



# LOOK ON THE FIELDS

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

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1 John 2:1-17

### VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

During the month of September, we were in Cumana city visiting the brethren. It was a joy to find them faithful and steadfast in the Lord. For a little over two weeks, we were able to share in gospel and ministry. Mr Noel McKeown was able to join us and be of much help. The first Saturday in October we were invited to join the brethren in Carupano, 130 km east of Cumana; it had been 25 years since the assembly was established. Due to road conditions, it is nearly a three-hour road journey. It was a very special day beginning with a Bible Reading in the morning, Ministry in the afternoon and Gospel and Baptisms in the evening. Our co-worker Mr. William Turkington made an even longer journey to be there. What a joy to see how the Lord has maintained and allowed growth in this place; the Assembly currently has about 45 in fellowship.

On Sunday morning we once again accompanied the brethren in Cumana; they meet for a devotional time then teaching. Mr. Valentin said farewell amidst tears; they are just a few believers in Cumana and appreciate every visit, but school was restarting, and we had to return home. In Cumana there is yet no assembly. We have tried to buy a site to build a Hall, but nothing suitable has been found. We trust the Lord will allow us the privilege of seeing a work established for the glory of God.

The second Saturday of October we were in Zaraza, Guarico State, four hours west of home on an extremely deteriorated road. The little assembly of Zaraza had been four years established and it is the time when we can have fellowship with them. From the different assemblies in the Northeast, two buses and two trucks travelled full of brethren, about 100 people in total. Some came from other areas also, and we were able to see different workers we hadn't seen in a long time due to restrictions.

We ask you to continue remembering the work of the Lord in Venezuela; covid restrictions have been letting up and special reunions like monthly ministry meetings and conferences are recommencing throughout the country. This is encouraging for the Lord's people, who continue to suffer due to the high cost of living and restricted fuel supply; His word is a balm that comforts our hearts.

C. 2018 (Ven) 24/10/22 PEDRO & LOIS MALAVE

2<sup>ND</sup>

1 John 2:18-29

### ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Lancashire

Christian Care and Share Foodbank was started in February 2021, with a vision to share the gospel with people, as well as help to meet their daily food needs. One of the verses of scripture adopted as a guiding principle as spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ

is, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God." (Luke 4v4) Over the months the work has grown, and the need is increasing more and more. Over 100 individuals have been reached to date. Every weekly food parcel includes a gospel leaflet. Opportunity for people to share their problems and for us to share the gospel are given. There are some who have food delivered, others collect from the foodbank based at the assembly hall (Cumberland Chapel). It is usual for around 50 people to receive help weekly (23 to 25 households). Food is sourced from supermarkets, a Blackpool food bank warehouse, and occasional donations from some local people. What basic food is not donated is purchased each week.

The charity is overseen by 6 trustees, and practically run by Neal & Christine Hartridge, ably assisted by 2 volunteers from the local Cleveleys assembly, and a gentleman volunteering who shows interest in the gospel, but as yet is not saved. Referrals come from social services, DWP, local doctors and housing associations. We cover the Cleveleys area of Lancashire, north of Blackpool. On the edge of our border with Blackpool we have 11 clients who live in abject poverty in pretty run-down flats. These people are those the world despises, but over the months we have built up a rapport with them. There are some sad stories, and many have had very difficult lives. Recently, we were able to hand out some warm fleece blankets to them, and their gratitude was very evident and quite moving. Please especially pray for a Christmas outreach we plan to have with these particular clients on 23rd December, inviting them to a buffet lunch across the road in a local hotel, gifting them each a Christmas box, and taking opportunity to present the gospel with a short message preached. One lady K. was so touched we would do this for them. She told Christine it was her birthday that day, and she'd been raised by her grandmother, and never had a birthday party in her life. As the energy and cost of living crisis becomes more of a reality, we can already see an increased demand on foodbank help being needed. People are telling us their income doesn't stretch to heating and eating, and where children are involved, they become desperate.

Pray for the continued work, for wisdom and necessary resources to continue to meet needs, but particularly for spiritual blessing, that as the gospel is shared, dear ones will be saved and follow on to know the Lord and His Word.

C. 2010 11/11/22 NEAL & CHRISTINE HARTRIDGE

3<sup>RD</sup>

1 John 3

### CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Portage la Prairie

The past couple of months have been challenging for various reasons, but through it all we have known His care and nearness, for which we're so thankful.

I'm looking forward to going on the road tomorrow to northern Ontario. Charlton assembly has asked for a week of ministry, so I will be away from 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November, God willing. **Prayer** would be appreciated for good driving conditions for this time of the year (we had our first snow on Sunday) and that this visit will be a real encouragement to them. We're hoping friends from three neighbouring assemblies will swell the numbers each night. I plan to have a separate visit with each of these for ministry, along with three more assemblies enroute, so **prayer** for freshness and the right word for each company would also be greatly appreciated. As Elaine has preparations to do for our final PBS Mailout in December, which is the biggest of the year, she is staying by the 'stuff'. Over 1800 students continue to receive the lessons. We're thankful to keep well and if I'm honest, I'm sorry she isn't accompanying me, as over the past 3 years we have hardly been separated!

Finally, this past week the 700<sup>th</sup> COMPASS POINT program was recorded. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to get ahead again, so I have some tight scheduling while I'm away, to keep on track. Please **pray** that I will be able to meet the deadlines. This will be the first time I have recorded away from my study. We're truly thankful to the Lord for all His help and provision that enables His Word to be aired each day across our province and down in the West Indies. We would love to know what impact they are having in people's lives, but we leave this in the Lord's hands.

This week we submitted our application to the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. We haven't attended since 2019, so we're **praying** we'll get our usual site back and that this event at the end of March 2023 will be a blessing to many. We are aiming to focus in part on the radio outreach this time.

On my return, besides the final PBS mailout, I have one more series of children's meetings with the assembly in Mitchell, Manitoba. (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>) **Prayer** would be valued for my preparation and for good local interest. We also need to implement a new safeguarding policy for PBS, which entails quite a bit of planning. It has been in the works for several months, but time and other things have hindered us, so please **pray** that we shall be able to do this before the end of the year.

We're truly grateful for your ongoing prayerful interest and thank God for the fellowship of so many, over our many years in His work.

