



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Gal. 3:15-29

AUSTRALIA Pop. 25 Mil. Writing from Scotland

In April we were in Australia for a month of ministry meetings in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland and we were able to spend time in multiple sessions of ministry in nine assemblies. This included conferences in Melbourne, Brisbane (Conference Hall) and Cooroy. We were also in the Lidcombe and Bexley assemblies in Sydney for one week and managed as far north as Bundaberg.

We were very encouraged to see God's people getting back together, and some travelling incredible distances to be under the sound of God's Word. Many had not seen each other for over two years and had come from very small, isolated assemblies; there were many tears. There is nothing like Christian fellowship. The saints were extremely welcoming, and we thank the Lord for preserving us on flights between cities and bringing us on time to take the meetings on each occasion, despite delays and cancellations all around us. It was encouraging to see the interest in the Word of God and the thirst for spiritual food and the desire to 'hold fast to the things that remain'.

In Cooroy it was a joy to see a number sitting back at the Breaking of Bread who have been drawn to the teaching of God's Word from denominations. We pray that they will see the truth of God's assembly. In Sydney, a man professed faith in Christ after one of the gospel meetings for which we give thanks to God.

24/8/22

CRAIG & HANNAH MUNRO

2ND

Gal. 4:1-20

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Fife

In May through to August we have been in series of gospel meetings in New Stevenston (in the Assembly Hall), Leven (Tent) and Cowdenbeath (Tent), as well as drive-in gospel meetings each Sunday in Lochore Meadows Country Park. There has been a most encouraging interest this summer and many unsaved attending, many coming simply from the invitations. We were with our brother Jack Hay in New Stevenston, the drive-in meetings and in Cowdenbeath and we joined with Simon Sherwin in Leven in the Gospel Tent in his garden. A young girl was baptised at the end of the meetings in New Stevenston in a packed hall with some of her school friends attending. Many unsaved are continuing to attend the Sunday night meeting in New Stevenston. Please pray for them.

A young man professed faith in Christ after the tent meetings in Leven and it is a joy to see him making spiritual progress as he attends the gatherings in Leven. He is the first to be saved in his family. Others are attending who are claiming to be saved but we are waiting to see further evidence of fruit.

In early August a man who has been attending the tent meetings

in Leven and Cowdenbeath and the drive-in meetings accepted Christ as his Saviour. His wife has just passed away and we would solicit your prayers for him. He is now attending the bible reading and other meetings in Glenraig. Another lady who came to the tent meetings every night in Cowdenbeath simply from the tract seemed very troubled and told us she wanted to be saved but as yet, we believe she is not saved.

The meetings in Kirkcaldy Gospel Hall also continue each month. Alasdair Baijal and I have an additional three meetings at the end of August focusing on truth for new believers and people from the denominations who are attending. We have had some encouragements in recent months of people coming out of the denominations who have learned the truth of the assembly and we long for more. We praise God for these souls and ask you to pray that they will go on to live for God.

24/8/22

CRAIG & HANNAH MUNRO

3RD

Gal. 4:21 to 5:9

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Palapye

Our winter has now come to an end and the schoolchildren return to school in a few days' time after the winter holidays so we are recommencing our 2 weekly Children's Meetings DV in the Gospel Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays here in Palapye. We will also be starting our outreach work on the other side of town with meetings for adults and children on a Tuesday each week, God willing. Permission has now been obtained from the Prison Service Officials for the commencement of a weekly gospel meeting in the Mahalapye prison, so Seabanyane Dichabeng and I hope to make arrangements for a visit there starting next month DV. We have had the privilege of the rest of the family from Manchester being with us for a visit this month, so we have enjoyed Philip's help week by week in both the gospel and in ministry, which has been greatly appreciated. The weekly visit to help the saints in Serowe each Thursday in their Prayer Meeting and Ministry Meeting continues and we are encouraged by the appreciation expressed. It is always a joy to be with the believers there and each week it brings back many happy memories of the years we were in fellowship there from 1992 to 2003 when the Assembly in Palapye was planted (after labouring here from 1998 onwards). Jim and Irene Legge are still sorely missed by the saints in these parts. We are so thankful for the solid foundation they laid through their faithful labours.

C. 1991

23/8/22

COLIN & CHRISTINE RAGGETT

4TH

Gal. 5:10-26

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Saporanga

As usual, things keep very busy with us here. In the middle of June, we had a conference in Sombrio, about 140 miles from home. This was our first full in-person conference since the start of the pandemic, so it was a real joy to be able to be with so many of the believers once again. I had the responsibility of opening the Bible reading on Colossians 3 and in the afternoon, 5 of us shared in the open ministry meeting. In the closing meeting David Wilson gave his testimony, and then his father, Harry, now in his 94th year, gave a word in the Gospel. We had an excellent number present, and it was felt that we had a very profitable day around the Word of God.

Two weeks ago, our brother David Wilson and I finished seven weeks of Gospel meetings in the Gospel Hall in Alvorada, about 45 miles from home. Over the years, the Alvorada assembly has kept very active in the Gospel, however because of the pandemic

this is the first series of meetings in almost 3 years. Despite some very cold and wet weather, we were encouraged with excellent numbers attending, with up to 70 present and some nights with more than 20 unsaved. Some of these showed an interest and we were very sorry to close the meetings without hearing news of salvation. We continue to pray for news of salvation and cling to the divine promise “in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” Gal 6v9.

When not in a series of meetings, I try to visit as many assemblies as possible to try to encourage them as they seek to bear testimony in difficult days. Since the meetings finished in Alvorada, I have visited 5 different assemblies, helping in their weekly Bible reading or in ministry. Just over a week ago we travelled to Santa Cruz for a Saturday afternoon ministry meeting where Tom Matthews, John Davison and I shared in the ministry. It was encouraging to see a good number present, with representatives from at least 6 different assemblies from the interior of the State. This past week I also had 2 nights of ministry in our home assembly of Sapiranga, which we trust will be of blessing to the believers.

You may be aware that Tom and Dorothy Matthews have decided to move back to Northern Ireland because of increasing health problems. It goes without saying that they will be greatly missed in the work here after 55 years of usefulness, but we have to recognise the reality that health no longer permits normal activity. More than ever, we feel the need of those who will follow the example left by faithful servants and give their lives to the work here.

