola are in fellowship in the assembly that meets at Valle de la Madrid in Chihuahua and on various occasions have come to enjoy fellowship with the believers and participate in the Lord's Supper. The round trip is almost 700 kms. We hope that the work will grow in those parts and that the Lord in his goodness will one day establish an assembly that meets in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue with the radio program every Saturday, and we are encouraged to know that people who cannot leave their homes are hearing the gospel by this means.

Other matters for prayer:

- For the health of brother José Luis Martha Sandoval (70), who has problems with depression and has not been able to gather
- For the baptism of some who were saved during the pandemic
- For the salvation of Javier and Diego who are the husbands of sisters in assembly fellowship
- The need for more labourers in the Lord's harvest.

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