C. 2000      8/11/22      PETE & ELAINE SMITH

4<sup>TH</sup>

1 John 4

#### **SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Ayrshire**

Numbers are increasing at both the foodbanks that we operate, here in Auchinleck and in Muirkirk. It is a lot of time-consuming work, collecting food in Glasgow, purchasing food locally as well as sorting it all out and clearing it all away each week. However, it is definitely worth it, as every week at both locations, we see a good number of people gathering to hear the Gospel. Last week there were 18 present listening to the message in Muirkirk alone, each giving exceptional attention to the Word. So, between the two places around 25 to 30 people hear the gospel each week and between 35 to 45 receive provisions. At Auchinleck we predominantly get addicts at the food bank, as Mary and I would know most of the addicts in the community and that was our main sphere of ministry for many years. Unfortunately, I think their presence makes it more difficult for other folks to come in although over recent weeks we have been getting a number of older people and single mums. At Muirkirk we get a few addicts but a good number of older folks as well as a number of single parents or parents of young children. We have a number of folks weighing heavy on our hearts that we would love to see saved. Please pray for them. Most of them hear the Gospel every week, either at the food bank or at the family service on a Sunday.

On Monday past we had our monthly coffee morning. Seven local women were present, eleven were present the month before, some who had never been in the hall before. We are praying that these many contacts will lead to not only conversations but conversions!!

We had an Open Day at the hall in the summer and a large number of children and adults were present. Twice during the afternoon we got everybody into the hall, young and old, and we conducted a 15/20 minute children's meeting. Dozens of people heard the Gospel, many possibly for the first time. One mother came with her children to the family service the next day.

At the end of July Mary and I attended an assembly camp in

Romania. It was over 12 years since I last visited the saints at Ploiesti and it was a great thrill to be able to meet up with them again. Prayer would be appreciated that the Bible teaching will have had an impact on many lives, especially the young ones who were present. A couple of mornings some believers from Sibiu joined us. They informed me it was 30 years since I had last visited them, so it was really good to see them again.

Earlier in the year we attended a weekend retreat with a group of Asian believers. It was held in a lovely campsite in Yorkshire. I think there was about 60 folks there and it was a blessing to be with them and to share in the ministry. The times of prayer were quite special. It was a really busy weekend. The first meeting on the Sunday was at 7.30am and we didn't leave the meeting hall until 10.30pm!

The last weekend of this month I am responsible for a Youth Weekend in Northern Ireland. The subject is "Young Lives Yielded to God." Really burdened about the meetings and don't want them to be another talking shop - we are looking for life changing encounters with God!!

A few weeks ago, Lucie and Lewis, two of our grandchildren, (Douglas and Mandy's children) were baptised. It was a great privilege to speak and to see the hall well-filled, especially to see so many young folks present. I felt the Lord gave help and we look to Him for fruit in the lives of those who listened.

Phoebe, our 11-year-old granddaughter, (Calum and Ruth's daughter) has asked to be baptised. I spoke to her on Friday evening, being very conscious of her age. I asked her why she wanted baptised, and she told me she had been reading the book of Esther. She said Esther was part of the people of God although she was married to an ungodly king. The time came, she said, when Esther had to make known who she was, even if it meant she lost her life. Phoebe said it was time for people to know who she was. I felt I could hardly put her off being baptised in spite of her young age!!

We are grateful to the Lord for His grace.

9/11/22

IAN & MARY ROBERTSON

5<sup>TH</sup>

1 John 5

#### **MALAWI Pop. 19 Mil. Writing from N Ireland**

We were back in Malawi for Malawi Gospel Outreach (MGO) 2022 - joined by 20 overseas visitors for 2 weeks of Gospel outreach, based at the recently acquired site at Saidi.

School term was extended to compensate for Covid closures earlier in the year. Although this frustrated our plan to run a daily Bible club, we adapted and took the program into 6 local schools, which worked exceptionally well.

Thousands of school children heard the Gospel. Each Child received a Seed Sower text and Acts 16:31 Exercise Book. We also held several Open-Air meetings, and praise God for the large crowds who stopped to listen.

The volunteers distributed invitations to special Gospel meetings at Saidi. The interest was such that we extended the series by a further week. There were many new faces, and it's encouraging to learn that numbers continue to increase at the regular weekly Gospel meeting

We visited a local farm prison and the entire prison population (over 300 men) sat in the afternoon sun and listened as the Gospel was presented. Conditions in the prison are appalling, and we were happy to leave a gift of a bed mat, a bar of soap, and a Seed Sower text with each prisoner.

The highlight of MGO was the Children's Day at Saidi. It's just

two years since we made the first land purchase there. Since then, the Lord has blessed, and we have been able to extend and start developing the site. That Saturday our eyes melted with joy as we saw the vision start to materialise.

There was some anxiety as our estimate of 200 children was exceeded by 400 - a great problem to have! The site was teeming with youngsters. By God's grace each child received a nutritious meal, heard the Gospel and went home with a Bible craft by which to remember the day.

This has encouraged us to forge ahead with plans to develop the work at Saidi. Around 50% of the Malawi population is under 18 years. We have a perfect opportunity to reach many of them with the Gospel before their lives are forever marred by sin.

I have postponed a planned visit to Malawi in December as the country is in the grip of a crippling fuel crisis. Please pray for guidance regarding further trips in the new year for Bible teaching and to supervise the building work, God willing.

C. 2003 25/11/22 STEPHEN & GAIL HARPER

6<sup>TH</sup> 2 John

**ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from the US**

Thank you so much for your prayers for Tim's recent trip to Zambia. It was very special for him to be back again at Loloma after a year of starting to settle into America. Here are a few highlights from the Zambian trip.