We value prayer in a special way for the future of the work as we face this time of change.

C. 1998 9/8/22 JAMES & JOY ARMSTRONG

5TH Gal. 6

AUSTRALIA Pop. 25 Mil. Coorumba Gospel Billboards

The present work of erecting gospel billboards throughout the main city centres and highways of Australia commenced in 1995 under the initiation of our esteemed brother and evangelist, John McDowell. For almost two decades following, our late brother along with his wife Olive (still living) committed themselves to this effective avenue of presenting gospel verses to the public, with a slogan instructing people to read the Bible. This was just one of many ways in which our brother sought to spread the message of the gospel to a needy world. Since 2014, Rachael and I sought to continue this work with the help of God.

As in most countries of the world, here in Australia there are various advertising companies who rent space from private or government land sites for the purpose of marketing. Each month these companies seek corporations or individuals to use their advertising spaces for a prescribed fee. In our instance, we liaise with one particular company with whom John built a trusted relationship. Each month they send us an email with a spreadsheet containing available sites, that are left-over after the multi-national companies and large corporations have had their pick. It means that these sites come to us at a slightly cheaper rate, but, invariably, there are a number of excellent locations on the list to choose from! In selecting a good location for each billboard, we consider, among other things, the height of the sign, whether it has lights (to enable maximum exposure over a twenty-four-hour period) and how many people will drive or walk past. We then choose a verse that can be read easily in a few seconds of passing by.

We have around twenty vinyl signs (with texts) which we use.

These are stored in a facility managed by the advertising company who take full responsibility for the warehousing of these signs whilst not in use.

If, after our rental slot no one else rents the space where our sign is, it remains there. Often, the Lord grants us ‘free’ months advertising as a result. One such sign was known to remain for many months, the Lord using it for blessing.

In every stage of the process, we pray, dependent upon God to place a specific verse, in the appropriate place, for the right people/person.

C. 2/8/22

CLIVE & RACHEL BARBER

6TH

Eph. 1:1-14

AUSTRALIA Pop. 25 Mil. Coorumba Gospel Billboards

John McDowell created the slogan ‘Read Your Bible’ in bold red letters on every sign, so we decided to keep this as we felt it was something that identified these billboards as being from the same source. Primarily, it instructs the people to go to the word of God for themselves and, as a result, there have been many requests for a Bible, which we post out free of charge. There are many stories we could relay.

On one occasion we received a phone call from a man who had left his home one Sunday morning to commit suicide. Having taken the necessary aids, he proceeded to drive his car through the city of Melbourne to the destination. Stopping at a set of traffic lights he looked up to be confronted by these words, ‘**For by grace are you saved through faith . . . it is the gift of God**’. Stunned, he began to weep in his car, before returning home and obtaining a Bible. Through the power of the word of God this man was saved, and we will rejoice together in Heaven.

In another area, we displayed a sign stating, ‘**The blood of Jesus Christ God’s Son cleanses us from all sin**’. Unbeknown to us, it was in an area heavily populated by the religion of Islam. We had a huge volume of calls and text messages, some aggressively telling us that God doesn’t have a Son, and others asking questions about the verse! One of them, a Muslim gentleman, phoned multiple times, each time with a different question – Blood? Jesus Christ? God’s Son? Cleanses from sin? I wonder if we will meet him in glory?

In Sydney, a Christian woman phoned to say how much she was thrilled to see the gospel verses and asked if we could print the same to be placed permanently on the front of her house for all to see. A quick street view of her house revealed that the garage door would be the best place, so we organized this to become a reality.

We have been instructed to sow the seed of the word of God! Let us be liberal in its distribution, sowing with confidence that our God is able to bring a return beyond our ability or imagination.

Our prayer is that these short articles on the current work of erecting Gospel Billboards in Australia may stimulate Christians and assemblies in committing themselves elsewhere to the public display and distribution of the scriptures.

C. 2/8/22

CLIVE & RACHEL BARBER

7TH

Eph. 1:15 to 2:10

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Cape Town

It is a great privilege to continue in the service of the Lord in South Africa, and we thank Him for many open doors for the Word. After over two years of not being able to preach at an engineering factory due to Covid, I have been able to preach there again, when employees gather in the lunchroom for a meeting. A

brother in one of the assemblies started this lunchtime meeting quite a few years ago and it continues, although he is now retired. I have been back again twice and hope to go again in August in the will of the Lord. It has been encouraging to see believers and unbelievers giving attention to the message.

A local feeding scheme for the homeless continues and it is a privilege to supply this scheme with food donated by a primary school, and to preach on a weekly basis. I have been using some characters in Genesis to illustrate the message of being right with God. Usually, good attention is given to the preaching, and the people take away literature to read. After they leave, it has been observed that they do read this literature.

I have been preaching on Cape Pulpit radio station for a few years and thankfully am still invited to do so. The messages are being broadcast on Sunday mornings over a wide area. It is a great opportunity to proclaim the Gospel to people in places where we will not be able to visit personally, and it is so good to know that the Word of God is not bound (2 Tim 2 :11). Whilst visiting a Gospel contact, we met an Irish man living in South Africa who is not a believer. He said that he heard me on the radio and recognized me by my accent. His daughter and her husband are believers, but he is a religious man. I have since visited him and brought him a copy of "Ultimate Questions" by John Blanchard. He assured me he would read it and has since thanked me for my visit. I hope to visit him again soon.

We pray that as a result of many hearing the Word recently, we would soon know again of genuine cases of conversion.

C. 2001 1/8/22 RODNEY & JOY BROWN

8TH Eph. 2:11-22

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Ayrshire

Hope by the Roadside began in May 2016 when we first displayed God's word on a billboard trailer beside the very busy M77 motorway in Ayrshire. We are still renting this billboard and the Lord has been incredibly faithful and allowed the work to grow considerably since then. Hope by the Roadside currently has billboards or trailers in Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Canada and most recently St Lucia.

