



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

1 Thess. 2:1-16

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Gaborone

It is really encouraging to see Sunday School children come back with a gusto. We were not so sure if their interest would have waned during Covid restrictions, but so far, we have not seen that. Nine of the Sunday Schools are up and running in and around Gaborone, and also, we are back to the slot at school where I have opportunities weekly with classes of 12 year olds. We are going through Creation and also learning Philippians 2.5-11. We really covet your prayers and thank you for your loving interest and care.

It is such a treat to be back to teaching children in the daily Sunday Schools (daily except for Thursday). On Thursday Hazel Logan and I do something different – we go to the hall and make up prizes for the Sunday School children. We give thanks to God for this opportunity to once more be with the children to teach them God's word. Today we are heading off to Mochudi. Clark has a Mochudi Sunday School there too, but he does his on a Monday. He also goes to Kopong on a Wednesday. I have resumed my 6 classes at school where I teach 12-year-olds. I only have ten minutes per class but it's surprising what you can fit into 10 mins if you give it plenty of fore-thought!

C. 1990 14/6/22

JOY GRIFFITHS

2ND

1 Thess. 2:17 to 3:18

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil.

(Notes on a recent visit, our brother Jack's twenty seventh to Sri Lanka)

After a two-year absence because of COVID-19, it was a great joy to return to Sri Lanka at the end of May, this time accompanied by Leonard Currie of LWT. The visit was in real doubt because of the current economic and political situation on the island. There is much hardship on account of shortages of fuel, bottled gas to cook with, and escalating food prices. Unrest on the streets and constant power cuts were other factors to take into account. In preparation for our visit, the believers spent many hours queuing for diesel and hoarding it in cans to allow us to visit the east of the island.

With that background, we have to record our gratitude to God, that our whole schedule went ahead without any hindrances, and generally, attendances were larger than ever experienced previously. Both weekends were spent with the assembly in Colombo commencing with ministry at a brother's home on the Friday evening with 80/100 present in his main room and in his yard. The Saturday morning children's work in the Dematagoda area has doubled in numbers to over 100, and a highlight was the fact that around 50 parents from that work were at Bethesda for the Sunday Gospel meeting for the first time.

Saturday afternoons brought around 120 children to the hall, again a considerable increase from pre-covid days. The youth Gospel meeting had around 50/60 present, many of them not saved. On our second weekend, at the Gospel Meeting we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of three young people.

C. 1973 13/6/22

JACK & LILLIAN HAY

3RD

1 Thess. 4

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil.

(Notes on a recent visit, our brother Jack's twenty seventh to Sri Lanka)

We set out for the east of the island early on the Monday morning and broke our journey for a meeting at Kuranegula where there is a fairly new assembly. It was good to be in their new hall, kindly financed by saints in the UK. A few hours later, and many miles to the east, we met with the saints at Alamkulam, with around 70 present in a hall which required a recent extension because of increased numbers.

Next day, a full day of conference was held at Valaichchenai, with over 500 present. At the end of the day, a food distribution was made when around 300 sacks of provisions were given to saints from outlying areas. The local believers received theirs subsequently. The Lord's people in the West have been very generous in financing this, the latest of a number of food distributions on the island. Much effort goes in to sourcing the supplies, gathering them in to Bethesda, dividing them up, and transporting them to the various parts of the island where the sacks are then filled.

Other places that we visited on the east coast were Mutuchchenai, Palchchenai, Ralodai, and Vaddavan where two were baptized in the river after a meeting in a jungle clearing.

On returning to Colombo, we made one more trip for a Gospel meeting at Badureliya where there is a relatively new assembly. In the initial work there, the saints were greatly helped by visits from Charles Davidson (N Ireland) and local brother Ajith Pieris. The believers have experienced constant harassment, and they switch around their meeting venues to remain as "invisible" as possible. So that evening our meeting was in the jungle, up a hill, and under a corrugated iron shelter; quite an adventure! Do pray for Sri Lanka.

C. 1973 13/6/22

JACK & LILLIAN HAY

4TH

1 Thess. 5

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Candelaria

Presently, Roberto Ploia and I are preaching the gospel in Sant Cruz do Sul. We have just concluded four weeks and the meetings continue in the will of God. We are preaching in the home of a brother who is in fellowship in the assembly there. A number of neighbours have come in as well as those connected to the Lord's people; we are looking to the Lord for His blessing upon the sowing of the Seed.

We feel the difficulties of the past two years haven't helped as far as the gospel is concerned. There seems to be a measure of fear and some people are afraid to gather in confined places. Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon this effort and also for the assemblies in the Rio Grande do Sul.

We would also appreciate your prayers for my father, who hasn't been well now for some time. Presently, he finds himself in hospital and would value the prayers of the Lord's people at this time.

C. 1999 18/6/22

NOEL & HEATHER FLECK

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from Scotland

(Compiled from various social media reports)

Rosemary Summers (Alan Summers' wife) went to visit missionary friends in Zambia on 23 May, along with her 80-year-old mum, Margaret Craig (Leslie Craig's mum). They were helping to bring back Betty Magennis to N Ireland after faithfully serving the Lord at Dipalata for 46 years.

Rosemary and her mum made a visit to Chauvuma with Jeff and Mary Speichinger, US missionaries serving the Lord in Zambia. On their way home at dusk, a child ran out in front of Jeff's vehicle and was tragically killed. The Africans immediately started to attack them.

They broke the windows round them and started hitting them and throwing stones at them. They were determined to kill them, but Jeff drove off.

One of tyres was burst so he couldn't go fast. Jeff stopped after about 5km to change the tyre and the mob caught up. Jeff was pulled from the car and beaten. Rosemary and Margaret were attacked again and hit with sticks. They were terrified. Rosemary was trying to protect her mother with a shovel in the truck as she was being hit about the head.