1. A gospel outreach in a remote area called Kanogesha, which due to the road conditions took 12 hours to drive there from Loloma. It is an area that Tim has visited in the past for local assembly conferences, but never had the opportunity to share the gospel throughout the villages there. It was therefore a great joy to be there for that purpose with 5 local believers he has worked with over the years. For 4 days they followed the usual schedule of prayer time at 6:30am, followed by an hour of bible study together with the local Christians. Then for the rest of each day they split into 3 groups, spending many valuable hours in presenting the gospel in many different village areas. During each evening they finishing with a gospel message to large crowds that gathered. Despite the 2 long days of travelling there and back, it was a real privilege for him to be back in village work again.
2. A short visit to Chavuma, Dipalata, and Chitokoloki, both to catch up with some of the fellow workers in those places and also for Seth (a visitor) to see different parts of the Lord's work in North Western Province. The needs and opportunities continue to be many, especially in the mission hospitals. Among other things at Chavuma, a special devotion time was had with about 100 of the midwifery students who are attending the nursing college there.
3. One Sunday was spent at Kayombo, about 2.5 hours drive from Loloma. Initially, meeting at the local assembly there in the morning, then in the afternoon spending time at the Boarding School. It was a real pleasure to see the 390 pupils from the school attending the gospel meeting held by the local assembly, and then to also have a brief time to encourage them all spiritually in the afternoon. We are thankful that a number of new teachers have been sent to the school, so pray that they will settle in well and be a blessing in the work there. The great opportunities to impact these many students with the Word of God continue. The practical needs of the road, water & power supply, and the cell network are also there, but we thank the Lord for some progress with the water supply. It was good to see our first ex pupil returning to volunteer as a teacher. He

graduated from the school about 4 years ago, has obtained his teaching degree and now returned with a burden to support and strengthen the foundation of the Kayombo school.

4. A 40<sup>th</sup> year celebration at Samafunda, the local camp and conference centre. This was held on the last day of an elders' conference there, and was a lovely opportunity to give thanks and praise to the Lord for His faithfulness during these many years. Through the many conferences held over the years, so many believers have been encouraged. Also, many school students have been brought to know the Lord through the camps that they have attended there. The celebration was immediately followed by a 3-day boys camp for grade 9&10 pupils, so a fitting conclusion to the celebration.
5. Being back with the hospital team at Loloma was also a special time, enjoying again the Monday and Friday morning staff devotions, and at times presenting the gospel throughout all the wards using the public address system. Special times were had in ward visitation where on one afternoon two ladies made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus. We trust that they will prove to be genuine. While purchasing medicines has been a particularly large burden this year for the Loloma team and other financial needs, we continue to look in faith to the Lord to further his work through this great medical opportunity.

C. 1997 19/11/22 TIMOTHY & JOY BEER

7<sup>TH</sup> 3 John

**ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from the US**

Here are a few more highlights of Tim's recent trip to Zambia.

6. A couple of hours were spent visiting the ladies at the village for the elderly. When Tim first arrived at Loloma, those who were physically able came to greet him, but others were unable due to their old age. So, it was a joy to spend time to both encourage them and also share a little of what God has done for us in the last year. Another older sister in a local assembly is now living at the elderly village, due to the bad treatment she has received from her relatives, so that brings the current number to 20. We thank the Lord both for His continued faithfulness to this work, and also for the two local men who do a great job in looking after these elderly people.
7. Having time with the saints and fellow workers in the assembly at Loloma. It was a joy to see many aspects of the Lord's work continuing in the area. Unfortunately, Marian Ronald slipped and broke her wrist while Tim was there, so we pray for healing for her. Prayer is also valued for the Anderson family as they plan in the will of the Lord to relocate to Namibia, likely in the near future. While they will be missed at Loloma, we also recognize the need for them to follow the Lord's will for their lives.
8. Visited a couple of the local assemblies in the area. Teaching and encouragement in the many small local assemblies continues to be a large need in Zambia. While time only allowed a few to be visited, it was a joy to renew fellowship again with the saints from those assemblies. Many of them sent their greetings to the believers in the west.

Here in the US, where the spiritual needs are also many, we have the privilege of sharing God's Word in different places as the Lord gives opportunity. This has included a 10-day visit among some of the assemblies in Florida, a weekend retreat with an assembly in Philadelphia, and a recent conference in New Jersey. We have settled well into the assembly at York, being encouraged among other things to see the children's opportunities in the Sunday School, a Bible Adventure program on Tuesday mornings, and an

AWANA program on Wednesday evenings. We trust that the Lord will bring many of these children to know Him in their youth.

Our children are all doing well, having been in the US now for over a year. They all appreciate the fellowship in the local assembly here, and also the opportunities to visit other assemblies in the area. David continues to enjoy his work, gaining some very practical and hands on experience. Daniel recently began working with an ex-missionary from the Philippines who specialises in house maintenance. So, he is starting to learn various practical tasks like carpentry, painting, plumbing and a bit of electrics. We thank the Lord for this opening for him especially knowing that his boss is committed to the Lord and so will be a good spiritual influence for Daniel. Kara is working hard in her grade 11 home schooling and has also begun a part time job in a café. So, life is changing for them all.

In closing we appreciate as always, your ongoing prayers both for us during this time of settling into a different life in America, and also for the work of the Lord in Zambia.

C. 1997 19/11/22 TIMOTHY & JOY BEER

8<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 1

### **IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. Bridgetown**

Priscilla and I visited Zambia for a few weeks between October and November. Our previous visit was just before the Coronavirus outbreak, and we are deeply thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to be there again. As in many other parts of the world, the pandemic caused many difficulties to the assemblies and to individuals and families. Thankfully, meeting schedules in the places we visited have returned to normal, and we greatly enjoyed the gatherings and fellowship of the saints.

We visited three Provinces: Southern, Lusaka and Copperbelt, and were warmly welcomed in all the assemblies we visited. We spent most of our time in the city of Livingstone, with the assembly there. We bless God for His preservation of the testimony, despite difficulties and discouragements that they have experienced. In Lusaka we were with the assemblies in Avondale and Great East Road. Avondale was meeting in a rented school classroom, but the assembly has worked hard and have now constructed a Gospel Hall. In Kitwe we had a few nights with the Nkana Assembly, with believers attending from other assemblies in the area.

In every place, it was good to see unsaved under the sound of the Gospel and to see the appreciation of the ministry of the Word of God. We were also touchingly reminded of how things done in the past are remembered and appreciated: one brother opened his Bible and pointed to the inscription at the front, in which he had written that it had been given to him by my late father, on a visit he and my late mother made to Zambia in 1996!