Each day it is estimated that in excess of 4.5million people pass our billboards! In late 2020 we were contacted by our brother Denis Noon from Yorkshire. He had faithfully been displaying God's Word on billboards in England for many years but is now in his nineties & had been praying for someone to continue this work. We gladly agreed to take it over and in May 2021 we took on the 3 sites in England, all of which are 40-foot-long artc trailers. We have fitted new Bible verse banners to the 3 sites and receive regular requests for Bibles and literature.

We first visited Uganda in 2013 and return regularly to visit the believers there to assist with bible teaching and gospel preaching. In 2018 Hope by the Roadside began displaying God's Word on billboards in Uganda also. We currently have 8 roadside, double-sided billboards throughout Uganda. In late March I was finally able to make a long-awaited trip back to Uganda. It was wonderful to spend time with the believers at the Nansana assembly again. It was great to have the company of Stephen Baker for the trip. He has been working with an assembly in the town of Mbale for the past couple of years over Zoom, so it was a great joy to travel to Mbale for a two-day teaching conference. In November 2019 we began a ministry with motorbike taxi riders in Kampala. With 250,000 motorbike taxis in the city and reports stating that over a two-year period over 8000 people were killed in accidents we

felt compelled to try and help in any way we could. The riders often wear dark coloured clothing and do not use lights at night so we purchased a number of high visibility vests, had a Bible verse printed on the back and distributed these to the riders, trusting that they will be of both physical and spiritual blessing to the riders and their passengers.

19/8/22

PAUL & RACHEL JENKINSON

9TH Eph. 3

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Ayrshire

It was a great privilege to then travel to Ethiopia to spend a few days with our brother Robert Revie and the believers there. Robert invited me to visit Ethiopia to assist with Bible teaching and it was wonderful to see the extensive growth of the assemblies there. The believers in Addis Ababa arranged a youth conference but only invited youth from a few of the assemblies because the hall could only seat 400! We are currently exploring the possibility of billboards in Addis Ababa with Bible verses written in Amharic.

In October 2021 I was invited to share in a series of Gospel meetings in Manitoba, Canada. Whilst there we began exploring the possibility of renting billboards to display God's Word and in May 2022 the first billboard went up beside the very busy trans-Canada highway. While in Canada I met brother Phil Gould and his wife who are full time workers in St Lucia. We have been working together to design a billboard and in June 2022 it was wonderful to see the billboard erected and displaying God's Word.

In December 2020 we, as a family, moved to a house with space to erect a storage shed. As the work grows so do the storage needs! We have erected a 45ft x 30ft steel shed which houses the van, trailers, gospel tent + chairs, a large array of outreach material, John 3v16 bags & high viz vests. There is an upper level where the literature is stored and packed for posting. We receive regular requests for Bibles and literature and are very glad to free up our spare room from all the boxes!

In August/September I have been given a very unique opportunity to share the Gospel. BBC Radio 2 have short slots on some of their radio programmes called 'Pause for thought' in which someone gives a short thought-provoking message to the listeners. I have been given 4 slots, one per week, starting on Tuesday August 30th. As a newcomer, my slots are on the late-night show but even then they estimate to have around 2 million listeners! The radio station choses subjects that I have to work around and the subjects I have been given do not lend themselves well at all to a Gospel message so I would greatly appreciate prayer for wisdom and guidance as I prepare and give these messages.

We are very conscious that the work of Hope by the Roadside could be severely hindered by the government in the near future so are eager to maximise the opportunity to publicly display God's Word while we can. With this in mind we are continually looking to grow the billboard coverage in the UK and abroad. We are incredibly grateful for your interest and ask that you continue to remember us in prayer as we seek to grow this work for the Lord's glory.

19/8/22

PAUL & RACHEL JENKINSON

10TH Eph. 4:1-16

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Lanarkshire

June and July have been very busy with Gospel meetings, drive-in & outreach. 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-in's went very well and we only had one night with no unbelievers; 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 in early autumn.

With a team of enthusiastic and dedicated helpers, I am currently in the middle of distributing 40,000 John 3:16 bags in Edinburgh. Yesterday in the rain we gave out 8,000 bags and the reception was tremendous. It is an amazing sight to see so many Blue bags all through Edinburgh, Praise God!

The summer has been full of activity. When schools finished, we managed to grab a quick family holiday before our first camp in 2 years! How wonderful to have 70 teenagers under the scriptures 3 times a day. Since then, we have been at 2 baptisms and 3 others have asked to be baptised. We have also heard of a teenage girl who has since made a profession of faith in Christ.

Thankfully we were able to return to St Andrews for a week of outreach. We had a team of about 30, mainly under 20 years old. They were a great group and were fully involved in the activities. Each day we tracked, had beach bible club, lunch gospel meeting, Gospel tours, then finished with an evangelical bible study for the team. The beach club was very popular, and we had a good number each day, one thing that stands out was all the folk around the beach were watching what was going on! The gospel talks had at least 1 stranger each day then on the Saturday we had 9! God willing, we hope to return next year.

We then went to Orkney for a week of holiday bible club and other meetings. Again, it's been a few years and many of the kids have moved on or are too old to attend, so there was a slow start. However, things built and we had some new locals attending, which gives us more to work on. There is a vast need for gospel outreach on the Islands and we have some other visits planned DV.

Our schools are back on Wednesday and already I have 18 schools looking to book assemblies and classes. We should give thanks to the Lord for His hand in these opportunities.

Each Sunday in August, Blair Martin and I are holding drive-in meetings at a local park. These are very well attended and there has not been a week when we've not had unbelievers present.

God willing, I commence 2 weeks portable hall meetings in Newton Stewart, in Southwest Scotland. We have children's and gospel meetings planned, and last time there, a good number attended. We would appreciate your prayers.

The container for Moldova is almost full, and we hope to get this away over next few weeks. That will be three trucks plus the container we have been able to send, with the Lord's help. Many thanks once again in Christ.

16/8/22

GRAEME & ANNA PATERSON

11TH

Eph. 4:17-32

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Palapye

Our winter has now come to an end and the schoolchildren return to school in a few days' time after the winter holidays. God willing, we are recommencing our 2 weekly Children's Meetings in the Gospel Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays here in Palapye. We will also be starting our outreach work on the other side of town, with meetings for adults and children on a Tuesday each week. Permission has now been obtained from the Prison Service Officials for the commencement of a weekly gospel meeting in the Mahalapye prison, so Seabanyane Dichabeng and I hope to make arrangements for a visit there starting next month.

