



# LOOK ON THE FIELDS

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1<sup>ST</sup>

2 Cor. 8

### PANAMA Pop. 4.2 Mil. UK 4

As we are emerging from two and half years of unprecedented global health issues, we are starting to see some return to normality. Here in Panama, we are about a year behind the rest of the world in relation to this return, but little by little its starting to come around. We are told that July 11<sup>th</sup> will be the beginning of “no masks” in stores or enclosed/inside areas, with some exceptions like hospitals and public transport. We hope that this will encourage people to return to a normal life without fear, that so much misinformation has produced.

This return to normality has also brought encouragement to assembly activities, outreaches, and attendance. We have recently seen an increase in the number of children attending the bible classes on Sunday as well as an outreach we have on Saturday mornings. Also, attendance at the assembly meetings has gradually increased and we are happy to see three new families attending with real spiritual interest in what the Bible teaches and not just “another man-made religion”. This has been a breath of fresh air and it’s a pleasure to open the scriptures with them and answer their questions and discuss new truths they’ve never heard before. One of them told us that in the place they attended before, supposedly evangelical, she’d never heard the gospel of God’s salvation and that she needed to be saved! Its incredible how dark the darkness is!

We are reminded of what the Lord said in His review of the Church at Philadelphia, which was small, weak, but continued to be a faithful testimony and the Lord was guiding in opening and closing doors:

***“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.” Revelation 3:8***

C. 2006 6/7/22 BYRNE & LOIS FORESHEW

2<sup>ND</sup>

2 Cor. 9

### PANAMA Pop. 4.2 Mil. UK 4

Since the pandemic hit us, we have lost 4 couples, who for reasons of employment had to leave us. Thankfully they are enjoying fellowship in other assemblies where they have moved to find work. Though small and weaker, we have seen the Lord’s hand in blessing and encouragement.

For over two and a half years we have not been able to teach bible classes at the orphanage. It started with the pandemic, then seemed to turn into some internal disagreements in the administration that wouldn’t allow us to go. We had spoken to an administrator a few times to see if we could return, but no positive reply was given. We found this strange for we had been helping there for over 11 years in various capacities and yet the door seemed to

be closed this time. Two weeks ago, one last email was sent to the director, who is very catholic, asking if it would be possible to have the classes again with the children. The reply was very positive, and he gave us a warm welcome and said we could have bible classes any time we wanted! The only explanation is that the Lord opened the door. So, we are planning to go this week to organize the classes. There is power in prayer!

We are also planning on drafting an application to take to the Ministry of Education to see if we can obtain permission again to get into the schools to give out Bible Texts, as we did before the pandemic. We would value prayer, as the minister who signed our last letter of permission is not there and we don’t know how or if the new minister will view our application. We will wait until the end of July to do this, as we want the “July 11<sup>th</sup> no mask” policy to be in place so that there will be less reasons for them to reject the application, citing Covid restrictions.

C. 2006 6/7/22 BYRNE & LOIS FORESHEW

3<sup>RD</sup>

2 Cor. 10

### ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

We are quickly approaching the end of our first full year here in Zambia. There is much to rejoice about as well as many issues to pray about. Our God has been very gracious and kind to us, for which we are thankful. He has shown His protective hand and guidance along the way. We are currently waiting on the completion of registration for an NGO in Namibia. The country does not allow missionaries as such but will allow visas for residence through an NGO. Our aim is to set up a printing press to distribute gospel literature and have access to full time outreach in the country. In previous visits, the people of Namibia have been happy to receive gospel literature and are often willing to talk about the Lord Jesus Christ. We would appreciate prayers for full approval of the NGO as well as guidance for how to proceed and where to establish a base of operations in Namibia.

While we wait on the Lord about Namibia, we are active here in Manyinga. Every week there are a few men from local assemblies that get together, and we preach in the wards of the hospital in Loloma, or in the bush at different villages. After speaking the gospel, we are able to distribute the gospel of John in a few languages, normally Lunda, Luvala or English. This time is most insightful because we are able to talk and ask questions to each individual. The biggest ‘plagues’ that we must deal with are “good works for salvation” and “good works to keep salvation”. We have been able to purchase a dirt bike for outreach purposes as well as visiting existing assemblies. We will be able to get deeper in the bush quicker with more literature than by walking, and access areas that would be more challenging to reach on four wheels. There are many cults, false prophets/healers, diviners, witch doctors, necromancers that have lots of sway over the people. Even the children of God are led astray.

C. 2020 (USA) 6/7/22 STEPHEN & STEPHANNIE ANDERSON

4<sup>TH</sup>

2 Cor. 11

### ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

On Tuesday afternoon we have an English bible hour with children from the area. The age group is ‘under sixteen’ and we see around 30 children on a regular basis. We sing songs, have messages and learn a verse for the week. Many of these young ones go home and repeat the message for their whole family. Later that evening I am able to have a bible study with some young adults. They attend all different types of churches from the area. We are

going verse by verse through the book of Galatians which has been most profitable. There are many teaching opportunities, and it is greatly needed. I am committed to three separate assemblies one Saturday a month each: Mukondoloki, Chipanda and Musole. Also, I was able to take up the Servant songs of Isaiah on the midweek meetings here in Loloma.

We have many challenges here because of inflation and lack of logistics. The two closest filling stations (one here in town and one a 30-minute drive from here, in Kabompo) have been out of diesel and petrol for the last month. The nearest filling station that might have fuel is Mufumbwe, which is a 2-hour drive from here. We have also seen a jump in maize pricing. A 50kg bag of maize was 120 kwacha last year: it is now 180 kwacha. This will help the farmers. In past years farmers have been selling their produce at a loss. The local people will feel the burden.