We were so sad to hear of the tragedy in Creeslough (in north Donegal) a few weeks ago, when ten people lost their lives in an explosion, the cause of which is still unclear. We know the area and the shop/petrol station where it occurred. Priscilla's father (the late Gilbert Stewart) and Sam Patterson had meetings in the area many times, and indeed a monthly Gospel meeting has continued to take place in the village for the past 12 years. Paul Kissick and I had a series of drive-in meetings a couple of miles away from there last year, and at the time, the village of Creeslough was covered with tracts and invitations. We pray that the Lord will graciously minister to the need of so many who have been touched by this tragedy, that the hearts of the people will be softened, and that many will be wakened up to the brevity of life and the suddenness of death – and come into the great blessing of salvation.

A week ago, Priscilla and I were over in Scotland for the

conference at Glenburn in Prestwick, where our daughter Esther and her husband Philip were in fellowship for the first three years of their marriage, and it was good to be back with the believers there. This week I am with the assembly in Ebenezer, Bangor, for ministry meetings. Then I hope to be with the Cork assembly for meetings over the coming weekend, Lord willing.

C. 1992 21/11/22 DAVID & PRISCILLA McALLISTER

9<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 2:1-17

### **SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Inverness**

It was lovely to be with the assembly in Wick for a recent effort in the Gospel in September. We learnt a lot from the warm fellowship and enthusiastic support of the brothers and sisters and will have happy memories from the time with them. There were good numbers attending the series – with 13 of the 15 meetings having someone new in. There was a distinct group of people who came several times each week. One small family that had known a lot of heartache and tragedy in the past, came regularly. It would have been lovely to see some obvious fruit at the time we were there, however, as is illustrated from the principle of sowing and reaping there is a season for both, so we wait on the Lord.

When I came back home it was good to re-establish our town centre work, with the coffee and tract stand. We had the joy of a good conversation with a man, Heath, who opened up about a childhood of physical abuse from a cruel father. It was wonderful to tell him of a good Father who wanted him in His family. We read Luke 15 together. Please remember him. I've had a couple of Lord's Day teaching sessions on the subject of baptism, and also have finished a Home Bible Study series on Romans 1-5 'God's Courtroom'. We are currently working through 1 John 'A Letter to the Family' in the home study and there is good interest being shown. We have been encouraged by having 3 added to the company in Culloden in the last week or two. Julia, whose parents are in fellowship with us had been baptised several years ago, but has now been received into the local church. Also, Tomek and Aga, who were both saved from a Roman Catholic background within the last few years. They have a great desire to serve the Lord and to spread the gospel, so we are really glad they have committed to working with us in fellowship.

We are planning a number of outreaches around Christmas time. I've invited local Christians to join me for a Christmas carol sing in the centre of Inverness on 3rd December – we are hoping to gather a good number of believers. I've managed to book Croy Village Hall for a Christmas Carol Service this year, so that will be a first in our immediate district. We are hoping to have 3 gospel bible studies in the hall 'Unpacking Christmas' in December as well as a series of Carol Services in different villages. Please continue to pray for us.

C. 2017 22/11/22 ANDREW & LINDSEY WILLIAMSON

10<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 2:18 to 3:6

### **ARGENTINA Pop. 45 Mil. Parana**

**Houses of Peace:** On the 7th of September, which is a holiday here because it's the 'day of the virgin', patrón saint of Paraná, we had a Mission Day in three different areas simultaneously. Most of the local believers participated. Each 'house of peace' organized something to get nearer to the people around it. Some did door to door work, others invited neighbours to the park to enjoy green tea and an opportunity to spend time playing with the children; others played sports, and some had a women's get together. Please pray for all the people contacted.

**Church Life:** As in most places, we have encouragements and disappointments. About 80% of our members are involved in some 'house of peace', or with children, teenagers, women, etc but the new believers aren't used to working as a team with other Christians, meaning the older believers have to spend time teaching them how to do things. Some of the assembly blessed another missionary family by painting the whole of the outside of their house.

**Family in crisis:** A Christian family of 13 were left homeless due to circumstances they couldn't change. We are aiding them with food and clothing. We have been able to share the Word, sing and pray with them.

**Family news:** Fiona enjoyed three weeks in Scotland in September. The Lord allowed her to be there for two family events: Her aunt's 90th birthday and her brother Gordon's girlfriends funeral. Joy and grief one day after the other. We are expecting the arrival of our second granddaughter any day.

C. 1999 31/10/22 HEBER & FIONA GALLITO

11<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 3:7-22

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

I was with the assembly in Portadown on Lord's Day for the gospel meeting and it was particularly encouraging to see the number of younger children who were at the meeting. We pray that the message preached will be used of the Lord in the spiritual awakening and enlightenment of some of those who attended. The warm welcome and practical support of the saints who meet at Hanover Street is greatly appreciated, for we live in a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to God and those who are His.

We have just finished four weeks of gospel meetings here in a local primary school near the Ebenezer hall, with Leslie Craig and Paul McCauley being responsible for the preaching. We had the great joy of seeing a little girl of ten saved. There were a few from the area in almost every meeting. But, as is typical of our province, the growing apathy among the unsaved means gospel work has become more difficult. However, we value the Lord's promise to be with us until the end of the age, and we continue to serve in light of that day when 'He that shall come, will come.' How precious it is to know that He 'will not tarry.' It is our privilege to serve God in the greatest dispensation the world has experienced - 'the day of salvation' - and it is very likely we will also take part in the greatest event this age will ever see, the rapture of the saints - Maranatha!

On the publishing front we keep working on useful books for STL and I have just sent my latest book (Egypt to Canaan) to the printer. My next one will be on the book of Proverbs. After that, I would like to write something on either the Tabernacle or the garments of the High Priest, or maybe each as separate volumes. We'll see how it takes shape when I get started. Writing and editing takes a lot of time, but many have spoken with appreciation for the work we do through STL.

C. 1990 3/11/22 WALTER & MAUD BOYD

12<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 4

**ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Skelmanthorpe**

Last week we were away at Scarborough on the Yorkshire Bible Study Week which I have administrative responsibility for and we had a wonderful week of teaching and fellowship with brother Ian Jackson.

Today I've been busy preparing for another round of school visits

due to commence next week after the recent half-term break and also preparing for series of ministry meetings this month in Skelmanthorpe on Tuesdays (Jude) and Blackburn on Thursdays (Upper Room Ministry), as well as numerous individual meetings. We look to the Lord for freshness and power in the presentation of the gospel and teaching of His Word.