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C. 1991

23/8/22

COLIN & CHRISTINE RAGGETT

12TH

Eph. 5:1-21

TANZANIA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 6 Dar-es-Salam

Another two months have sped by with opportunities for service and witness. We are pleased to say that Baba Brightone and Brightness has had all his hospital bills settled, the 'scaffolding' removed from his leg, he is now wearing a plaster cast, and able to gingerly get about the house on crutches. His wife and children have continued to attend the meetings, but we feel it is because she is looking for further help rather than an awareness of their spiritual need. But we can pray on, that a work of God may be done in their hearts and lives.

We have discovered in the past few weeks that news is out that there are missionaries in Kinzudi 'who help people.' The number of requests from random strangers has increased, from those who live across the city and even 30 miles north in Bagamoyo. When they arrive with their list of requests ranging from meeting rent payments and help with health problems, we get a little uneasy when they add that they also need the bus fare to 'come to church.' The Lord is giving wisdom and discernment to identify those with genuine needs and who live locally, so they can walk to the assembly.

Please continue to pray for Baba and Mama Prince who have still not worked their way through the booklet 'Ultimate Questions' or spoken further with the elders about salvation and baptism. Baba Prince is now working at Watoto Wa Thamani (WWT) Day Care Centre, covering holiday leave, so financial pressures have eased, but when these 4 months of work end, he needs to be looking for work rather than looking to us to provide it for him. However, their little girl's operation to separate conjoined fingers has been a complete success, for which we thank the Lord.

Masumbuko, decided, that his leg was up to the task of working as our gardener/guard (Mon-Fri) and has worked for us now for 5 weeks. Masumbuko and his wife are both now in employment, can meet their family obligations, and are no longer dependent on our help. It is good to hear him taking part in the Breaking of Bread and prayer meeting, which shows a desire to contribute to the assembly.

Mama Riziki, blows hot and cold in her attendance at the meetings, and has slipped back into opening her street café on a Sunday rather than remembering the Lord and having fellowship in the gospel. She has been reminded of the LORD's words to Eli, '... for those who honour Me I will honour, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.' (1Sam. 2:30) but has chosen to 'go it alone' rather than trust the Lord to bless her business in the week. So when she comes and asks us to pay her next 6 months rent, what should we do? Practical challenges where we need the Lord's help and wisdom.

C. 2002

2/8/22

STEPHEN & GILL DAVIES

TANZANIA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 6 Dar-es-Salam

On a brighter note, Mama Emanuel, a relative of Mama Brightone and Brightness, came to the WWT assembly for parents in June with her 3-month-old who had a cleft lip and palate. Gill advised her to see a specialist at CCBRT hospital (once run by missionaries) and helped with the travel and consultation expenses. Although she showed us a proforma invoice for a substantial sum, the operation was performed free of charge, which was an answer to prayer. We are praying that kindness shown may lead to her showing an interest in the gospel.

Also, Gladness has been making good progress with her 3-weekly IV Chemo sessions. Although she has lost her hair, she has been following the diet of fresh fruit and vegetables recommended by her oncologist and has not missed any workdays at WWT in addition to her hospital appointments. Ester, our assistant cook, is back from maternity leave and works well with Gladness.

The children at WWT have just finished their 2nd term. It has been a positive experience for them and the staff, with many of the children making excellent progress in their reading, writing and numeracy. They have had another term of hearing Bible stories, learning memory verses, and singing choruses, and all of them have succeeded in singing all the Books of the Bible perfectly for a prize. The WWT assembly mentioned above was well attended by parents and the gospel made clear to them through the Bible stories narrated and acted out by the children, culminating in them reciting John 3:14-21. They left this week with a new T-shirt for the holidays, and the poorest also take home some porridge mix.

Learning the Books of the Bible is a big hit at the Kids' Clubs too and we are approaching 250 'successes'. We now have no shortage of quiz questions each week, which generates a lot of excitement as they strain to answer in which Testament certain books are found, the order in which they come, who wrote what, and such like. Gill, using a ticket bought 3 years ago but cancelled due to Covid restrictions, visited the UK for just over two weeks, to see her mum and bring back two of our grandchildren for most of their summer holiday. We are praying that the children will be motivated and encouraged to pick up their Bibles (many have had one as a prize in the past) and read them for themselves, that God by His Spirit may enlighten their hearts.

We close this round up of our news, thankful for the Lord's protection, care and provision in life and ministry and for the prayers of His people sustaining and encouraging us to press forward. It is good to see the Lord working in young hearts, but we desire greater fruit for His glory.

C. 2002 2/8/22 STEPHEN & GILL DAVIES

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Fife

We left South Africa and arrived back in Scotland on 1 July. There were many difficult goodbyes on the South Africa side, but this was followed by a warm welcome in Scotland. We are now in happy fellowship with our commending assembly at Glencraig Gospel Hall. In some ways we still feel a little torn in two, but we are trusting the Lord. We believe He has led us in this path and will not forsake us.

The Lord has very graciously provided a home for us not far from the assembly at Glencraig, for which we are extremely grateful. Our furniture and other possessions arrived via container on 22 July and cleared customs without any difficulty. We still have a

few boxes left to sort out, but we have managed to get into some semblance of order once again.

Please pray the Lord will help the boys to settle in and that they will cope well with their new schools when they start, God willing. It is a big change for the boys as they were only little when we left the UK. So far, they have met a few children in the village so should know a few faces when they arrive at school.

We have enjoyed the fellowship at Glencraig assembly since our return and have tried to help a little there throughout the summer. During the summer the assembly is once again holding its Sunday gospel meeting with a drive-in format at Lochore Meadows Country Park very close to the Gospel Hall. The interest has been good with 10-20 unbelievers attending on each occasion. I have been sharing the preaching with Jack Hay and Craig Munro. Three weeks ago, a man who has been long prayed for and who has heard the Gospel many times was saved. He had been attending each Gospel Meeting faithfully but recently lost his wife. He was saved in his own home reading John's Gospel. We are continuing to pray for further blessing.