C. 2020 (USA) 6/7/22 STEPHEN & STEPHANNIE ANDERSON

5<sup>TH</sup>

2 Cor. 12:1-13

**INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Siliguri (NE India)**

More than two years have passed since the pandemic started. We are grateful to God for allowing us to go through many obstacles and enabling us to enjoy His grace. The sudden evolving of virtual meetings opened the door for us to communicate with saints from different parts of the world and hear the voice of our Lord through them. We are thankful to God for this new blessing. We are conscious of your continued prayer support for the ministry in this region and we thank you for the same.

The saints in Belgachi & Amjamni are in desperate need of help. We have been praying for the Lord to send a servant to live in this area and continue the ministry. Mr. Jonathan Hukkeri who was serving the Lord in Dhupguri has shifted to Siliguri. He is helping us in visiting these two assemblies and encouraging the believers. However, the need for someone to stay nearby this area and continue the work is strongly felt. A small piece of land was purchased recently in Amjamni to build a hall. Construction of the boundary wall is in progress.

For the past two years we were not able to conduct the camps. We are waiting on the Lord to guide us regarding next steps. These camps were very helpful in reaching students and their parents with the gospel.

In connection with the Salbari assembly, Aryan, one of our Sunday school students of early days was recently saved. He needs much prayer to grow in the Lord. We are praying for the salvation of his mother as well.

The Sunday school has started again and reasonable attendance is seen since last 6 weeks. Please pray for the teachers who are labouring among the children.

C. (India)

R RAGHU & LYDIA

6<sup>TH</sup>

2 Cor. 12:14 to 13:14

**INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Siliguri (NE India)**

From April 2022, the Ashakendra School has started in-person classes and were happy to see many of the old students return to the school with great enthusiasm. At the same time, remaining indoor for almost two years has taken its toll. A sizeable number of students are finding it difficult to adjust to the classroom environment and have lost their interest in many important areas.

Two years ago we installed solar power units for the school. However due to the rising cost of energy, we are now planning to upgrade the units to double the power generation.

Please pray for brother and sister Rai as they are advancing in age and have health problems. They are also much burdened about the salvation of their two sons.

Since professional translators' charges are very high, we are in desperate need of English/Nepali translators to further our literature work.

Prayer matters:

- Continuation of open doors for the Gospel both in the field and school.
- Samdhan Nepali magazine to recommence.
- Helping the assemblies in different areas of Nepal, including Kathmandu.

C. (India)

R RAGHU & LYDIA

7<sup>TH</sup>

2 Cor. 1:1-16

**ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala**

The latest Angolan Literature Fund container arrived safely in Camundambala on the 24<sup>th</sup> July. A willing team of young men from the assembly helped to unload it early that morning.

Thank you for your prayers and now please give thanks for the safe sea journey, relatively rapid processing through the Luanda Port compared with recent experiences, and especially the safe 3-day road journey of nearly 1000KM to Camundambala. This journey is always dangerous due to the terrible roads but especially so during the current dry season when much of the road is deep sand with large deep potholes. We are so thankful to the Lord for this safe journey and, though not a believer, the always helpful and accommodating lorry driver Mauricio.

This container had 12,000 Portuguese Bibles, 2000 Hymnbooks, 2000 teaching magazines, 2000 commentaries by David Gooding, 20,000 Sunday School teaching booklets, consumables for the printing work as well as essential spares for the Land Rovers and generator plus building materials. May the Lord bless the distribution of all this literature.

The cost of sending containers is a matter of concern having nearly doubled over the last year due to increased global container transport costs and a greatly reduced Angolan exchange rate.

26/7/22 Update from VICTOR MICHAEL

(Angola Literature Fund)

8<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 1:17-32

**CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Nova Scotia**

Things in Nova Scotia are opening up again, and today the isolation of those who have Covid is no longer mandatory, although recommended when around people with compromised immune systems. There are still quite a few cases of Covid around us, but it's not as severe as it used to be. So far, I have escaped although I've been fairly close to some who have had it. I did get vaccinated so that might have helped.

Prayer is requested for Clementsvalle Assembly, that the Lord's people will be encouraged in seeing family members won for Christ and those who have grown cold in heart revived ..... which could apply to most of us. Our eldest sister who turned 90 years old in March, had a fall at her sister's house and broke her hip and wrist. She was taken to Halifax Hospital where she got a half hip replacement the next day, which was something of a miracle at her age. She is now in Rehab and up walking with the aid of a walker, which isn't easy with one arm in a cast. She has some other underlying health issues, as well. She will go to her sister's home if and when she gets out. Emily may have a profession of

Salvation, but I don't think her husband does. Maybe Barbara's Testimony will result in their spiritual needs being addressed.

Brother Cress just turned 88 years old in June and never misses a meeting unless he's very ill. However, we've seen a decline in his health over these last few years. His wife who is two years younger is an inspiration to us all, as well. Some of their nine children and grandchildren are still not saved, so it would cheer them and us, if they were. They all have a great respect for their parents. We know that God is able and willing to save!

The Sunday School has resumed and although small beginnings, there are a few who have been coming on a regular basis. We give them a lunch in the basement afterwards which is appreciated, as food wouldn't be plentiful in some of these homes. The Lord often met the physical needs of the people as well as their spiritual needs. So we trust it will be used of the Spirit of God to bring them to repentance.

Many thanks for all your prayers for us as a family since coming here 41 years ago. We all need to be preserved and some of our grandchildren are still not saved. James is much missed in the whole Family Circle as well as in the assemblies ... but, "As for God, His way is perfect!"

8/7/22

AMY McCLELLAND

9<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 2

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

Thankfully, I am again able to go regularly into schools to present the gospel to the children in school assemblies. Another two schools brought me back in during May and they also agreed to host our Bible exhibition later that month. Robert Armstrong and I were delighted to teach the biblical narrative to around 300 school children over 2 days.