Eventually, the police came and took them to Zambezi. Jeff was detained but eventually Rosemary and Margaret were taken to Chitokoloki so David McAdam could check them out. Both were extremely shaken and very sore, but mercifully had no major injuries. They have now returned to the UK. The mental and emotional scars will take some time to fully assess.

Obviously, the child being killed is a tragedy. But the subsequent attack by a mob of villagers was obviously deeply shocking and disturbing. Please pray for Rosemary and Margaret and the family of the little boy. Please also remember Jeff Speichinger and his family, together with other believers working in the area.

PERU Pop. 32.5 Mil. UK2 Lima

The weekly market work in Lima is encouraging. I have a small book stand with free literature and a gospel banner that I take to various markets across the city on different days during the week. Many people approach me seeking spiritual help and guidance and I have received a number of further requests for literature and Bibles. It is a great joy to see spiritual thirst in Perú, but it brings us great sadness to see the large number of churches who preach a prosperity gospel, with the true intent of only lining their own pockets. Many are deceived and confused by what they have heard and experienced. I hope to commence a small monthly gospel paper and also a magazine for believers in the next few months. This will allow a constant supply of literature to pass on to a number of contacts that we have.

Four weeks ago, we commenced a new work in an area called El Cinco. It is in an open yard, granted to us by a local soup kitchen. We have been glad to have about 15 children and 7 adults. They are slowly becoming accustomed to bringing their homework and learning their memory verse each week. New children have been attending each week – the area is quite tough, though the people are very respectful of the Gospel preached in the open air. We also continue to visit a number of soup kitchens in the district of Santa Clara where we live. There has been a sharp increase in food prices, and this has meant that quite a few soup kitchens have closed.

C. 2017 7/6/22 CHRIS & MICHELLE BERESFORD

PERU Pop. 32.5 Mil. UK2 Lima

Our Saturday children's meeting in Alto Priale has been a great encouragement, with a weekly attendance of around 60 children and adults. Some new children have come to the area, and this has increased our numbers. At Jicamarca our numbers have also increased, and we have been delighted to have around 12 mothers each week, most of whom are keen to repeat their memory verse along with the children! This week we ran out of chairs, which is a wonderful problem to have, with over 60 present. After completely refurbishing a former garage, we now have a very nice hall which we use each Lord's Day evening for a Gospel meeting. Unfortunately, the new floor cracked owing to a recent earthquake. The hall is on a very busy road and many who pass by are able to see the 3 large Scripture Texts outside of the hall. Please pray for one family who have come faithfully to each Sunday night meeting and have brought their 4 daughters on some occasions. We are also glad that one of the families who live above the hall have started to attend each Sunday night. Whilst we would like to see more coming to hear the Gospel each Lord's Day, we are very thankful for the unsaved who come to hear the message.

During the month of April, I was able to visit the assembly in La Arena, Piura. I had a week of ministry for the believers there, who seemed to appreciate the visit very much. My oldest boy John accompanied me. The assembly is located about 18 hours away from Lima, in the north of the country. Our nearest assembly is around 4 hours away, so it is a rare privilege to attend other gatherings. Temperatures were extremely high, but it was a great honour to remember the Lord in the breaking of bread after not having this privilege in nearly 3 years. We also hope to commence another children's work in a district called Santa Rosa de Americas, but at present have not found a suitable place to hold it. Please pray that the Lord would open a door for us to commence this new work.

C. 2017 7/6/22 CHRIS & MICHELLE BERESFORD

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Lanarkshire

The last few weeks have been very busy with Gospel meetings, drive-ins and schools. We had Craig MacKie's portable hall in Chapelton (Strathaven) for a fortnight of children and gospel meetings. We also held an OAP lunch meeting each week. Unfortunately, despite good support from believers, we did not get many unbelievers at any of the meetings.

Last year we had good drive-in meetings at a local garden centre, and we were granted permission again for this year. We commenced with an outreach day to get as much of the locality covered with flyers and tracts.

The drive-ins went very well, and we only had one night with no unbelievers and the rest of the 8 nights we had many present. One evening we had 26 unbelievers which was very encouraging. We look to the Lord to bless the work done.

We have permission to use the garden centre's sister site for more drive-in meetings early autumn.

Blair Martin and I have been having monthly drive-ins at Polkemmet Country Park (Whitburn) and will have a month of Sundays in August. We get a good number attending plus many people milling around the park; often people stop and listen for the duration. Next week we will also be holding a Children's Bible

Club week in the same park. We will be talking a minibus each night from Plains and so will the assembly at Whitburn.

July and August sees camp work recommence. We have a full senior camp and good interest for other events over the summer. God willing, we have a week of holiday Bible Club at Plains, Ayrshire and Orkney, an Outreach week at St Andrews and meetings planned in Newton Stewart at the end of August. We also have some gala and fete days to visit with the trailer; it's good to see these events happening again!

We will also be back at the Edinburgh Tattoo with 40,000 John 3v16 bags, these have been sitting for 2 years waiting to go!

The schoolwork is drawing to a close for the term. Since Christmas it has been flat out with assemblies and class talks. Next year is looking to be very busy with many schools booked in already. Amazing to think of so many youngsters hearing about the Lord.

We have been able to source a container to fill and ship to CMI Aid in Moldova. This is in addition to the 3 trucks already sent. We will be concentrating on NEW Children's Toys, Stationery & Schooling Supplies. If you are interested in donating, please get in touch and we can advise exactly what is required.