The assembly at Glencraig is also involved in a monthly Gospel meeting in a town called Kirkcaldy so we have assisted there while also carrying out some door-to-door work in the surrounding area. There was once an assembly in that town and the Gospel Hall has been kept on for the use of surrounding assemblies. Some believers from denominations have also been attending the meetings. God willing Craig Munro and I hope to have a short series of meetings there later this month. Please remember the planned effort in your prayers.

Looking forward I am due to visit Iowa, USA for a conference at the beginning of September DV. In the will of the Lord, I then hope to assist the assembly at Perth with their annual conference and a week of ministry, before heading to Northern Ireland for a series of Gospel meetings at Ballynaloob Gospel Hall. We would appreciate your prayers for these proposed activities and also for ongoing direction as we engage in service from our new base in the UK. We have various exercises in mind for later in the year and we are looking to the Lord for wisdom as we make plans. At some point I would like to visit South Africa again for a series of ministry with some assemblies, but we are leaving that exercise before the Lord for now. Thanks once again for your prayerful interest in the work of the Lord.

C. 2016 17/8/22 ALASTAIR & ANDREA BAIJAL

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Narsapur

The Hospital is expanding its work, especially in the area of HIV/AIDS programs for children. On 13 August, we invited a number of children who come to Bethesda once a month to receive medical care, medicines, education, spiritual nurture and fellowship. Also, 27 Children with HIV from local communities attended. In the end they were given a good meal and monthly rations. It is our prayer that all these children may come to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Besides this program we have a hostel for resident children with HIV. We call this George Muller Home number 1. There are at present 37 children in the hostel. There are two other hostels in the campus, one for boys and the other for girls. These hostels are known as the Dr Edward Short Hostels, with a combined total of 84 children living there. These children are Leprosy & Aids related. The children's ministry is a tremendous highlight and very encouraging.

There is a Home-Based Program for adult men and women with

HIV. There are at present 108 such brothers and sisters who come to us once in a month. They too receive medical care, medicines, counseling, health education and spiritual nurture. As with the other programs, a good meal and monthly rations will be provided. Besides the above activities, routine inpatient and outpatient work is going on well. At present there are 2 doctors working here and we have a total staff of 48.

Bethesda is excited to celebrate its centenary, with various events planned from September 2022 through to the beginning of February 2023. We are bringing out a Centenary Souvenir and a 7 Minute video about the work of Bethesda.

Kindly pray that all these events will bring Glory to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Motto of Bethesda all these years has been:

*"His compassions fail not,
They are new every morning:
Great is Thy Faithfulness"*
Lamentations 3 : 22-23.

25/8/22

BETHESDA (LEPROSY) HOSPITAL

16TH

Phil. 1:21 to 2:11

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Foz du Iguacu

This year has been very trying, due to Jeff's health and some negative attitudes amongst local saints. This has caused stress and sleepless nights. It is so good to know our Saviour knows and cares, as we cast all upon Him.

Denise's aged parents both have had heart problems, and her mother has now been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. This is particularly stressful as we are so far from them. Denise being the eldest finds it difficult being here while her younger sister has to take the main responsibility of looking after them when possible.

Please PRAY, as we ask the Lord what He would have us to do.

While spending a few days there, in Vitoria, Jeff was very busy taking ministry and preaching engagements. Denise spent some invaluable time taking care of her parents.

Back here in Foz, our Bible studies on Lord's Day mornings are from the book of Judges. Until now the local saints have not fully understood one of the great problems of this book, namely that "They all did that which was right in their own eyes". For example, this is reflected in their attitude of coming to meetings when it suits them. Pray that there may be a spiritual response to the teaching of the Word of God.

PRAY for:

- Zedir, whose health is not good, but is a faithful helper.
- Leandro, whose wife Sueli gave birth to their first child, Raquel, at the end of June.
- Reinaldo, who is needing guidance regarding his future.
- Edson, who has now, with his family, moved back to Foz from Paraguay, promising to be more involved.

Jeff would love to have some more help from them as his health is not too good at moment. He is suffering with tremors in his hands. He should be getting another brain scan in near future, to see what is causing this problem.

Denise has started English classes on Saturday afternoons, to help children with learning. She also has students for piano lessons and is responsible for children's Sunday school lessons. Please, PRAY for Isadora and Yuri. Also, PRAY for two ladies, Martha and Nelsa, that are coming to hear the gospel every Sunday. Please also pray for David at Uni.

C. 1980 10/8/22

JEFF & DENISE WATSON

17TH

Phil. 2:12-30

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Writing from N Ireland
Dan and Stella Nguluka serve the Lord in Maun, Botswana. They were commended from Solwezi, Zambia.

Further to a report in May's LOF, Dan has made steady progress on medication and surgery is not envisaged at this time. Stella has had her surgery in Francistown, Botswana, and has been recuperating with her family in Lusaka, where Dan has been helping at the Avondale Assembly.

They have now been to Gaborone for assessment at the private hospital. Stella has been recommended for a lengthy series of chemotherapy treatments, followed by radiotherapy also. They have now gone back to Maun to assess the situation and prayerfully consider a starting date and other contingencies such as travel to and from Gaborone for each block of treatment etc.

These past three months have been very difficult for our dear brother and sister, and for their family. Dan says, "The future will take much prayer and the Lord's intervention. We are grateful to all who have brought us this far in their prayers! The future is in the Lord's hands to deal with every detail."

C. 2004

10/8/22

DAVID & HELEN McKILLEN

18TH

Phil. 3:1 to 4:1

PHILIPPINES Pop. 107 Mil. Manila

We previously wrote about the opportunity to expand our work with the assembly on Boracay Island, about 200 miles to the south of Manila.

There are several unreached islands in this group, including Sibolon and Panagatan. These Islands have no churches or Christian witness that we know of, and I will be helping them in outreach activity from 8th to 11th August, along with one of the local workers from the assembly in Boracay and other helpers. Jingle will not go with me this time since she cannot swim!

Our goal is to visit the existing church plant on the main Island to encourage the believers there, and then make smaller trips to Sibolon and Panagatan Islands, time permitting.