At the end of May I travelled to Manitoba, Canada for a conference and the launch of the Bible exhibition over there. We have left a copy of the exhibition graphics in Canada for use among the assemblies. It is not possible to get into most schools in North America, but they hope to use it in other venues to reach out to their communities with the gospel.

When I returned home, I had a week in another primary school where I was given two hours each day for a week to speak to all the children in the school. This was split into an hour each with the younger and older pupils. Last week I spoke at children's meetings in my home assembly. We were very encouraged with a consistent 60 children in attendance each evening.

In the will of the Lord, I will be engaged throughout this summer in both gospel and children's meetings.

We appreciate your prayer for us as we seek to play a small part in the Lord's service here and abroad.

C. 2003 12/7/22 LESLIE & MARION CRAIG

10<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 3

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

With Betty Magennis going back home to N Ireland, we are going through many changes and need much prayer. She was a very special person to work with and we are grateful the Lord let us labour with her these past ten years. We want the Lord to be honoured and glorified in this work as it is His work.

We are privileged to be able to continue the work here as the Lord leads. Certainly, you have heard of the accident that killed a nine-year-old boy. Everything is in slow motion, and we are waiting on things to come to an end, and this could take some

time. Meanwhile, we are pressing forward to get comfort in the Lord. Glad we have the indwelling Holy Spirit to help us, and the Word of God that is so clear about going through the trails of our faith. Romans 8:18 -39 and 1 Peter 4 are verses that help us through such times.

Thankful we have the PRAYERS of saints also like yourselves. This makes us more grateful and humbled by the work of our God in being in the family of God. I am recovering slowly from the physical abuse I got, and also the emotional stress through all this. Life is so short and to end a young boy's life is not an easy thing to overcome. Even though it was an accident, I would never want anybody to go through what I am going through now. I am so thankful to the Lord for all He does and is doing. I could not live with myself without His strength. Thank you once again for your kindness.

C.(USA) 11/7/22

JEFF & JUNE SPEICHINGER

11<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 4:1-22

**ITALY Pop. 60 Mil. UK 16 Naples**

The work here has had its challenges, as in so many places, with all the restrictions due to Covid. Not having a suitable church building, as you may remember, we met in the town park last summer, which was quite nice. Over this past year, we have been meeting in a large empty gym with difficult acoustics! Still, we are glad to have the use of this, even if temporarily.

We are still trying to find a more permanent solution and are in discussions with the owners of a small old school building, which we are trying to agree to purchase or rent for a reasonable price. So, please continue pray about that for us! Also, there are three men, Francesco, Dario and Ivano (all in their thirties), who are now serving in leadership. Please pray for them.

Other ministries, like visiting/preaching at other churches, is continuing (mostly online at the moment). Also, we are continuing to translate and publish books and produce videos we consider to be useful for church leaders.

C. 1987/88 6/7/22

ROD & DEBBIE JONES

12<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 4:23 to 5:11

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

Paul McCauley and I have been continuing our door-to-door evangelism in West and North Belfast over the past year. Republican estates such as Turf Lodge, New Barnsley, Ballymurphy, and New Lodge have all been visited regularly with Gospel booklets. Many encouraging conversations have resulted, and some contacts have been made. Prayer is deeply valued for this work.

Open-Air preaching over the past six weeks has included a month of drive in Gospel meetings in Dixon Park in fellowship with the Bloomfield assembly in Belfast. Along with those who attended in cars, there was a passing audience of dog-walkers, cyclists, and others using the park each evening. We have two weeks of open-air at the sea front in Bangor with the Central Ave assembly in July. Blessing as a result of this effort in recent years has been encouraging. Please do pray for the salvation of souls.

Prayer is valued for these efforts and for ongoing Bible teaching commitments.

8/7/22

DAVID & JENNIE WILLIAMSON

13<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 5:12-21

**NORWAY Pop. 5.4 Mil. UK 5 Skien**

First, let us briefly mention Jennifer's situation. As most know, Jennifer's prognoses of incurable cancer nearly 4 years ago still remains our main concern. In September 2021, 3 years of three monthly chemotherapy lumbar punctures injections were stopped. Radiation treatment has also ceased, so her only contact now with the cancer consultants and doctors are to hear the results of her 3 monthly blood tests, and the advice they give, unless we see serious changes in her condition!

Having Jenny at home though is a great blessing. Her physical movements are extremely limited, regularly has severe pain, but never complains about her situation and is daily thankful to the Lord for each day! Thank you for your prayers for us in this journey of life!

Although our circumstances and service have changed drastically as a result of Jenny's illness, the Lord gives us so many opportunities to speak of His love and care. Neighbours we chat with, various home-nurses who call, prison inmates allowed to correspond, assemblies & churches who we ministered and visited in the past, Skype regularly, medical professionals who contact us, prayer groups who telephone, to name but a few, allow us to speak well of the Lord, His faithfulness and kindness. Your prayers for the many contacts we have both believers and non-believers that cross our path will be appreciated!

C. 1982 1/7/22 NAT &amp; JENNIFER RODGERS

14<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 6:1-14

**NORWAY Pop. 5.4 Mil. UK 5 Skien**

In these last months, Ukraine has been to the forefront in International news. Like most, we follow daily reports with sadness and dismay having regularly visited various parts of the country. The loss of life, pain and suffering by so many, a result of war is heart-rendering. We pray that peace may soon be restored and families reunited, also for the missionaries, and full-time workers who seek to bring relief and comfort to so many!

For many years we have worked alongside Norwegian brothers and sisters bringing relief, food, medical equipment, providing ambulances, clothing, establishing bible home groups, building and furnishing orphanages, etc. Because of the present situation, refugees have fled Ukraine, and a recent letter from our friends here in Norway with their permission I will share some of it with you.