20/6/22

GRAEME & ANNA PATERSON

9TH

1 Cor. 2

DEM. REP. OF CONGO Pop. 86 Mil. UK 3 Lubumbashi
Ephphata School continues to be a place of joy, where deaf children blossom as they learn to communicate and make sense of the confusing, isolating world in which they live. It is very satisfying to see them developing friendships, and, as many of them do, choosing to develop a personal relationship with the Greatest of all Friends.

The workshop for qualified deaf carpenters is now called "Ephphata Creations" and is slowly establishing itself. Currently, under Isazu's leadership, they are repairing benches for a primary school and also have an order from an entrepreneur who is building a few flats in Lubumbashi, to make some doors, beds, wardrobes and kitchen cupboards. Their prayer is to become more widely known and to build up their supply of tools and equipment. There is no mains electricity, and so they are delighted with the gift of a generator for their power tools.

Providing enough wood for Ephphata School's current carpentry students, as well as Ephphata Creations, is a challenge. God answered prayer in an unusual way recently when the driver of a truck laden with wood from the interior changed his route to avoid a confrontation with the road police and then broke down a 5-minute drive from the school. With no money to pay for the major truck repairs, the crew were obliged to look for clients to buy the wood. They were soon knocking on the school gate offering as much wood as we wanted at a very reasonable price and minimal transport costs!

Bel-Air Primary School has been neglected for many years (before and after the director's death) and is in a very run-down and dilapidated state. Paulin recently gave up a prestigious job at a private city centre school to become Bel-Air's headteacher and is facing an enormous task. To date, Ephphata Creations has helped by repairing over 30 desks and benches.

Free education in government primary schools is wonderful in increasing the number of children in education. However, without an increase in the number of teachers and facilities, crowded classrooms are the norm. Luapula School has 3 classrooms and 1,033 children registered in 6 grades, including 245 in the 1st

grade! Over a year ago, 2 mining companies agreed to fund the construction of more classrooms, but the funds (transferred to the government) have not yet been dispersed. In spite of the difficulties, the dedication of Tumbwe, the head teacher, and his staff is enormously encouraging. It is a privilege to also support the spiritual aims of the school through the weekly visit of Delphin, a children's evangelist.

Last week, the builder working on repairs at Restawhile received the devastating news that his son had been killed by drunken workmates coming to the house to steal his wages ... less than £20! From time-to-time sleep is disturbed by the sound of gunshots, but we thank the Lord that to date we have been spared a bandit attack that so many others have endured. A friend told me that after midnight they rarely get any sleep until 4-5 am as they are constantly on alert for the frequent visits of armed bandits in the vicinity. Please also remember the Papillon Medical Centre and the prison ministry in your prayers.

C. 1985 13/6/22

RACHEL NEWBY

10TH

1 Cor. 3

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Xalapa

Having now spent one month in Mexico, we feel more than ever the need to gain the Spanish language. Every activity is so dependent upon it: whether preaching; teaching; praying in the assembly gatherings; trying to follow comments in the Bible reading; visitation work; having believers round for a meal... everything requires it! We are halfway through the first of six levels of the Spanish programme we are on and, while we have made some progress, there is much to learn.

Recently, the assembly in Xalapa had a weekend of special meetings to mark the anniversary of the planting of the assembly. Brother Duncan Beckett was present to lead the Bible reading on 1 Peter chapter 1, and it was good to be able to meet this brother who has been in Mexico for a number of years. There were also other ministry and gospel meetings with shared responsibilities for these. A sister was baptised on the Saturday evening, and the time was profitable and edifying.

The work is large and varied, with people coming and going all the time. Since our arrival, a man by the name of José has been coming well to all the meetings. He knows a little English (having learned it in prison), but his interest appears to be more of a religious nature, and he seems confused in relation to salvation. Another family attended the meetings for the first time on Lord's Day past, a former Baptist pastor with his wife and two teenage boys were also there. So, there is a wide spectrum!

C. 2022 10/6/22

SAMUEL & RUTH CHESNEY

11TH

1 Cor. 4

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Palapye

Following the very encouraging outreach meetings in a tent at Mabuo, we had another short series of meetings with the saints in the Serowe Assembly in their GorraLeina Hall on the south side of Serowe. It was good to see precious souls gathered night by night and the Lord gave abundant help in the preaching. We continue to go over to Serowe for their Thursday evening Prayer Meeting and Ministry Meeting.

Here in Palapye, the Children's Work continues each Wednesday and Friday afternoon with Children's Meetings for children in 2 different age groups (Standards 4 & 5 Wednesdays then 6 & 7

Fridays). We are struggling to get good numbers of young people to attend the Bible Class - the COVID regulations of the past 2 years have had a detrimental effect on our Bible Class work. Attendance at our weekly Bible Reading each Saturday and Assembly Prayer Meeting and Ministry Meeting on a Lord's Day evening has also not been consistent since the COVID regulations were relaxed, so we would value prayer that the Lord will work in the lives of the saints. Numbers dropped too in the outreach work on the other side of town (in an area called Extension 9) so we have stopped the meetings there for children and adults but hope to recommence in September, God willing.

C. 1991 23/6/22 COLIN & CHRISTINE RAGGETT

12TH

1 Cor. 5

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Bahia

We are all well here and thankful for the many opportunities to make known the truth of the Gospel in different towns in Bahia. In São Cristóvão, Salvador, where the assembly meets, the meetings continue as normal. We have been encouraged with the children's meeting there on Thursday evenings where we have an average of 70 young people attending. All of them live within walking distance of the hall, which is in one of the most dangerous shanty towns of Salvador. It would be great to see them saved not only for eternity but also from the vices of crime and violence that are all around them, and which have become more shocking in recent times.

The four weekly meetings in Candeias continue much as normal. There are a few people there who profess to be saved, some have been baptized and others show a consistent interest. Please pray for further progress in this town of 90,000 inhabitants.