These Islands have no electricity, no infrastructure, or medical facilities so it will be a real old fashioned mission trip with mosquito nets and water purification tablets. The sea crossing can be very rough, so we are praying for good weather and flat seas!

All we know about the people at this time is that they are seaweed farmers. Sibolon Island has a population of around 2000 people. Panagatan has around 7000 people and the Island is almost completely submerged at full tide, with most people living in wooden houses built above the waterline.

The great thing is that there should be no language barrier, meaning that we can preach the gospel. The long-term goal would be to establish a permanent mission station there and eventually a local church. However, for now we want to meet the people and begin building relationships with them.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for gospel opportunities with the locals. While missionary work can take different forms and we will provide food for them, a good clear gospel presentation of the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ is always our primary goal.
- Pray for the continuing feeding program on Boracay Island. It is a joy to see these little children listening intently to the teaching, committing Bible verses to memory, and then receiving a good meal along with a supply of rice to keep their family going.

C. 2000

1/8/22

JONATHAN & JINGLE BRADFORD

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

Life here goes on, hard as ever for the average Angolan, with food prices sky high and medicines in short supply.

People are desperate for change. For 40 years, things for the most part are unchanged; virtually no jobs or medicines or electricity or fuel...or even water! The frustration of the younger generation is enormous. One fears what the situation will be like when the government announce that they have been voted back in by a 'free and fair election', which takes place on 24th August. We are expecting to have to deal with a lot of depressed and downhearted young people in the next week or so. We would value prayer that things will remain calm.

Life here in the assembly has been a bit rough over the last few months. There have been plenty of reminders that the work here is replicating the situations that we read of in the NT during the early years of the Church. Adultery, jealousy, fighting (literally) are some of the cases we are facing at present. I'm currently doing five sessions on the Christian walk from the book of Ephesians, seeking to encourage the believers to walk worthy of their calling and not to walk as they once did when in their sins. Western clothing, mobile phones etc all give the appearance of progress, but the reality is that we are still in the days of infant gospel work here and the traditional Chokwe lifestyle and Chokwe responses to life's circumstances have still to be won over by the power of the Gospel.

The government have recently installed 6 solar powered streetlights which switch on when someone moves past, creating great excitement in the village. However, I pity the houses nearby, as the children of the village will be playing there till very late at night until the novelty wears off! But this village still needs the light of the Gospel!

During this dry season our team of faithful workers have been busy putting in the foundations of the new hall and building a new house for one of the key workers here. We have had three mud brick houses built in the village for some needy folk, and given roofing sheets to 20 families enabling them to face the oncoming wet season with a little more hope. We continue to support 24 elderly folks with a monthly food distribution, and this month have taken on another elderly lady whose husband died recently and she has no means of support.

C. 1993 22/8/22 BRIAN & DEBBIE HOWDEN

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

The new academic year starts next month, and we are trying to replace some of the teachers at the school. Unfortunately, our head teacher is not very forceful and lets things drift so we have had to take a more active role in looking for good teachers to join the school as opposed to just accepting who the government send us. Our deputy head, Mavunda, continues to be an excellent worker and he needs prayer that he will remain well, and we are working closely with him to try and get good new teachers in to replace 3 that have left and two who are off sick.

We are so thankful for Paula and Bigel, who work well together in the Emmaus work in town. They, together with Jacob in the printing work, are a good team and take a lot of the responsibilities of the literature work. They quietly work away and don't complain if two weeks go by without me popping into see them. We are delighted that the delivery of 12,000 Portuguese bibles arrived safely, and these will go a long way to meeting the insatiable desire for Portuguese bibles here. We are constantly being asked for large

print bibles, so hopefully we can put an order for these in shortly with Crawford Brown in Brazil, who does a tremendous job for us in sourcing and sending so much of our literature. A reprint of the Chokwe bible will hopefully be agreed soon.

We have learnt recently that Juan Palacios and his wife who are doctors in Luena just 4 hrs away from us are shortly going to be leaving Angola to return to Argentina because of family responsibilities there. That will leave us without medical help, and with Sam Simonyi-Gindele indefinitely in Canada, again due to family responsibilities, we really would appreciate your prayers that we might be kept well and healthy.

Please remember in prayer:

- The elections on 24th August, that peace will prevail subsequently.
- The assembly at Camundambala.
- For the spread of the Gospel in this dark land.
- For the school and the task of finding good teachers.
- For the importation of two containers with materials for the new hall.
- For us that we might remain fit and well.

C. 1993 22/8/22 BRIAN & DEBBIE HOWDEN

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Descalvado

This past month has been a difficult one for both of us health wise. We had pneumonia at the end of June and then had complications arising from the pneumonia, together with the residual after effects of the Covid we had in March. Mostly we had breathing issues. Marco had a severe bout of asthma, and I had bad bronchitis and we were house bound for most of the month. We are grateful to the Lord for sustaining us and granting us recovery. We are a lot better now and hoping to be able to get back to meetings once more. Even so the work carries on. We are pleased to say that even with us not being able to get out to meetings and visits, the work didn't stop. The radio program was continued by some of the brethren from the assembly, and it encouraged us to see the effort they made. During this time, we were able to keep in touch with some by WhatsApp, sending messages, and also undertaking the translation of What the Bible Teaches Commentaries, working on Jeremiah at the moment.

Jeferson, the young man that professed to be saved a few months back is still going strong and hopefully we will continue studying the Bible with him once more. We would value prayer for him and also for Francisco. Francisco has been attending meetings for some time, but he is very confused in his understanding of the scriptures. Pray he may understand his need to come as he is and trust the Lord for salvation.

C. 1998 (Brazil) 1/8/22 MARCO & JANICE GEBARA

CYPRUS Pop. 1.2 Mil. Lemesos

We are slowly getting things organised, since arriving in Cyprus from Ireland on 1 July.

We are thankful for the prayers of many, and we have seen the Lord answer in several ways already. We were particularly thankful to Him for providing us with rental accommodation just a couple of weeks before we left Ireland.

We will provide more of an update and matters for prayer in the coming months. However, in the meantime please pray that we might readjust quickly to this new phase of life and ministry. Pray

too that we will be sensitive to the Lord's leading into the specific works He has for us to do, and that we might daily grow in our trust, love and obedience to Him.