"The first refugees came to Sevland west Norway on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Later many who we had contact with in Ukraine also arrived. We have accommodated 35 in total, all age groups, the youngest 20 months, the oldest 68 years of age. Until the middle of May, believers opened their homes for accommodation, but now all have their own apartment and can live privately. Another 14 refugees were allocated to believers in Kopervik and also have their own apartment. Many believers on arrival of the refugees worked so hard to make them feel 'at home' as possible. Much of this work was arranged by the ladies in various assemblies and churches working together. What a wonderful testimony!

As a result of the love of Christ being exhibited in a practical way, many of the refugees attend all the meetings and some have come to faith in the Lord Jesus."

In addition to this effort for the Lord, THK - Tro, Håp Kjærlighet (Faith Hope Love - in english) have sent since the 24<sup>th</sup> February 45 trailerloads of various urgent needs, medicine, hospital necessities and diverse food requirements especially for children. These are

all being co-ordinated by believers that we have full confidence in, and have known for many years. Please continue to pray for Ukraine, also for us in Norway and all involved in showing the love of the Lord in so many practical areas of service.

C. 1982 1/7/22 NAT &amp; JENNIFER RODGERS

15<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 6:15 to 7:6

**SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Aberdeenshire**

We are once again grateful to the Lord for His help, especially over the last few months. Sadly, we lost my wife Fiona's dad Iain in June after a 2-year illness and we are still coming to terms with our loss (but for Iain, far better!). I had the privilege of preaching the Gospel at the graveside where the text I chose was "Thanks be to GOD who gives us the victory through our LORD JESUS CHRIST." A wonderful statement of hope from GOD's word. It was such an opportunity to have some unsaved family members there. Please pray that they will think again about their position regarding salvation.

We have been blessed with many continued opportunities to share the wonderful news of the Lord Jesus in local schools as they are tentatively opening to visitors. We were blessed with around 250 pupils attending the Bible Exhibition at Inverurie Gospel Hall in May and most were happy to receive a copy of Mark's Gospel as a gift after experiencing the exhibition. Please pray that this will be another link in the chain towards trusting the LORD.

We continued the local Bible Explorers club and the numbers remained small, but the children listened well. I have continued the online adult Bible study and we have all known the benefits of studying the Word of God as we have been considering our eternal security in Christ! What a subject! It has filled our hearts with joy and a deeper appreciation of the love of GOD -and we are only a few weeks into the study! It is such an encouragement to see their keenness and hunger for God's word!

We rejoice that nearly 200 Bibles were recently distributed to local Primary 7 pupils in approximately 10 different schools. Please pray with us that as they are read, they will lead young souls to Christ. It was also wonderful to be asked to speak at some of the local school assemblies and present the bibles. We were so encouraged to have one local school choose Inverurie Gospel Hall, where I spoke at the Primary 7 End of Term Assembly. We would appreciate your prayers as we enter a new school year and schools start to reopen to visitors. Please pray that the new timetable will be in God's will for His great glory!

Your continued prayers are very much appreciated as we continue to share the powerful Word of God with young people in our local area.

11/7/22

GRAEME &amp; FIONA SMITH

16<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 7:7-25

**ALBANIA Pop. 3 Mil. UK 4 Tirana**

*"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."* 2 Timothy 2:2

The four-tiered idea that the Apostle Paul had in mind is the key for consolidation and continuation of the work of the Lord. As the work expands, passing on to others "all the counsel of God" becomes vital for the testimony and its continuation. Applying the apostolic pattern to the work here is something we deem essential, in order to maintain a lasting witness for the Lord in this city.

The Lord continues to be faithful. In December, we rejoiced with sister G as she testified to the Lord's saving grace and obedience through baptism. She is growing in faith as she studies the Bible using the translated Emmaus courses. Her husband is open to the Gospel but has not yet taken that step of faith. We often meet with him and continue to pray that the Lord will work by bringing him to saving faith.

Recently, we finished studying the book of Acts in our midweek meeting. It is encouraging to see a number of other brethren sharing regularly in giving some ministry and thereby enabling us to dedicate more time to other aspects of assembly life, such as pastoral care which is much needed. In April we had special outreach Gospel meetings for Easter. Many friends and relatives were invited, and it was a thrill to see so many of them respond. My uncle and his wife, who would both be practising Orthodox, came along and my uncle in particular had many pointed questions. It was clear he was considering these important matters. Mum, who by tradition is Bektashi, came also and we continue to pray for the salvation of these loved ones, that they would be awakened to their spiritual need and find Christ as their Saviour.

The young couple responsible for the youth meetings are doing an excellent job and it is a joy to observe their growth. This year we have considered the first 8 chapters of Romans and have just finished for the summer break. Some of the students will be returning to their respective towns and villages over the holidays and we do trust that those who profess will be emboldened to witness for the Master.

As elders we meet regularly to discuss issues that concern the assembly and at the moment our main focus is reaching others with the Gospel beyond the various activities already in place. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain permission to erect the Bible exhibition at the National Museum again so are looking at other options in and around the city. We also have a desire to restart English classes again in the autumn as they have proved to be fruitful in the past.

C. 2008 1/7/22 ENRIS & SYLVIA NASE

17<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 8:1-17

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

In April we were invited to preach at the little assembly in Prizren, one of the main cities in Kosovo. During the Kosovo crisis and for almost 10 years after, believers mostly from the assemblies in Tirana and Italy laboured to sow the seed there and plant a work. When the resident missionary family returned discouraged to Albania in 2011, it appeared that the work had closed down and there was little in the way of contact. However, the Lord had not given up on the work! He stirred the heart of a young brother who had immigrated to Slovenia, firstly restoring him spiritually, saving his wife and bringing them back to Kosovo where they commenced meetings in their home. In due course a number were saved and baptised, and they started to function again as a little assembly. It was a unique experience to break bread with them and to remember the faithfulness of the Lord to His testimony in that city. B, along with his wife, is fully dedicated to serve the Lord and eager to bring the Gospel to other nearby villages. Over the last couple of years, we have been able to supply them with literature to use in outreach, for teaching within the assembly and for personal edification. God willing, we plan to visit with them again over the summer.