At the end of April, we had the privilege of commencing another new work in the region. We have rented a hall in the town of São Sebastião do Passé and are being encouraged with an excellent number of adults and children who pay reverent attention as they hear the Gospel for the first time. We have a number of interesting contacts in this new town, but they are all spread out over a wide area, and none of them have any means of transport, which presents quite a challenge for having meetings. Recently we printed 200,000 copies of a 16-page booklet which is really a collection of Gospel tracts. These are being distributed all over Brazil and we trust that the printed page will be used to the blessing of many. The publishing work has long since outgrown the size of our present premises. We have purchased a site near our home and plan to build a suitable store which will be more adequate for the storage and handling of the literature for Brazil and Angola. More than ever, we realise that your continued prayers are a vital part of the work here.

C. 2001 8/6/22 CRAWFORD & HEATHER BROWN

13TH

1 Cor. 6

ST LUCIA Pop. 0.19 Mil. Ciceron

As we look forward, we seek guidance from our Lord in relation to both gospel work and continued dedicated times of teaching for some of the younger believers. In March we recommenced a weekly Saturday Bible Class with a focus on New Testament assembly truth. We do pray that these younger believers will grasp these truths and be grounded in them. We have been really glad to have these ones back into our home after so many months of needing to use Zoom. Recently we started a new group of sessions and plan to work through various Bible Characters seeking both to learn of them,

but more so to teach these younger believers ways to study individual characters in the Scriptures.

We also ask for your prayers for individuals in the small town of Anse la Raye that we seek to speak to each week. There is one older woman named Joanna that is happy for me to visit each week and I had been trying to find a time when we can go to her home and see if others of her extended family will join to hear the gospel. That was arranged for Sunday afternoons, and we thank the Lord that a daughter and three grandchildren along with Joanna have listened well to the message of salvation. We are just in a tiny area outside their home with a small Two Roads chart hung on the galvanize fence. Some Sunday's, heavy rain has caused us to go inside an even smaller home. We do trust as well that others will come to hear the gospel. More recently, for the older ones, their interest has waned, so will have to see how long we continue in this particular effort. A few weeks ago, the father of the grandchildren was there to listen. He would claim a particular religious association, but I do wonder if he is truly saved.

The family here continues to do well and keep on with their homeschooling. It is a large effort for Trena with the children creeping up into the higher grade levels. Along with the home and the children, Trena has been seeking to spend more time visiting with the sisters of various assemblies and working with some of the younger believers.

C. 2017 (Can) 6/6/22

PHIL & TRENA GOULD

14TH

1 Cor. 7

ST LUCIA Pop. 0.19 Mil. Ciceron

Thankfully COVID restrictions have mostly lifted here and there can be the return to many of the necessary functions of the assembly in fellowship with one another and in testimony outward to the world. We are continuing to support the assembly in Ciceron and help out at other assemblies during the week.

In April we appreciated the Forestiere assembly hosting their annual Good Friday conference, which hasn't been held in person since 2019. We felt the messages fitted very well together under the direction of the Spirit and do pray that each will have learned and grown. Trena had helped out with the food preparation and serving during the day, as well as getting up very early on Friday morning to make 120 cinnamon buns for the snack. We were thankful to see a number of the younger believers attending and do continue to pray for them: for their growth and spiritual development, and for good marriages 'in the Lord'.

One young woman to keep in your prayers is Denila. She was saved through the witness of a young sister from the La Guerre assembly in 2020 and baptized in March of 2021 following months of weekly teaching. Recently she is now able to get to most of the assembly meetings in Ciceron. She would likely be the only one saved in her family and so it is both an opportunity for witness but also much testing. We do trust that one day she will take her place gathering unto the Lord's name.

Earlier in May, the believers came together from a few assemblies for ministry from Pete Smith (who was visiting from Canada) and it is always a profitable time when the saints can gather and hear God's Word and have fellowship with each other. Especially after missing these kinds of larger gatherings over the past couple of years.

In May we received a shipment of a number of boxes of the new edition of the Via magazine so it is nice having some fresh material for use in distributions in various communities. The magazines are always well received.

C. 2017 (Can) 6/6/22

PHIL & TRENA GOULD

15TH

1 Cor. 8

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Bellerive-Sur-Allier
 Covid-19 finally caught up with us at the end of February. There were no real complications (probably thanks to our triple vaccination... and definitely thanks to the Lord's good hand on our lives), just extreme fatigue which really knocked us out for a while. We are certainly better equipped now to sympathise with those who come down with Covid.

On our first visit to the small church in Uzès, we were encouraged by the warm fellowship and the participation on the Sunday morning. There were around 20 adults plus a number of children. We thank the Lord for the little fellowship maintaining a witness in this town of eight or nine thousand inhabitants and the surrounding area. One of the families insisted on inviting us to their home for lunch. Then the father, who had worked for the local council, gave us a guided tour of the narrow streets and interesting old buildings in the town centre. We pray that the Lord may bless and build up his church in that place so that many others come into contact with the word of life

In Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, two younger men are taking on responsibility in the fellowship. Please pray for them and for those "passing the baton". This kind of transition demands grace and patience on the part of all those concerned. Retiring elders can find it hard to accept that the next generation may want to do some things scripturally but differently! We pray that everything will go smoothly, that the church will be built up and that the Lord will be glorified.

In Vichy, activities are already winding down as summer arrives. Pray for those who have been attending the Discovery group and who have not yet come to faith in Christ. Pray too for the young teenagers who have come along to the Flambeaux group and for the children who have attended the two clubs throughout the year. May the seed of the Word, sown in their hearts, take root and produce new life. Pray particularly for those who will have the opportunity to participate in Christian camps during the summer. These can often be decisive moments in young lives.