After a very bad patch, Gillian's health has improved a little and we were delighted that she was able to get to Scarborough last week.

With renewed thanks for your prayerful interest.

1/11/22

PHILIP & GILLIAN KAYE

13<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 5

**ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Northampton  
Christian School Assembly Link Team (CSALT)**

We give thanks that, despite concerns about how the work would recover post pandemic, and despite many head teachers and our other contacts retiring or leaving, the number of schools visited has steadily grown over the year to some 65, and we have added some new schools as well.

As you may recall we had to make some difficult decisions for this year as one of the team had to withdraw for family health reasons and age was starting to take its toll on some team members, but we have been encouraged in the positive response from the heads mostly saying that they understand our issue and would welcome us as often as we can manage.

Again, last month as we majored on World War 1 through William Coltman's experiences, we were heartened by the positive reception to it and the way the children and teachers, some of whom have sat through the session on 3 occasions, but still listen avidly. Two schools now have it as a fixed session in their programme for teaching WW1 or 2 every year. You'll pardon a brief account of a post-session happening - the teacher asked for 2 children to escort me to see the head who wanted to see me. She is a very supportive head at this Catholic Primary and asked the children what they had learned as she had Googled him (William Coltman) already. The boy mentioned how brave he was, and the girl said she had learned about the verse in the Bible that he had learned about - John 3.16, which we repeat a few times in the presentation. When the head asked what it said the girl repeated it and you could tell that she hadn't learnt it before that day - my heart bounced with joy!!

We have the Real Christmas Exhibition at a few schools this month, so please remember this in your prayers.

Many thanks for your prayers throughout this year.

C. 2013 29/11/22

WYN WILLIAMS

14<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 6

**IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. Drum**

In summary, 2022 was a challenging but rewarding year. The "return to normal" was not so simple as just going back to the way we used to do things, but it took a great deal of effort to plan the school visits, camps and events that were once commonplace.

Despite the challenges that taxed our own energy levels, we are glad to reflect on a year when we saw many of God's people surround us again to assist with the work in various ways. We were welcomed back to many schools, kids from all sorts of backgrounds applied to attend our events and we saw the Lord at work changing lives and drawing them to Himself. After so much distancing, it was good to be back at the heart of community

again with everything from songs in schools to conversations at the church gate during children's club and lake side baptisms forming part of the encouragement.

The work hasn't been without its disappointments as the constant march of the secular agenda has led to some schools opting out of doing the lessons due to "curriculum pressures", but there remains a reasonably strong interest in the bible time lessons, with overall numbers similar to pre-covid levels.

2023 will hopefully be a little less unstable and afford us better opportunity to plan ahead, God willing. Our prizegiving season will begin again in late January, requiring visits to over 30 venues right across the country. We will also host STEP, our teaching and discipleship weekend for teens and young adults in January. This January marks 10 years of these weekends, and they have been a great source of encouragement as we have witnessed the growth of many young people whom we now consider co-workers.

The Lord has blessed us with a very broadly skilled team this year in the office and we hope to devote as much time as possible to developing online resources to supplement the paper-based lessons. These projects can seem endless and so we appreciate your prayers that we might invest our time wisely and effectively.  
C. 2018 24/11/22 GARETH & MARGARET McMEEKIN

15<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 7

**BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. Estancia Velha**

I am not long back from Brazil. I flew into Salvador to spend a few days with Crawford and Heather Brown in Bahia. It was good to see them again and be a little help in the work that they are engaged in in that part of the country.

After arriving in the Rio Grande do Sul, I was exercised to visit a few assemblies, some of which are isolated and don't get many visitors due to the long distances involved. It was a privilege to be with the assembly in São Gabriel for a weekend. Last year five aged sisters all went to be with the Lord, and while they hadn't been able to attend meetings for some time, their loss is felt keenly. I certainly missed visiting them this time.

It was a joy to be with the saints in Passo de Torres and Sombrio, Santa Catarina. National workers José Matos and his son Joel live in Sombrio and have seen blessing in that area. Recently they had to extend the hall to accommodate the numbers, which is very encouraging to see.

I spent a week with Gregg and Elizabeth Buchanan in Três Passos. The assembly there is small, and the saints appreciate a visit as they are a long way from the next nearest assembly. They have a couple of outreaches, one in the Linha, São Paulo that has been going on for some years now in a country area about an hour away. The other is in a small town called Braga, about forty minutes from Três Passos. A number of people in these places attend the meetings and show a measure of interest in salvation.

I would like to return for another spell at the start of next year in the will of the Lord.

C. 2014 10/11/22 JOHN & ROSEMARY DAVISON

16<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 8

**SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Luthermuir**

Earlier in the year we had two weeks of gospel meetings in the village of Shipham, Somerset, using the village hall. I shared with our son-in-law, Paul Thomas, in the preaching and the Lord gave much needed help. The saints from a few miles around supported well. One girl got the assurance of salvation during the meetings,

as she had been troubled with doubts. Unbelievers were present every night. One lady who attended almost nightly from Axbridge village, and who has since been attending the gospel meeting at Bedminster, Bristol, trusted Christ two weeks ago and is now rejoicing in salvation. Paul and I first contacted Kelly when she came to the Gospel Tent meetings we had in Axbridge five years ago. That was the first time she had ever heard the gospel. She has sat through a few gospel series since then, so it gave us much joy to hear of her salvation. She has already been witnessing to friends and relatives.

During September/October, I had two weeks of gospel meetings in the village of Port William (Dumfries and Galloway) using a portable hall. This was following on from Jack Hay and Craig Munro, who had just finished two weeks of meetings. The interest was good, so the brethren asked me to follow on. We were delighted that the interest continued, with one or two new faces appearing. Door to door visitation presented opportunities to talk about the gospel. Interest was also good on the part of believers not in assembly fellowship. Three of them have since been attending the weekly gospel meeting at Glenluce.