The Children's Home - The Hiding Place - in Gjirokastra is currently at full capacity, with the latest additions joining in January. One of the twins has a hole in the heart requiring further

investigations and possible surgery. The electrical system in the house is in need of being replaced so we are prayerfully considering our options and timing to minimize disruption to the children.

Thanks to those who continue to remember the children faithfully. The transition hasn't been easy for them, but the Lord has been giving the needed help. Just a few weeks ago, Sylvia's dear Mum entered her eternal home. She was a faithful support over the years to us in so many ways and to many here in Albania who remember her fondly. She visited on several occasions and left an indelible impression on the believers. Your prayers for the immediate family circle in the days ahead are coveted, that the God of all comfort would be near and those still unsaved would be won to Christ.

C. 2008 1/7/22 ENRIS & SYLVIA NASE

18<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 8:18-39

#### **IRELAND Pop. 5.0 Mil. UK 16 Writing from N Ireland**

Please pray for the ongoing street work in the West and South West of Ireland, mainly Connaught and Munster Provinces. I was able to help brother Jonathan Goodwin with a concentrated spell of gospel open air and literature work on the streets of 26 towns in one visit recently. Over 40 Bible packs were distributed, 100s of pieces of literature and magazines were given out, numerous 'roadside texts' were posterised, and most importantly, some excellent conversations were had about the good news of the gospel and also, in some cases, doctrinal questions discussed.

Pray for Jonathan as he continues with this itinerant work on a solo basis at other times. He camps in his van and does a 2-3 day trip at a time, reaching as far as Cork City and Limerick and Waterford etc. Limerick and Cork are very 'open' for gospel on the streets, and even in the smaller towns and villages, there is always someone to stop and ask a question. Many are disillusioned and seeking to know is any 'religion' genuine? We can only point them to the gospel of Jesus Christ!

The next planned visit south will be for door-to-door calendar work, in the 4th quarter, DV.

Remember Helen and I in prayer as we plan a lengthy ministry and outreach trip to the northern (Highland) assemblies in Scotland, and visits to the assemblies in the Orkneys and Hebrides. There are contacts there we hope to engage with in the gospel, as well as ministry and gospel activity in various assemblies (Aug-Sept, DV.). The prayers of the saints are very much appreciated.

C. 2004 6/7/22 DAVID & HELEN McKILLEN

19<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 9:1-29

#### **ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Liverpool**

As you are aware, many of our weekly activities are linked to the assembly here in Huyton. I have started distributing leaflets on a Tuesday afternoon in the Mab Lane area of West Derby, Liverpool; the intention is to move on to Stockbridge Village (population 35,000). All the leaflets have the hall address, website and meeting times. Please pray that the Lord will use this to bring us into contact with some seeking souls.

On Tuesdays and Fridays, I am on the streets preaching - Tuesday in the city centre (assisted by David Singer and Howard Barnes) and Fridays in Huyton Town Centre. So again, we would appreciate your prayers.

It is taking time for schools to reintroduce weekly assemblies. I am currently going into three and have been invited into another two.

Please pray that if it is the Lord's will, this work will grow again when this work starts again in September.

Weekly radio, internet and online Bible teaching and gospel continue. Please pray that out of the mass of people who could listen, the Lord will continue to bring souls under the sound of the gospel and the teaching of scripture.

I still have the privilege of writing a gospel column in two non-christian publications each month. This is an excellent way of getting gospel material into people's homes.

The work of the Lord continues to prosper in Pakistan and Uganda. I visited Uganda (Musoto, Mbale) in March this year and was very encouraged to see the growth and development of the assembly there. There are another three groups of believers gathering who are learning to meet in a biblical way. The assemblies which Sohail works among in Punjab, Pakistan, continue to grow. There were 3 when I was first introduced to them, whereas there are now 20. Despite this, they have other challenges and appreciate that we pray for them regularly.

Please also pray for Arthur and May in China. Their daughter, Yanoa (or Alice as she prefers to be called), is coming under the atheistic influence of schoolteachers and friends and is quite opposed to their Christian beliefs at the moment - they have asked us to pray about this.

Regarding future plans (God willing), I am currently having some gospel meetings with Jonathan Black in Prestwich, Manchester. In August, I am in Growell in N Ireland for a week of Bible Teaching, and later in the month, we have a week of Holiday Bible Club in Huyton. The rest of the year is fairly full, with a couple of overseas visits, including a trip to Pakistan in November, God willing - I am just at the tail end of my visa application, so your prayers for this would be appreciated. Please rest assured we do appreciate your fellowship in prayer.

C. 2006 21/7/22 STEPHEN & CAROLE BAKER

20<sup>TH</sup>

Rom. 9:30 to 10:21

### **ZIMBABWE Pop. 15 Mil. UK 7 Bulawayo**

The time has come for me to retire from teaching at the College in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. A replacement has been found to take the subjects which I have been teaching. He will start his duties in August this year, which is the beginning of the next semester for the college. I am the oldest lecturer at the college, turning 75 in January 2023. This means that after 28 years of teaching as an associate lecturer, it seems appropriate, for me to now hand over to the next generation, those activities which need to be carried on.

I came to Zimbabwe to engage in mission work in 1976. At that time there were a number of other missionaries here and I was guided by them and helped in the mission activities that they were involved in. There were missionaries from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, USA and South Africa. Over the years those missionaries have all left. Some of them went into retirement in other countries. I think that most of them have now gone to be with the Lord. I am now the last of our missionaries here.