C. 1976 14/6/22 BOB & LENORE SOUZA

16TH

1 Cor. 9:1-23

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Bracknell

These have been two strange years, but there have been many opportunities to teach the word of God and preach the gospel, for which we are very thankful. Last weekend was a good example, when we were able to host our first "Bible Study Day" at Bracknell for three years. The hall was full to capacity for four sessions of teaching on the book of Genesis which included a *subject* study (the Flood), *chapter* study (Genesis 24) and *character* study (Joseph). It is all designed to enthuse particularly young people in the study of the Scriptures – and we trust will have the desired effect!

We also continue to enjoy liberty in the local primary school. We will have a stall at the school fair next weekend and have recently purchased 60 children's Bibles for distribution to the two-form entry reception classes. It is a good opportunity to go into school, tell a Bible story and introduce ourselves as representatives of the Gospel Hall.

It has also been good to be heavily engaged in writing, having just finished a series of articles for Truth & Tidings on the night visions of Zechariah, as well as a chapter for the new "Glory" publication by Assembly Testimony. In these days of pandemic, the use of the written word is so valuable. Our eldest son Joshua (16) and eldest daughter Abigail (14) have recently been received into fellowship which is a great encouragement to us. We are thankful for their spiritual interest.

C. 2014 20/6/22 DANIEL & ELIZABETH RUDGE

17TH

1 Cor. 9:24 to 10:14

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Santarem

The national workers (Alexandre, Jenair, Sergio, Germano and Jerson) wish to express their gratitude for ongoing prayer and practical support. They have a lot of travelling as they visit around the assemblies, preaching in various areas and speaking in schools, and are so encouraged at your continuing interest in them. We all miss Samuel very much and we are still making adjustments. It is nice seeing some of the younger men wanting to help more. Our meetings are all back to normal, but precautions such as mask wearing are still necessary.

Sergio, Debora and family have settled into our house, and I am living at the back of the shop. They have managed to place the Bible Hour lessons into a good number of schools in the Santarém region and neighbouring towns. Alexandre and Jenair do the schools in the Manaus area. Many children hear and study the Word on a weekly basis and sometimes the men are asked to speak at the parent/teacher meetings, so it is a great opportunity to present the Gospel to the adults.

The small boat Sergio is getting made locally is in the finishing stages and plans are being made for the first trip. He will need the help of suitable local brethren to accompany him. His desire is to reach out to the large villages along the banks of the Tapajos and Arapiuns rivers, which run into the Amazon just above Santarém. There are no assemblies yet in these villages. We pray for the Lord's guidance and protection and the salvation of many souls.

C. 1972 4/6/22 ANN DAVIDSON

18TH

1 Cor. 10:15 to 11:1

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

The work of the Lord at Loloma is continuing and the Gospel goes forth twice a day at hospital, 4 times a week on the local radio and in the Assembly every Sunday. Sunday School has now re-opened with less Covid 19 restrictions. We have many children hearing God's Word, but we are short of teachers due to many who have taught for many years are aging. Do pray that God will provide others to take over. We also have 165 children who attend a children's meeting at my home every Thursday. The desire for learning memory work has increased so do pray for all these dear children that as they hear God's Word and learn memory verses that many will be spoken to and trust Christ as Saviour.

It is now 50 years since I left Ireland to come to Zambia and as I look back over the years I can raise my Ebenezer and say "Hitherto

hath the Lord helped me". It has been a great privilege to serve the Lord here and pray that the Lord will continue to bless His Word and save souls. The work of repairing and rebuilding Gospel Halls is still heavy on my heart. We are grateful for the completion of one Hall in December and will ask for continued prayer for this Assembly as they contemplate having a Jubilee Conference in 2023 D.V. that the Lord will guide them in everything and supply all their needs. We still have approximately 10 Gospel Halls that need urgent attention. To us it seems impossible but with God all things are possible. If any assembly is changing their forms or chairs, please remember God's dear people here as many are sitting on the floor.

Recently we have had a very sad road accident. Patients were taken to Chitokoloki for treatment and on the way back the vehicle overturned, and one patient was killed. It has been a voice in the district as to the brevity of life. We are having deaths almost daily. Opportunities are great for preaching the Gospel at the graveside by our local brethren. Please continue to pray for the work here.

C. 1972 23/6/22

WILMA GEDDES

19TH

1 Cor. 11:2-34

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lutsk

We are all keeping well, and all is currently quiet in Lutsk. We have been bombed 3 times over the past 14 weeks, but the past weeks have been peaceful, apart from the sirens sounding. Lutsk is still well fortified with military blockades and checkpoints on every main road. Curfew is still in place and streets are so dark without lights at night.

We keep very busy at the hall and have all our assembly meetings as usual on Lord's Day and Thursday evening, with big numbers attending. It's so good to all be together. We had a good number out today with so many unsaved attending. We look to the Lord to save those who attend the meetings. We are focusing on the local assembly in Lutsk and the work which goes on from the hall here. Days are very long and busy, but we are happy being where the Lord has placed us to be a testimony for Him.

The Gospel Hall here has been a blessing to so many. It's open from early morning until late evening. Some kids/teenagers stay here all day, every day. It's great to have somewhere where we all feel safe and loved. It's just like a big family, and everyone is helping each other!

We have now collected from the printers 20,000 of a new little Gospel card printed on both sides to distribute with our aid. It's all about HOPE. It is very relevant for the situation people are facing in Ukraine. It's a good size for giving to people and also for people to have in pockets etc. We have over 250,000 Ukrainian Gospel tracts as well available. What a privilege it is to share the Best News with so many people in these sad and tragic circumstances. We pray that many will be saved at this time.

You can download and print any of our Ukrainian tracts by logging on to www.nta.lutsk.ua and then go to literature. The HOPE card will be uploaded next week, God willing.