Thank you for your care and prayerful support.

C. 2003 1/8/22 MICHAEL & SHIRLEY McKILLEN

23RD

Col. 3:5 to 4:1

MIDDLE EAST Pop. 400 Mil. Writing from Jordan Jordan

The Bible study groups have been going well between the refugees; we thank God who gave us great opportunities to present the word of God using open end question method, which hopefully leads to change in people's life. Also, we keep visiting those people to encourage them as they grow in faith.

Social media ministry

The Lord has been doing an amazing work in this area, with significant numbers of people following our page on Facebook. A few weeks ago, a famous Egyptian TV anchor recommended on his show that the 'sermon on the mountain' should be taught in our schools, in order to learn the ethics and morals of Jesus Christ. As you can imagine, this caused outrage among many religious followers, and numerous heated discussions took place online. Millions of people were looking up the 'Sermon on the mountain' to find out what it was. One of those people in a neighbouring country is a religious teacher and a renowned ideological scholar. He read the sermon on the mountain, and God touched his heart. Then he sought for more knowledge until he found out about our Facebook page. He and his daughter (16-year-old) listened to our lessons. The man had many questions about Christianity. After answering them, he decided to become Christian with his young daughter. Then they told the rest of their family (his wife and sons). He told his sister, who was amazed at the beauty of the Gospel but was afraid of deciding. This man is a consistent attendee at our meetings on Zoom. Pray for him and his family, for safety and protection.

Conference in Egypt

We held a conference focusing on evangelism in El Minya, about 3 hours south of Cairo. It was a very useful opportunity to train believers in personal evangelism. After hearing about our eternal destiny as shown in Luke 16, four teenage girls, aged about 15, were very convicted, went to their rooms and trusted the Saviour. The Lord's presence during our time together was obvious to all.

22/8/22

Mr & Mrs Z

24TH

Col. 4:2-18

MIDDLE EAST Pop. 400 Mil. Writing from Jordan God in control

While we were back in Cairo at the end of July, we experienced how God is in complete control, even in our unintentional mistakes.

Our train ticket was booked for 4am on Sunday morning so that we would be able to attend the Breaking of Bread with believers in El Haggana. At the station, we found that the ticket was for 4pm on Sunday! So we went back to my village and returned later at the right time. On the train I established good relationships with 2 orthodox people who were sitting beside me. God gave me grace and I spoke to them about the Lord

Jesus and the message of salvation. After listening and asking questions, they both wonderfully trusted Christ as we travelled, and we prayed together.

While we were doing this, I noticed that a radical man, possibly a cleric, was also listening to my message with undivided attention. After finishing my talk with the two men, he approached me to ask for my phone number to continue a discussion about what he had overheard. He said it was the first time he had heard anything like this. Pray for this man and that his interest is genuine. The harvest is plentiful!

Please pray for:

- The Bible study groups among refugees with different backgrounds. Pray to open their hearts and eyes to accept Him as Saviour. Pray that the Lord will give us a bigger and more convenient place to host all these people.
- The ministry of the social media (Facebook); for the growth of the work, for the salvation of those who asked questions or listened to the truth of the gospel, and that they may then grow in grace.
- The individuals who got saved at the conference in Egypt. For the growth of assemblies who were represented at the conferences.
- For the preservation and help of the leaders of local assemblies.
- The recent planted assembly in Semaluot. Semaluot is a place of orthodox Christian faith, they don't like the evangelical approach, so the believers and new church will suffer from them.
- The necessary registration and approval for the construction of a new hall for the assembly in Mishta.
- Pray for the distribution of the courses of Emmaus' books, especially between the refugees in Jordan.
- Pray for God's wonderful work in Sudan and for God to give us time soon to visit Sudan.

22/8/22

Mr & Mrs Z

25TH

Philemon

IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill

In just over 6 weeks we have completed the June STEP (Sharing Truth, Encouraging Practice) weekend, Newbliss bible club, Summer camp, a week of team time focused on our digital content, planned 16 Donegal prizegivings for September and dealt with thousands of lessons between the end of last term and the start of the new one. It has been busy to say the least! Thankfully we have known the help of many friends in all aspects of the work, and we are especially thankful to God for His provision, care and protection.

The STEP weekend in June completed a year of being back to in-person events, and in keeping with the growth this work has seen over lockdown, it was the largest event to date. Almost 80 of us in total gathered to be refreshed by teaching on the book of Revelation, which seems so relevant in the light of the uncertain world in which we live.

Newbliss bible club was less well attended than prior to covid, but this was not unexpected, having had little contact with kids

here in over 2 years. It was still an opportunity to reach several families that are not accustomed to hearing the gospel message. It was great to see young people back working together for the purpose of sharing the gospel. The weeks between these events and camp were filled with planning camps, planning prizegivings, administering huge amounts of end of term post and assisting Nischal to get started with a major website rebuild.

Summer camp planning started later than usual, and that had its challenges, but so too did the fact that camp hadn't run normally for 3 years. It always seems like a crazy busy time, but this year we seemed even more stretched. For this we are thankful since it causes us to rest on Him and understand that what is achieved is not by human ability but by His strength. We were blessed by a strong team of returning leaders, and young people from 18 of Ireland's 32 counties. John Hewitt and Noel made the gospel clear as well as the call to Christian maturity. Testimonies were given to God's working through this week in past years and one young person told us that she had come to camp as an atheist and was returning believing in God. We lean on the Lord to shepherd those who were affected by the week through their various life challenges and build friendships and habits that sustain spiritual life.

A week after camp we welcomed 20 visitors to our home to work together as part of what we called iTeam. This was an alternative to traditional summer outreach teams which focused on developing digital resources for telling bible stories and teaching bible lessons. We were blessed to have teachers, tech experts and enthusiastic young people work together to share the gospel message. We are very thankful to the team who have worked on school assemblies over the last 2 years and share in the burden of leading the work. We trust that the Lord helps us to complete the work begun during this week and publish regular content over the year in a way that delivers the gospel message in classrooms. Next week we plan to assist with the bible club locally in Drum before getting organised to get September lessons out to schools and follow that with prizegiving visits to 16 Donegal schools.