This month, I have made a booking to go to Hwange National Game Park for the last few days of July, with 2 other friends, both of whom are members of the faculty at the college. This may be something of a farewell trip for me, going to this area which I have greatly enjoyed over the past thirty years. It is my expectation to be in the UK in August.

Food aid for the poor – orphans, widows and elderly, at the assembly here in Bulawayo continues to be given. But due largely to the pressures of covid over the past 2 years, our meals on Saturday have been a bit irregular. We seem to be cooking these

meals every 2 weeks now rather than weekly as before. Sometimes we have been able to supplement this meal by distributing food packs to help those on our list.

My wife, Sandra, died 15 years ago. Part of the work she was engaged in continues as the Sandra Jones Centre here in Bulawayo. I have not had any part in this work since Sandra died. It is a home for young women, most of whom have been subjected to abuse. There are also children there, most of whom have been birthed by the young women there. Please pray for all those involved.

C. 1976 19/7/22

DERYCK JONES

21<sup>ST</sup>

Rom. 11:1-15

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

We have recently returned from a month in Manaus. The Lord blessed our time there. Although both of us had ill health during the initial days, under the gracious hand of the Lord we were soon out and about meeting with the good contacts made last year - Several young people who had shown interest in the Word of God. We met them again and they were very happy to see us. Please pray especially for three of them: Emily, Philip and Lucas. Emily and her husband had read through the Gospel by John they received a year ago. She said: "We have many questions to ask and need to learn more."

We constantly look to the Lord to bring us into contact with those with whom He would call to Himself for salvation. The population of Manaus is bordering on 3 million. We need to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and prayer would be valued.

Two more schools in the inland areas of the Amazon are asking for the free Bible time material. This gives great openings for contact with not only the children but also the families they represent and the presentation of Gospel truth.

Novo Airão on the Rio Negro has been re-visited. One of the school directors has now moved to Manaus and occupies an important educational position. She has expressed the desire for more schools in Manaus to receive the Bible time material. Requests have also been made for local teachers in Novo Airão and Manaus to be trained in the effectual use of the Bible time material.

We also had the joy of knowing the sovereign hand of God regarding a suitable flat in the Parque Dez area of Manaus in order to set up residence. Within five days of arrival we were informed of an apartment to rent in the same building we stayed in last year. It had just become available. A rare find! The Lord's timing is perfect. We were there on the spot. Not too early, not too late. It was encouraging to meet the friends and children again who live in the same building. New friends interested in the Gospel have also been made. Remember in your prayers: Michele and her husband and children, also Simone and her husband and children. There will be quite a lot to keep us occupied when we return to Manaus soon DV.

The sale of the house in Tupi is the main objective just now.

A great visit was enjoyed in the Parque Dez area of Manaus with one of our previous neighbours whom we have known for 35 years. She is saved and her family also. The good seed sown then has produced fruit for the glory of God. Sadly, it was not possible to meet with Socorro. She was saved just a year ago during our previous visit to Manaus. She would value your prayers.

C. 1974 1/7/22

JOHN & CLAUDETE AXFORD

**VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Palo Negro**

We are all keeping well and thankful to the Lord for His many mercies. We were happy to have my parents back here for three months. They were glad to be back and kept busy visiting the assemblies of this area, and we feel it was a help and an encouragement for the Lord's people. They returned to N. Ireland as Dad needs to continue with his treatment, but they would like to return here soon, Lord willing.

The Lord continues to work in this country, and we are so happy He has given us the privilege of being allowed to be part of it. We had a short but encouraging series in the gospel in June with the Assembly in Los Manguitos, Valencia with a full hall most nights. We were cheered to hear of a few trusting Christ, and on the last night four believers were baptised after the gospel meeting, bringing great joy to the saints.

Last Saturday we had the joy of being with the first assembly that was formed in Moron 70 years ago. They wished to mark the occasion with a ministry meeting in the morning and another one in the afternoon. There are now 4 assemblies in the city, and it was so encouraging to see over 200 believers present with a desire to hear the voice of God as four brethren helped in the ministry of the Word. May the Lord preserve this spirit amongst us.

We were greatly saddened by the sudden home call of brother Allan Turkington, a week short of his 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please continue to pray for us.

C. 1999 4/7/22 SAMUEL & SHARON USSHER

**N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil. Belfast Postal Bible School**

God has answered prayer and richly blessed the work of Postal Bible School centres across the province during the year, with many additional primary schools now doing the Bibletime lessons monthly.

The number of schools in the Belfast area that we are responsible for has doubled to 18, with over 4400 lessons going out each month. We are very conscious that these opportunities may be transient, and we would value prayer that the doors into these primary schools will remain open. Pray particularly for Christian principals and teachers who seek to maintain a spiritual influence in their respective schools. For many of the children in their care, this is the only place they hear the Word of God. It was a joy to be in one school assembly in June and to hear the children reciting John 3:16, which the school has adopted as their school verse for many years.

Although the main focus of the work is in schools, we still have a small number of postal students who consistently complete the lessons each month and we appreciate the faithful team of markers who labour with us in this work. Please pray that God will bless many of these children with salvation.

4/7/22

BRIAN & JANET WILKINSON

**N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil. North East Postal Bible School**

At present some 39 primary schools in the North East Area of the Province are using the Bible lessons. I have visited another 19 and am hopeful that there will be a further uptake.

We now 'supply' these schools with the lessons and teacher plans, bringing the total number of children studying the scriptures to around 6600 each month. This is an amazing opportunity to lay a foundation of Bible knowledge in the rising generation.

We feel that this may not always be the case, since the Humanist Society in Northern Ireland are also approaching primary schools trying to promote their non-religious world views. This would only add to the confusion which this world already experiences, and now also at a very young age level.