C. 1993 5/6/22

TIMOTHY & RHODA SLOAN

20TH

1 Cor. 12

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lutsk

We are getting lots of refugees and pensioners coming in for hot meals every day. There are now approx. 50,000 refugees in Lutsk. We have approximately 240 coming in each day. Many of these dear refugees are so traumatised and have heart-breaking stories. Many have husbands/sons/brothers on the front line and don't know exactly where they are. It's great to see a lot of these dear Ukrainians coming to the meetings now. We long to hear of them getting saved. Many are also taking Gospel tracts from the stand, and some have taken Bibles. They all see the Gospel verses on the walls as they come upstairs too.

Please continue to pray for Pasha. He's just 21 and is a refugee from Zaporizhzhia in the East. He was able to get to Lutsk 11 weeks ago. His mother, grandmother and 2 sisters can't leave their town as it's now surrounded by Russian soldiers. Pasha saw the billboards in Lutsk offering free meals and he has been with us every day since. He actually helps us now with the aid and stays with us at the hall every day. We were able to get him clothes and food as he arrived in Lutsk with nothing. He has come to every meeting, and we would long to see him saved. Pasha's dad passed away 3 weeks ago from lung cancer. He was only 50. Pasha couldn't get to the funeral as his hometown is surrounded and is frequently bombed. Please pray for this lovely young man who we have come to know well.

Please pray for Ira too. She's from Chernihiv and is in Lutsk with her 2 sons. Her husband is somewhere on the front line, but she doesn't know where. She can contact him very seldom and it's very difficult for her. Her cousin was seriously injured in a bombing 3 weeks ago. He's very ill. Please pray for these dear families. Ira attends all the meetings, and we would long to see her and her family saved.

God never ceases to amaze us with His timing and care! A friend in Ireland texted us a few weeks ago about getting aid to a Ukrainian family in Kharkiv. The family have an adult disabled daughter and she can't get to the basement for shelter, so they go down there but just have to leave her in bed covered with a blanket in the apartment. Heart-breaking! She badly needed a wheelchair among other things. We unloaded our 9th lorry load of aid sent from Northern Ireland 3 weeks ago and what did we find - a beautiful modern wheelchair!! We hadn't asked for one, but God knew!! Amazing! We were able to send 10 boxes of aid plus a wheelchair to Kharkiv and it all arrived safely. The family are so happy and thanked us for the Bibles and Gospel literature too.

C. 1993 5/6/22

TIMOTHY & RHODA SLOAN

21ST

1 Cor. 13

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lutsk

We have a great hymn singing and Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. These times are so special. Then we all enjoy a hot meal together. It's just amazing to look around at everyone, some from Lutsk, some refugees from the East from the last Russian invasion, some former street kids now saved, baptised and in fellowship, and all, with us, enjoying the Lord's presence and His peace. It's only our God could ever make this scenario possible!

Work is progressing well at the orphanage. We have 19 builders

working flat out to try to get it all finished as soon as possible. Still the ground floor and basement need to be finished. Some materials are difficult to source now due to the war, but we are doing everything possible to see the orphanage ready to be opened.

It's very difficult to get fuel now for the car. Most petrol stations have no fuel and for those that do, we can get just 20 litres. One of our friends queued for 3 hours recently to get his 20 litres. Anatoly queued from 4.30am one morning to get petrol when the petrol station opened at 6am! We pray that this fuel shortage will soon be rectified.

Rhoda and I decided to take 31 friends, some from the assembly, and some refugees to the Carpathian Mountains for a 4 day break last week. Everyone was so exhausted working very long hours every day and we felt it would be good to give all the hard workers a nice break. We had an amazing time and it felt so normal with no sirens sounding, no check points and no soldiers patrolling. We stopped off to see Dima in Ivano Frankivsk assembly on the way down. It was so nice to spend some time there. We had to take cans of extra petrol in the boot of the cars as it's so difficult to get fuel. The bus driver had extra fuel too. We are now back into routine here in Lutsk and very busy but we all really enjoyed 4 days away.

We really enjoyed having Esther with us for 6 days! She flew over from USA with car parts that we desperately need! We drove to Warsaw to collect her and drove straight back to Lutsk arriving back here at 1.30am! It's a 6 hour journey each way plus border crossings. Esther helped us each day, so it wasn't much of a holiday for her! We were so happy to have her here for this short time. Esther arrived safely back in USA yesterday.

We close with sincere thanks to you all for praying and for keeping in touch. We are so thankful to still have electricity and internet. Please pray that we will all have good health and the strength to keep working for our Saviour.

C. 1993 5/6/22 TIMOTHY & RHODA SLOAN

22ND

1 Cor. 14

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Rio Grande do Sul

We have been back in Brazil for over a month now - it is good to be back and see everyone again. Gregg Buchanan and I are presently having a series of gospel meetings in the town of Ivoti. The weather has been cold and numbers in general have been small, but we always have a few unsaved to preach to. A lady called Eliza and her son Mateus comes each night, she has been coming to meetings for the most of 30 years now and still isn't saved. Her husband has been in the assembly since it was formed. Another man in his early 70's comes consistently and although he is full of religious confusion, we pray that he will be enlightened to see his need of Christ.

I have been at two funerals in the past fortnight. The first one was the mother of national worker Roberto Ploia. She got saved 12 years ago at 82 years of age and lived to prove the reality of God's saving grace. The other was a lady from Cachoeirinha on the outskirts of Porto Alegre. She was among the first to be saved here in Rio Grande do Sul in 1954. It was actually Covid that took her in the end. She wasn't long into hospital when she had to go onto a ventilator and shortly afterwards passed away. Thinking about where these two dear saints are now, wasn't it good that the glorious Gospel ever came to these parts and that they both got saved, one in her teens and the other in her 80's!