C.2018 11/8/22 GARETH & MARGARET McMEEKIN

26TH

Heb. 1

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Lusaka

Keep praying for the children who come to our garden for Sunday School. They are great children, and we would love to see them all saved and able to be lights in their homes and community. A couple of teenage girls have started to come over on Thursday afternoons, asking to learn about the Bible. Jo is enjoying getting to know them better and it is encouraging to see their interest in spiritual things; pray for Daina, who is especially keen.

Mark will be travelling next week, Lord willing, to Chitokoloki for their Boys' Camp. He will be travelling with Lizu Chinyama from Lusaka Gospel Hall, and they will share the speaking. A couple of other young men from Lusaka will also go. Pray for an encouraging time in the Gospel and also the Bible teaching times. Daily work in the hangar continues. There are a few bigger aeroplane jobs coming up and also some vehicles needing major repair work in the next few months. Pray for safety for missionaries here in Zambia as they travel both by air and by road.

C.2019 14/8/22 MARK & JOANNE GRATTAN

27TH

Heb. 2

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS Pop. 0.4 Mil.

The Andaman and Nicobar islands is a union territory of India. It consists of about 570 islands, of which 38 are inhabited. They sit at the junction of the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.

Assembly

The assemblies at Bath Basti and Bambooflat are going on fine. There are challenges as almost all believers who came to the Lord are single. The rest of the family members are non-Christians or nominal Christians.

A sister from a non-Christian family accepted the Lord and had decided to obey the Lord in baptism. Unfortunately, she is now almost under house arrest. Pray for her only son, that he should turn to Christ and accept Him.

Children Bible Clubs

Children Bible Clubs were seriously interrupted due to COVID. We have restarted the clubs in a few places but the initial response is poor. We pray for this ministry.

Sick People

Praise God that Sheena (13 years) came back to this Island after 14 months of treatment on the mainland for blood cancer. She needs to be very careful in this period. She needs our active prayers.

Bro. Chamberlain needs an urgent kidney transplant operation, as he is struggling on dialysis. We feel totally helpless and pray God to give him a miraculous healing. He is from the aboriginal tribal group called Nicobarees. His community treat him as an outcast. Please pray for him.

Sr. Jaswintha is from Panjab, with a Sikh religious background but was attending gospel meetings. Suddenly she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. The chemo treatment is going on at a mainland hospital. Please pray for her.

Sr. Michalammal from the assembly in Bambooflat is not able to walk and she has a lot of health problems. Please pray for her. She is a miraculous survivor of the 2004 tsunami. Her daughter, Sr. Rani, gave us a small piece of land for us to construct the assembly hall at Bambooflat.

Challenges

Our youth face many great challenges and pressures. Having completed their studies, many are finding it extremely difficult to get a suitable job and a partner in the Lord. It is a great burden for us as this is multilingual and multi-cultural assembly and we feel our loneliness because of the remoteness. Please pray for them, that they continue to live and practice their faith.

My family

We are all keeping fine. My wife Shiny keeps well. God willing, elder son Paul Kurian will be completing his Medical internship in August. Our younger son has completed his mechanical engineering course and is waiting for his results. He is in Kerala. We all need your continuous prayers.

C. (India) 1/8/22 MANGADAN SUNNY

28TH

Heb. 3

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Pirassununga

We appreciate your continued interest in the spread of the Gospel in this part of Brazil.

Here in Pirassununga, specifically, we request prayer for some children of believers not yet saved, especially three young men (two named Luke, one called Matthew). Also in Porto Ferreira, which we visit every Tuesday, pray for Mr. Roberto who has been coming out to meetings for a few weeks.

As restrictions due to Covid have eased a lot, we can resume travelling further afield again. There are many isolated assemblies here in central Brazil, hundreds of miles from other believers, which we try to visit as regularly as possible. This month I plan, God willing, to visit a small assembly in Bom Jesus, 550 miles from here, for a few days of ministry and Gospel.

We value your prayers, that the Lord may preserve and bless His work in this region.

C. 1998 4/8/22 WILLIAM & ELEN WATTERSON

29TH

Heb. 4:1-13

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Whitburn

Elaine is doing remarkably well. On the 8th of July she had a mastectomy. The next day she was able to return home and was at the morning meeting the next day! It was a great relief when all Elaine's scans came back clear, and it was confirmed that the cancer was localised and had not spread. In the will of the Lord on Wednesday 10th August, Elaine commences a really tough regime of chemotherapy. Elaine and I really do appreciate the prayers of the saints.

I would also value prayer for a series of drive-in gospel meetings that start on Sunday and continue throughout the month. The venue is Polkemmet country park in my hometown of Whitburn.

C. 2002 4/8/22 BLAIR & ELAINE MARTIN

30TH

Heb. 4:14 to 5:10

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Writing from Canada

I had an encouraging and profitable trip to Angola for a month from mid-May to mid-June. I was able to spend a good amount of time in Biula, giving Bible teaching, visiting, and doing some necessary upkeep work at the clinic and on the ram pump. I was able to take a supply of medication with me that helped during clinics and will continue to be used in my absence. As well, Brian Howden, some Angolan brothers and I travelled north for a weekend of Bible teaching meetings with a group of assemblies there. It was an intense but memorable experience, witnessing the enthusiasm of the believers for the word of God.

Please pray for general elections which are to take place shortly on August 24th. The same party has ruled since Angola gained independence from Portugal in November 1975. Most of the

populace continues to live in poverty and are weary of promises of a better life that do not come to fruition. Pray that there will not be loss of life as a desperate population and authorities who have power and are not afraid to use it could be a dangerous combination.

I plan to leave for Angola in early September for a month. I will be traveling with Kyle Fairfield from the Carleton assembly in Vancouver. Please pray that the Lord will give us a good time together. I need to renew my yearly visa and would appreciate prayer that the process will go smoothly. We plan to visit Chilombo in Moxico province where my dear friend and brother Mutondo Masaha and his wife Florence have laboured tirelessly for many years. It is a joy to see the fruit of God's work in that area. They are opening a maternity clinic there and have invited me to be present.

During our time in Biula there are some practical projects that I hope to attend to as the Lord guides and provides.

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