We are always looking for openings into other primary schools, since we feel that if Government policy changes, then it is better to be already supplying a school rather than looking to introduce the lessons etc. at that stage.

School assemblies are gradually opening up again, so we ask you to pray that God will bless His Word which is being studied, both in homes and in the schools.

5/7/22

IVAN & JENNIFER McCLEAN

**BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Porto Alegre**

Our weather has been cold and wet recently but our conference on 16<sup>th</sup> of June in Sombrio - Santa Catarina - was favourable. A good number spent a profitable time around the good word of God. In the morning we had a time of prayer and a bible reading on Colossians chapter 3. In the afternoon, several took part in an open ministry meeting and the day closed with a gospel meeting when a brother told his conversion, and another preached the gospel.

The following day I was admitted to the hospital in Porto Alegre, where I spent nine days. I have not yet completely recovered but continue to make progress.

Our brethren James Armstrong and our son David are in a series of Gospel meetings in Alvorada. The interest is good although the weather is inclement, and we look to God for blessing.

We do value your continued help in prayer.

C. 1952/58 13/7/22 HARRY & BETH WILSON

**MOLDOVA Pop. 2.6 Mil. Zirnesti**

We have been able to assist with the needs of refugees in our area as well as providing aid to believers in Ukraine, many who have become refugees in their own land.

The situation in Moldova has now improved to some degree with many refugees leaving to settle in other countries or returned back to homes in Ukraine. Most of our effort is now focussed on transporting aid to Ukraine for distribution to needy Christians families (and others) in the war affected areas. We also visit Odessa regularly to purchase food within the country, which is then transported to areas of most need.

We thank the Lord that the situation has created many opportunities to share the Gospel, and has softened many hearts. We have been able to transport Russian language Gospels into Ukraine for distribution to soldiers. We are now preparing a pocket edition John's Gospel in Russian which we will print in Moldova and transport to Ukraine for distribution.

It was a delight for those in the local assembly here in Zirnesti when two girls (twins) who have been staying with us accepted the Lord Jesus as Christ as Saviour. We pray that many more will come to know the Lord Jesus in this desperate time. Once again thank you for your prayerful and practical support.

1/7/22

MATTHEW HILLIER - CMIAID

**Ireland Pop. 6.6 Mil. Writing from Limerick**

Drive in meetings in Letterkenny with David McAlister concluded on 1st July. I think all involved were pleased to see locals in attendance over the nights, with some who came along several nights who had not been to gospel meetings in over 30 years. The town itself and some of the surrounding area was covered with invites and literature, and we can pray that the written Word will also be blessed along with what was spoken. We are thankful to all who helped with distribution.

This week Adam Ingram and I continue in Limerick city, with gospel meetings in a venue in the city centre. Although numbers have not been large, we have had people from the area most nights. Some came from invitations posted through their doors, others came that had listened as the gospel was preached in the street prior to the meeting, or who had received an invitation at an open air earlier in the day.

Next week Nathan Agnew and I will share meetings in the Dundalk area, where we had meetings in July last year and we are hoping that some who attended then will return. Pray for this area and these meetings along with the weeks afterwards in a community centre in Navan. Unlike previous places preached in this summer, Navan is not an area we have had gospel meetings in before, but an area from which we have received Bible requests.

We had previously mentioned some school visits planned for June and were thankful to be able to bring the gospel to around 250 pupils in one local high school and 150 in another using the bible exhibition. These two days were both organised at relatively short notice, but it is good that there are several schools that we were in prior to Covid that have made plans to have us in during October, God willing.

C. 2017 28/7/22

PAUL &amp; LINDA KISSICK

**BIBLE EDUCATION SERVICES**  
**(Extracts from BES Summer News)**

The BES Summer newsletter focuses on Africa, with its encouraging reports mapping the development of Bibletime throughout this continent. Since 2012, BES has been able to make progress in countries where English is not the main language, supporting small teams to translate the Bibletime syllabus into their native language.

The global pandemic also gave translators more time to make significant progress. The reports show that over 2.6 million French Bibletime booklets 'Avec la Bible' are being used in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic (CAR), DR Congo, Gabon, Ivory Coast and Mali. The team in Brazil worked hard to produce Bibletime in Portuguese 'Hora Bíblica' and these have been utilized in Angola and Mozambique. Hundreds of thousands of Swahili Bibletime booklets are being completed by children in Tanzania and translation has finished in Kikaonde and Bemba where the lower-level booklets are used in Zambia. Arabic (Middle East), Kinyarwanda (Rwanda), Oromo and Amharic (Ethiopia) are still progressing, and translations have begun in Chichewa (Malawi) and Congo Swahili. It is a great encouragement to see how Bibletime translation has made considerable advancement and we praise God for His continued provision of translators, designers, teachers and those who have a passion to reach the next generation with the Word of God.

Since we last reported on Africa in 2019, the spread of BES work has greatly increased, and we thank God for the tremendous help

given by Revival Movement as they print and ship 95% of the Bibletime booklets which are used in 24 African countries.

BES began a partnership with Southern African Literature Trust (SALT) in Malawi several years ago. In 2021, Stephen Harper and his team started a pilot project in Dzaleka Refugee Camp. There are over 50,000 people in the camp, most of whom speak Swahili. As Bibletime had already been translated into Swahili, they printed the courses locally and began using them. They have been a huge success and the children love having their own personal booklet. There is a school and orphan-care ministry at Dzaleka, called Christian Orphan Organisation in Malawi (COOM) overseen by William Iyango. Many of the 800 Swahili Bibletime booklets that were printed are being used in the school.