We appreciate very much your prayers for the great need of Brazil,

for the salvation of sinners and the preservation of assembly testimony. Also, for us and for our family, that we will know the Lord's guiding hand in the days that lie ahead, God willing.

C. 2014 10/6/22 JOHN & ROSEMARY DAVISON

23RD

1 Cor. 15:1-34

N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil.

The sense of freedom with the decline of Covid has breathed fresh oxygen into assembly-life here at last, and the year has opened with a number of different gospel series across the province with blessing in some quarters. Along with John Fleck, we have had eight weeks in the gospel at Armagh. We value your prayers for these closing nights. God has been gracious, and we have had the joy of hearing of the salvation of a 19 year old lad. Others remain on our hearts. There is a great spiritual need. The steady attendance of local families and a considerable number from the community have been encouraging. We look for a harvest as we move forward night by night, clinging to the words of the Saviour, 'Some seed fell on good ground, and brought forth fruit'. There are seasons that are etched on all our memories where in a particular way prayers were answered, and a number were gathered in to encourage saints and bolster assembly testimony. We are greatly in need of a season like this.

There is a work of revival that we are all in need of. In Psalm 3v3 He is 'a shield'; in the same verse He is also 'the lifter up of my head'. May God grant that testimony might flame brightly in the days ahead until He come.

C. 2019 15/6/22 RAYMOND & LOUISA KIRKPATRICK

24TH

1 Cor. 15:35-58

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Tucupita

With the sudden home call of my dear brother Allan on the 18th of March, our hearts have once more grieved a very great loss, and yet "we sorrow not as others who have no hope". Allan's love for his Lord and Saviour was very evident and his very fruitful service in God's kingdom was no doubt a result of that. The Lord has been strengthening Sandra who has been left with a very big load in the care of her family and all those children who they have been caring for in a loving way, but your prayers for her and the family would be greatly valued. He is sorely missed in the Lord's work in the states of Barinas, Portuguesa, Cojedes, Tachira, Merida and elsewhere. He had also given very valuable help in assemblies in Colombia in this last year of his ministry.

Regarding the work of the Lord here in Tucupita, I can truly say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". With his help the gospel has been preached in several places during the week and there is a good interest on behalf of the people to listen. The bible classes which were carried on in 4 different places before the pandemic have commenced again, so many children are also hearing God's word every week. The believer's here show a very keen desire to help in all these activities. Some of the local brethren are exercised with the word and are able to help me also in the preaching of the gospel.

The construction of the Gospel Hall is well advanced. It has taken more time than I had thought, mainly because the workers are men from another state, and they haven't been able to come steadily. But we are using it for the meetings, and it has been so encouraging to see it well filled with unsaved in the last Sunday night gospel meetings. So I encourage you all to continue praying for spiritual growth in the believers and for preservation from the

wicked attacks of the evil one, and that He may indicate the time when we could begin to function as a local assembly.

The many activities in the Lord's work, together with responsibilities in the home, trying to fulfil a triple role as father, mother and teacher are very time and energy consuming so I really appreciate your prayers on our behalf. The Lord has promised to be with us every day and if it were not so, it would be impossible, humanly speaking to continue.

C. 2014 (Ven) 6/6/22 WILLIAM TURKINGTON

25TH

1 Cor. 16

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. London

We have, in the goodness of the Lord, been encouraged in recent days. On April 9th, our grandson was baptised, although only nine he was most definite as to when he was saved and equally definite in his desire to be baptised. It was a very happy occasion and blessed by the Lord. With the adults and children there were about 60 folk present, amongst them several of his school friends accompanied by a parent or family members. For some it was the first time they had attended a baptismal service, and one person afterwards confessed that she always thought the Bible meant 'sprinkling' by the word 'baptism'.

At Easter, we had a Children's Holiday Club, which before Covid 19 used to be a regular part of the work. Five of the local schools distributed leaflets to the children (pre-pandemic it was usually eight schools) and we appreciated their help. We commenced with just 16 children but on the second day and all through the remaining days the number attending remained consistent at around 27 to 29 children each day.

God willing, we anticipate having a stand at the South Norwood Festival on July 3rd and value prayer for that occasion.

As to personal news, Judith is keeping well though, like me, conscious of the limitations that increasing years can bring. For myself I have now seen an eye surgeon and have been referred for cataract surgery. If all goes well, they intend to operate on both eyes in one operation. As to when that will be, from what I was told it could be early July, but I await to hear. We likewise value prayer for that. At the moment I am unable to drive at night.

13/6/22

RICHARD & JUDITH CATCHPOLE

26TH

2 Cor. 1

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Moray

At present I am seeking to engage in personal visitation in and around Forres. Some of these are folks that I have had contact with for years, others are those that I am endeavouring to establish a closer communication with. Through conversation, it is interesting to discover how many of these folks have had previous contact with the gospel, in some cases over many years. One couple had contact with believers over forty years ago, it was encouraging during a recent visit to see the calendar from the hall well marked with appointments etc.

Another man, who came to the Sunday school back in the sixties, has the calendar on the wall next to his armchair. We pray that the scriptures will be impressed on their soul by the Spirit of God.

I recently visited a lady with similar Sunday school history, but from the fifties. After our general conversation, through her questions she gave me the opportunity to relate how I came to trust Christ for salvation, she listened well and indicated that she does read her Bible and prays every night. On a previous visit she

asked for a note of the verses that I read so she could read them again later. I purpose, God willing, to continue in visitation over the coming days, looking to God for wisdom and grace in using these opportunities to present the gospel on a personal basis.