God willing we are due to go to Shetland this Friday for two weeks of labour there. As on previous visits, we shall be visiting mornings and afternoons around the crofts and small villages on the west of the island with gospel calendars and tracts in fellowship with the small assembly in Selivoe. In the evening, I will have a mixture of gospel and ministry meetings in the other three assemblies. We usually cover about 600 miles in visitation, so it is a very busy time. Gwen is able to come with me, as Michael, our son, and his wife Janet are looking after Gwen's mum for six weeks so as to give Gwen a break. Her mum's dementia is slowly getting worse and requires an ever-increasing level of care.

Last night we received a call from one of the elders in Whitehouse assembly, N Ireland, to say that a man who had been saved a few years ago during a series of meetings I had in Kingsmoss, but who subsequently backslid, had been restored and was received back into fellowship yesterday. We thank God for restoring grace.

21/11/22

DAN & GWEN GILLIES

17<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 9

**SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Lanarkshire**

The last month has been an intense time of local schools, both assemblies and class lessons. Please pray for this work. It is really a core Gospel outreach and a wonderful way of getting the Bible to many young people. When you calculate the number of young people who have heard this week along from my school assemblies, you are over 1000! Praise God for allowing such an outreach.

Class lessons are very popular. Just last week one school contacted me to arrange visits to 4 classes. 6 sessions of 1 hour on each on the subjects of: Creation and early Bible life, Old Testament characters, Miracles and Parables! We need to pray that the Lord will keep this door open.

During the October break I was working with the assembly in Gorgie. We were able to hold a holiday Bible club in a local community centre very close to the gospel hall. The week went very well, with over 30 children each day. This is a very encouraging start to a new work, as they had no children's work prior to this week. The children we had were all of mixed race, and some were hearing the gospel for the first time. Please pray for them and their parents, many of whom stayed for the whole meeting. The young saints will be commencing a weekly children's work on the back of the week.

Tonight, I have just concluded a fortnight of gospel meetings in Plains, with Alasdair Bajjal sharing with me. Thankfully we had a great number of unbelievers into the hall during the fortnight; on some nights, we had up to 9 locals attending. We felt good help in the preaching and are looking to the Lord to bless in salvation. Pray for these local contacts as they continue to attend, and for the personal bible studies we do with them.

I have a few busy weeks with local schools. Thereafter I head to Wick and Orkney for schools, children's meetings and gospel meetings. That is all before the Christmas outreach commences! Please pray for the work and especially those who have or will hear the message of the Gospel.

3/11/22

GRAEME & ANNA PATERSON

18<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 10

**FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. Bouc-Bel-Air**

The Alpha course that we had announced taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October got off to a flying start with several people attending. We have to quite often wait of course to see if these people come back again and continue to keep coming during the course. Please pray for a time of blessing during this outreach opportunity.

You may remember us speaking about English classes in order to reach out to the population around the assembly. These took place back in April and were quite encouraging. Another series is being planned, with the first session starting this month. Other sessions are also being planned for January and March 2023, God willing. Again, we are looking to the Lord for a time of blessing.

In the context of recent legislation aimed at tightening control of "religious" organisations in France, some government ministers have come out with announcements which are worrying for evangelical believers. The minister of the Interior (the equivalent of the Home Secretary) said "We can no longer envisage discussion with people who refuse to sign a statement stipulating that the laws of the Republic have precedence over the law of God". While there is a tightening of certain things, there is no doubt about that, there is still plenty of room for guaranteed freedom of speech. We do pray that new legislation will not cause believers to panic and to stop witnessing and we need to take full advantage of this to share our faith in a simple manner and without fear.

Please pray for France at the moment, as, along with many other countries, it is going through a period of turmoil and unrest.

C. 1973 7/11/22

GRAHAM & ALISON BLACK

19<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 11

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

Last week we found out that after displaying scripture texts on billboards for over 10 years in Southern Ireland, the advertising company have decided not to allow any 'religious' messages to be displayed from the 1st of January 2023. We knew the time would probably come when we would be stopped from publicly displaying the scriptures, but it is obviously a concern and disappointment to see this development come. Please pray for wisdom in how we respond to this, and also as we look to the Lord for other ways to serve Him as we move forward.

We have been able to place an order for another container load of John 3 bags for Gospel Literature Ireland and we are thankful for a new supplier who has been good to work with. I met with the supplier from London last week and we were able to tie up the order to include the bags for Gospel for Scotland and also for Stuart Scammell in Wales. The bags are being made in China and hopefully, these will be delivered by Easter giving us time to pack

them before the show season starts. We hope to be able to attend a few different shows in 2023 across the South.

We have recently designed a scripture calendar which we plan will be distributed in some Nationalist areas of Northern Ireland along with some border areas with the Republic of Ireland. We are thankful to see the gospel going out via these calendars and pray that God will bless this outreach opportunity.

We continue to be encouraged at the Beacon in Newtownards. Each week about 30 people attend our Tuesday morning coffee morning. Each Friday morning an average of 15 men attend and once a month about 30 ladies attend a monthly gospel outreach for the ladies. We are very aware that many people are lonely, and we believe The Beacon is helping address some of the needs that come with that among both the Lord's people and those who are not saved. As we spend time with people on a regular basis we find that people are open to sharing their personal struggles and it is a joy for both ourselves and Clifford and Sarah Law along with others to be able to try and assist individuals and bring hope and encouragement that can only come from the Lord and His word.

We have had some quite major changes in family life over the last couple of months. Lucy (14) has been quite unwell this year and despite some slight improvements is now being home-schooled. This is obviously a big decision, but we are thankful for how the Lord has guided us and enabled us to do the transition from mainstream school and we are blessed to see some improvement in Lucy's health and how she has adjusted to the new education curriculum. Anna turned 18 a couple of weeks ago and is very busy with A-Level studies. She hopes to study languages at university with a view to teaching.