Anna Vallance, Wati, Harold and Goodson are part of the SALT team and several of them took part in a 2-day training seminar by BES in August 2021. Since then, they continue to go to the Dzaleka refugee camp once a month to see the Bible clubs, meet local teachers, help them work through any challenges that arise and build friendships. The teachers love the resources and the children's booklets because they are so comprehensive and easy to follow. Previously they had been choosing their lesson by randomly selecting a passage. The teachers note that they themselves are benefiting from spending time in God's Word each week as they prepare the lessons.

SALT have a vision to make the Bibletime material available to schools and after-school clubs across the entire country of Malawi. They are now in the process of translating the Bibletime syllabus into the national language of Chichewa, which is spoken by over 19 million people. Anna is also producing picture booklets from 'FreeBibleimages' to accompany the Bibletime syllabus so children and teachers have visual aids to help them learn. Please pray for these exciting developments, and for continued enthusiasm and persistence for the translation and proofing teams.

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

Life here in Brazil is practically back to normal. We all wear masks and take the necessary precautions still (at least most people do). Meetings in most assemblies are back to normal also. Tonight, all being well, I will be going to Porto Ferreira with Bill.

A lot of people are still getting the Covid virus, but most don't need to be hospitalised; I guess the vaccines are helping. Those who need to go to hospital usually are people who already have other health problems.

I continue to keep myself occupied with the translation and revising of the Ritchie Commentaries. Although I am getting slower at it, I still manage to get them done. I will probably be starting on Psalms shortly, when I finish translating some articles for the magazine for believers, which Bill is responsible for.

The weather these days is pleasant but very dry, which is not good for people with breathing problems. I have a basin of water at the side of my bed, and it helps to humidify the air.

Your continued prayers for the work of the Lord here in Brazil, for the salvation of souls and for the preservation of the assemblies and saints, would be much appreciated.

C. 1960 6/7/22

JANETA WATTERSON



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

It is hard to believe it has been a year since we moved to Northern Ireland. We are thankful for the faithfulness of God during this time of transition and for many of the Lord's people who have prayerfully and practically encouraged us. We have been blessed to see a gradual and continual improvement in Andy's health which has been an answer to prayer. Our commendation to the Lord's work continues and we trust that what we share below will give you a small insight into some of the work in which we have been able to be involved.

**Republic of Ireland:** We have been able to secure two roadside Billboard Signs in County Limerick for this year, displaying the word of God. One is located in a small market town called Croom and the other in Limerick City Centre. We are thankful to be in fellowship with 'Hope by the Roadside' (Paul Jenkinson, Ayrshire – Scotland) on both of these projects. Last year we took on the role of secretary for 'Together in Prayer', which is a quarterly publication of reports and updates from Assemblies in the Republic of Ireland. If you would like either a hard copy or a digital PDF copy, please let us know and we will send it to you.

We are thankful to be able to visit the Republic of Ireland on a regular basis. We are blessed to have several 'open doors' among unsaved friends and contacts. We also want to be an encouragement and help to the local believers. We are able to visit Newcastle West from time to time and it is a joy to have fellowship with those people we have grown to love over the years. We have also had some of the believers come to visit and in October Andrew will travel on a couple of occasions to speak at the assembly while Colin and Natalie Burnett make a short trip to Canada. Please continue to pray for a man 'T'. Andy got to know him when the foodbank was being run in Newcastle West and they have kept in touch. 'T' has been diagnosed with Stage 4 brain cancer. There is an opening to talk about the gospel and Andy has been able to visit the home many times and keep in touch by phone as well. Please pray for salvation.

**Gospel Literature Ireland:** Due to Covid-19, all of the shows that we have previously visited were cancelled in 2020 and 2021. We were able to take our exhibition trailer and stand to the Balmoral Show in Belfast in September 2021 and May 2022. We were greatly encouraged to be back out again sharing the gospel and distributing John 3 bags and literature. As we look further forward into 2022 we plan, in the will of God, to visit a small number of shows including; the Tullamore show in August and the National Ploughing Championships in September. We are also looking at other possibilities in different locations across the Republic of Ireland.

During the time of the covid restrictions, we have been able to continue our design and production of different gospel materials. We are currently working on re-ordering around 45,000 John 3:16 bags from overseas which will be used for outreach work in 2023 God willing.

C. 2006 4/7/22 ANDREW & GILLIAN SHANKS

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

**Outreach in greater Belfast:** Last summer we were asked to take our small coffee trailer to help with some outdoor children's clubs in different areas of Belfast. We were able to have tea and coffee available for parents as well as literature and it was encouraging to see the interest especially shown in two areas that would be predominately nationalist. In November we designed a scripture calendar, and these were distributed mainly in nationalist areas of West Belfast and Co. Antrim. We were thankful for the interest shown. In March and April, we were able to return to the same areas and be a small part of gospel outreach and children's meetings. God willing in August we plan to return with the coffee trailer. Please pray.

**Closer to Home:** After a year of transition, we have now settled into our new home in Newtownards. Although the main focus of our work for the Lord is the Republic of Ireland, we are thankful for a new opportunity locally to us, called 'The Beacon'. This is an outreach for the local community which we have recently started alongside Clifford and Sarah Law. We have a regular coffee morning as well as a walking group on a Tuesday night followed by refreshments afterwards. In the short time since opening, we have been greatly encouraged by seeing unsaved people come along and we believe that this is a means to building bridges with the local community to then be able to share the gospel. We have also seen a number of believers coming in and it has been impressed upon us how lonely some people can be. Gillian has been greatly encouraged by getting to know some of the ladies and we pray that as a result of this connection a Bible study might start soon.

**Family:** We are glad to now be living closer to Andrew's mum and Gillian's Dad and siblings. Anna (17) and Lucy (13) are gradually getting settled into life in Northern Ireland after living in Co. Limerick their whole lives. We are thankful they are both saved and going on for the Lord. Thank you once again for your care and prayerful support as we serve the Lord.

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