7/6/22

AINSLIE & SHEILA PATERSON

27TH

2 Cor. 2

N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil.

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 McAlister 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 6/6/22

PAUL & LINDA KISSICK

28TH

2 Cor. 3:1 to 4:6

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 George

Please pray for our assembly here in South Africa. Thankful that we are now able to continue with the breaking of bread, prayer and ministry, Bible study and outreach in the gospel in the hall, open air and cottage meetings. We would appreciate prayer for our widows who have remained so faithful, even in the colder weather.

We were glad to recently have brother Rodney Brown join us in the outreach and to share in the gospel at the cottage meeting at one of the widow's homes. Thankful to the Lord that her middle-aged son attended. We can continue to pray for the seed that was sown.

Please pray for all the young folk that attend the different outreaches. One young lady who recently turned 21 years old is trying to finish off some of her subjects and attends night school. Another young lady completed her schooling last year and has found a job but is only able to attend when she is off. These two young ladies have asked many questions and we do pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in their lives. We are also very happy to hear of a young sister who has requested to come back into fellowship. We heard today of another older sister who has come back to the Lord and for this we give thanks.

Please continue to pray for the Afrikaans children's Bible correspondence. We are grateful for the different areas in George and the numbers of new children joining. Many of these children are from difficult homes, but we can just sow the seed and continue to pray.

Please continue to pray for the mums and toddler's group.

Please pray for the TB hospital. We were not able to attend for some time, due to the covid situation, but things have opened. We were able to chat to one of the social workers and we hope to continue to serve the Lord there, God willing.

Please continue to pray for literature distribution and the regular chats we have with various folk.

Please continue to pray for our health issues. Robin with his Parkinson's and ongoing treatment for his eye with haemorrhaging and deterioration. He has had 3 injections in the eye and the doctors will re-evaluate in two weeks. Thankful for Mary, after 9 weeks with a fractured foot and torn ligaments, she can start putting pressure on her foot.

C.2000 (SA) 14/6/22 ROBIN & MARY ROSSOUW

29TH

2 Cor. 4:7 to 5:10

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Skelmanthorpe

We have just returned from a few days away at our family caravan near Bridlington and it has been good to have a break after a busy few weeks with meetings and schools in the run up to the Jubilee holiday weekend.

I have just concluded a series of ministry at Wythenshawe, Manchester on Nehemiah and am due to be back over the Pennines at Prestwich each Wednesday in June for teaching on the Upper Room Ministry, as well as having several other meetings. Schools work starts again this Wednesday D.V. and the following week a class from the local Church of England primary school is due to visit our Hall to see the baptistry, table set for Lord's supper etc as well as have a Bible story and quiz. They come each year and we always have a good time with them, including taking the opportunity to promote our children's work.

On the whole Gillian is keeping a bit better in health at the moment and we are thankful for that. She was able to enjoy the few days we had away.

6/6/22

PHILIP & GILLIAN KAYE

30TH

2 Cor. 5:11 to 6:10

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Tyne & Wear

The street preaching here in north-east England continues 4 times each week, weather permitting. Those who stand with me at the four different venues, Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland and South Shields, the majority of whom are in their 80s, are a massive encouragement to me. Marilyn is 88! One brother (aged 82) attends all four venues! That is some commitment! Allow me to share with you a couple of the many contacts made during the past month.

DURHAM – 3 JUNE 2022

Bitten talked with a young woman from North East Africa. She was studying at the university. She was a Moslem but was honest enough to say she had serious doubts about Islam. In fact, she confessed that her family members also were of the same opinion. She told Bitten she was anxious and wanted to know how she could be forgiven! She accepted a Gideon New Testament and was invited to contact us for further help.

SOUTH SHIELDS – 4 JUNE 2022

Spoke for some considerable time with Colin (mid 30s) from East Boldon, my home village. He looked a little on the rough side but was very thoughtful. At first, he was reluctant to talk but soon opened up. A while ago he had spent 5 months living on the streets. He thought that 'now' was eternity and we all shall live

forever! I told him he was correct about the latter, but asked him, "Where shall we spend that 'forever': heaven or hell?" I told him God has given us 'now' to trust in His son. I took him through John 3:16, the text on our board. He certainly listened well and when offered literature, he took a Good News tract, the Amazing Grace booklet and a John's Gospel.

4/6/22

IAN & BITTEN CAMPBELL

31ST

2 Cor. 6:11 to 7:16

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. SW Scotland

We are thankful to God for the many and varied opportunities which we have to serve Him where he has placed us. In March I was with Jonathan Black for a week of open-air, literature distribution and gospel meetings in Lockerbie and the towns and villages around it. Although there is no assembly there any more there are some saints locally who have assembly backgrounds and we are praying that we might see the rekindling of testimony there.

One man, Malcolm, came on a number of occasions to the gospel meeting. A local brother is keeping up a Bible study with him in the hall and we would value prayer for him that he might have assurance of salvation. It is my intention to keep a link with the area by visiting for a monthly open-air. We already keep a weekly open-air at Dumfries but the brother who so faithfully helped in Dumfries has had a change of working hours and now can no longer attend on a weekday. I am always on the look-out for saints with an interest in this type of work to draw alongside.

In April I was mainly helping assemblies in Bible teaching and gospel preaching and, in the preparation, and distribution of a gospel magazine which we distribute a couple of times a year to every home in the village. It was a delight to have help from some of the younger folks in the assembly with the distribution. We were particularly encouraged at New Cumnock by three baptisms on Easter Sunday – two brothers (in the flesh!) whose parents are in the assembly and a girl who was saved out of the world were baptised and after two years of everything being cancelled it was nice to see the hall so full. This made for 6 baptisms in the hall since September 2021 and we are trusting God that this is perhaps the first fruits of blessing in our village.

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