Thank you once again for your prayerful support

C. 2006 29/11/22

ANDREW & GILLIAN SHANKS

20<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 12

**FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. Hanches**

Many of you are aware that a special weekend (8th and 9th October) was recently held in Rambouillet for the official opening of the new church building. Due to COVID restrictions, it is only now that we have been able to organise this important event. The special weekend began on Saturday morning with a ceremony to which the authorities were invited amongst other guests. The Sous-Préfète responded to our invitation (the government representative for the area), as did a Sénatrice (a member of the French upper house) and the lady mayor of Rambouillet. We were grateful for the spirit in which the ceremony took place and the good atmosphere during refreshments afterwards. What a joy it was to share God's goodness with all present and our love of Christ. On the Saturday afternoon we held an open doors event with various activities taking place alongside guided visits. It was a good time to invite family members and friends. Valerie was delighted when 2 of our neighbours and 2 friends she had invited came and thoroughly enjoyed the welcome and the atmosphere. The building buzzed with activity all afternoon. Alan gave a short gospel talk to a respectful and interested crowd of people before refreshments were served. The young people held a special event on the Saturday evening. Much of Sunday morning was given over to praise and thanksgiving. Pierre Bariteau, representing French assemblies, challenged us with an excellent message from God's Word. It was lovely to welcome friends from near and far, including a dear friend from Scotland, 2 friends from Dunkirk, 2 of our sons and 2 of our grandchildren. All in all, and despite being shattered at the end of all the activities, we thanked God for the wonderful time. We believe that His name has been uplifted

and honoured through all the events. On the following Tuesday the daily regional newspaper printed a good very visible report on the Saturday morning ceremony, complete with photo. We have since given an interview to a French Protestant newspaper for an article that will appear in their early November edition. A few weeks ago, a young couple was present at a meeting for the first time. They spoke with us after hearing in the announcements about the planned official opening of the new building. They told us that they had understood from what was said that the church was about to move elsewhere given the number of people at the service! The hall is indeed regularly well filled on Sundays. We praise God for the growth in attendance, not only through people moving to the area but also through the presence of interested non-Christian friends. At a recent discipleship group meeting, Alan realised that he was the only one of the 8 people present who had been brought up in a Christian home! A baptism is planned for 30th October, God willing. All this comes with its challenges as needs and opportunities increase daily. Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory! (Psalm 115:1 ESV) Thank you for your interest. We value your prayers. To God be the glory!

C. 1982

ALAN/VALERIE KYLE

21<sup>ST</sup>

Revelation 13

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

Greetings from Chitokoloki! It is hard to believe how fast the year has flown in. 2022 has been particularly busy at hospital with lots of medical visitors and special surgical sessions. We have an amazing group of staff right now who are enthusiastic in both spiritual and medical work. There are many opportunities for the gospel, and it is thrilling that the good seed is sown daily. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness over another year and for all the freedoms we have in Zambia to serve Him.

There are multiple surgical marathons planned for the next few months already. The regular orthopaedic surgery trip has just finished this week and next is paediatrics. God willing in the new year we will have a big gynaecology session. Women come from long distances for help with complex conditions. There are quite a number from Angola waiting already. We also expect our annual maxillofacial surgery trip to help those with various facial tumours. Plenty to keep us busy. The patients that come for surgery generally stay with us for many months. They hear the message of salvation regularly, receive bibles and literature and personal one-to-one conversations. Please do remember them in prayer.

I've been doing more frequent visits to Dimalata to help Jennelle with the work there. Betty retired in June so there are a lot of changes and new staff. I have been trying to help with training and orientation of new folk. Several nurses and midwives from Chitokoloki have kindly been working on a rota to help provide coverage to Dimalata. There are lots of challenges but also lots of encouragements. Please do continue to pray for the work in Zambia and particularly for us at Chitokoloki and Dimalata – we very much appreciate it.

We are in the middle of an expansion project at the hospital, to make a new clinic with multiple consultation areas and, in due course, more isolation rooms and wards dv.

C. 2009 28/11/22

JULIE-RACHEL ELWOOD

22<sup>ND</sup>

Revelation 14

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

The eighteen assemblies continue and some of the brethren from the larger assemblies are helping to visit the smaller more recently established ones. There are also some preaching points where we hope to see assemblies planted, in the Lord's will, and these are getting weekly visits.

The boat which the Lord provided for Sergio to use, is proving to be very suitable, and preparations are being made for the third trip up the Arapiuns river next week. Because of the distances involved, these trips are on a monthly basis and last around a week. Jeremias, a young brother from an island assembly, has taken out a pilot's licence, so that he can accompany Sergio. Samuel and Germano worked together on the rivers for 38 years, now it is Sergio and Jeremias. It is encouraging to see the boat work continuing and new areas being visited.

Over 5000 pupils in our area are now doing the weekly Bible Hour lessons, Sergio and Marcos look after this. It is a great opportunity to present the Gospel. Jenair and Alexandre look after the Manaus region. The bookshop continues with a steady demand for Bibles, tracts etc. We pray for blessing on the Seed being sown and that the change of president in January will not affect the liberty that we have!!

C. 1972 2/11/22

ANN DAVIDSON

23<sup>RD</sup>

Revelation 15

**THAILAND Pop. 69 Mil. Bangkok**

We thank you for your prayers for the Lord's work here in Thailand.

A young Thai lady who was studying in the UK was saved at university in Scotland in around 1980. That year or the following year we met her in Belfast and sought to encourage her in the Lord, and we have kept in touch ever since. After graduating, this young lady returned to Bangkok, got married to a lovely Christian man, and they now have 2 married children just like us. Her husband has been a full-time worker for the last 15 years or so and has been used of the Lord. Last month, one of the local churches he helped establish left the old building they were using because it was too small for their 200 members in fellowship, and they are now renting the Convention Room in the Ambassador Hotel which is just a 10-minute walk from our house. We would value your prayer for this work that as the gospel goes out each week many more Thai people will turn from the idols of Buddhism to trust the true and living God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. 1973/77 2/11/22

TOM & NUI HILL

24<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 16

**MALAWI Pop. 19 Mil. Saidi**

The last few weeks have involved a lot of computer work, as I have been working through revisions of the Bibletime curriculum we are translating. I have just sent off the last documents to be designed today! Our goal is to do a test-run of the curriculum in the coming year before we distribute it country-wide. The BES designer, Tamás, is currently working on several other languages in addition to Chichewa, so quite a few of the revised documents have yet to be designed. Please pray for the Lord to give Tamás daily help as he does this work, and for timely receipt of the designed booklets.

One of the groups we're hoping to use the curriculum with next



year is the children's Bible class that meets here each Saturday. The need for something as systematic, hands-on and gospel centered as the Bibletime curriculum was made evident to me just a few weeks ago. We gave the older students a quiz on what they had been learning, only to find that very few were able to recall previous lessons. More alarming was the fact that only one student was able to answer the question "How can we be saved?" This is after Goodson has faithfully and clearly explained the gospel week after week. While the curriculum itself, as a manmade tool, certainly doesn't automatically result in the salvation of the children, I do think the way it lays a foundation for the gospel and helps children to engage with Scripture through questions and memory verses will be very helpful.

And yet, absolutely nothing will be accomplished without prayer. The minds of the people here have been so blinded by the evil one concerning the way of salvation. There is so much confusion and so many deeply engrained misconceptions. Only the Lord can open their eyes and bring them to a knowledge of the truth. Please pray that we as a team of labourers here would be more prayerful and increasingly dependent upon the Lord to work in salvation and to transform hearts.

As November comes to a close, we are looking forward to several activities that will be taking place in December, God willing. One is the Christmas program here at the site. Another is a four-day children's camp at Dzaleka Refugee Camp. Wati and I helped with this last year. It was a chaotic but enjoyable time. The camp is focused on children who have been involved in Bibletime clubs throughout the past year. It involves Bible lessons, food, activities, and games. We all stay on the school campus within the camp, so prayers for safety are appreciated. More importantly, please pray that amid all the fun and craziness, we will see evidence of the Lord using His word to do an eternal work in the hearts of these children. Because that's what it's really all about!

25/11/22

ANNA VALLANCE

25<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 17

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

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October we had elections in Brazil and now we are living in a time of unrest and protests. We pray the Lord may grant safety and peace to His own.

This year has been challenging for us health wise. We had Covid in March and then both Marco and Janice had pneumonia 3 times this year. Marco also had problems with his asthma and so we weren't able to get out for visits and meetings as much as we would have liked. We both had to get a lung tomography done and also a test to see lung capacity. Thankfully our tests aren't bad, but we need to keep repeating them yearly now. Marco has a nodule in his lung, but it is calcified so there is no need to do anything about it for now.

We are grateful that we are feeling better now and managing to get out to some meetings and visits. We still haven't recovered completely and have to take more rest than we would like but we pray that soon we may be completely recovered and be able to return to our normal activities.

Last month we had a holiday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, and we had some special meetings from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. We were encouraged with the meetings and also with the number of visitors at these meetings. It was a nice time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

Last week we visited Aloncio and studied the Bible with him. He confessed he is still not saved. We would value prayer for him that he may understand the message of Salvation. He attends meetings

regularly and his wife and daughter are in fellowship. Pray for him and his son Jonatan, that they may be saved.

We also visited a young lady Lucinara, whose sister is in assembly fellowship and read the Bible and talked to her. She has a 2-year-old boy and is expecting another baby soon. Pray she may trust the Saviour.

We still carry on with the radio program once a week at the local radio station. We have been encouraged by some strangers we meet that tell us they listen to the gospel message. Also, most of the local shops play the radio program in their shops and so shoppers are also hearing the gospel message.

C. 1998 (Brazil) 2/11/22 MARCO & JANICE GEBARA

26<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 18

#### **SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Gourock**

My wife Margaret has dementia and mobility problems and needs round-the-clock care and attention, which has curtailed my movements and service. However, I am able to help out locally when able, and still keep contact with homeless and hostel folk in Greenock. This appears to be appreciated by most.

Margaret goes in again for respite care on 14 November for one week to give me a little break. It has been agreed, however, that she requires to be in permanently when space is available. It will be a difficult time for both of us. Undoubtedly, a time to rest on Him!

Your prayerful and continuing support over many years is very much appreciated. Maranatha!

7/11/22

GEORGE & MARGARET FORBES

27<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 19:1-10

#### **BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. Bahia**

We are thankful for the many opportunities to make known the truth of the Gospel in different towns in the region. In São Cristóvão, Salvador, where the assembly meets, the meetings continue as normal. We have been encouraged with the children's meeting there on Thursday evenings. We have an average of 80 young people each week, all of whom live within walking distance of the hall. It would be great to see them saved not only for eternity but also from the vices of crime and violence that are all around them.

The four weekly meetings in Candeias continue to be encouraging. There are a few people there who profess to be saved, some have been baptized and received into fellowship in São Cristóvão and others show a consistent interest. On Friday nights one of the brethren has been bringing some work mates from another town to the meeting, and a few interesting contacts have been made. Please pray for further progress in this town of 90,000 inhabitants.

At the end of April, we had the privilege of commencing another new work in the region. We have rented a hall in the town of São Sebastião do Passé and are being encouraged with a good number of adults and children who pay reverent attention as they hear the Gospel for the first time. It is not difficult to find people to talk to around the doors, but it takes a lot of hard work and patience as we try to break down barriers and face a lot of religious opposition.

As well as the weekly activities, we visit two remote areas each month on Saturdays. Rio dos Paus is about two and a half hours drive from home where we have a lot of contacts. We spend the day going from house to house reading the Scriptures and finding an increasing interest in the Gospel message. Caatinga is another country district about two hours drive from home, where we have a meeting in a school in the afternoon. We usually have about 30 present, mostly children but a few adults as well.

The publishing work continues to keep us busy as time permits. 200,000 copies of a 16-page Gospel booklet have been printed and are being distributed throughout the country. David McKillen's two books are being translated into Portuguese and will be distributed in Brazil and Angola DV. Last Thursday night on the way home from the meeting, we got hit by a stolen car which was being chased by the police. A Venezuelan brother who was with us ended up in intensive care but got home yesterday. We are thankful for the Lord's preservation. The physical part is easy to resolve but the emotional impact is a different story. We would appreciate your prayers as we try to carry on with God's gracious help.

C. 2001 1/11/22 CRAWFORD & HEATHER BROWN

28<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 19:11 to 20:6

### ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. London

The last few weeks have been rather traumatic, with Judith being rushed into A&E four times within two weeks with rapid and irregular heartbeats. Each time she was given medication to lower her heart rate and was then discharged – and each time, within a few days, the problem returned. She was eventually placed on an urgent list for surgery and having seen a consultant, was due to go into hospital for a cardiac ablation. That, however, had to be cancelled as she went down with a chest infection followed by Covid. The surgery was rescheduled but, when she was admitted, they monitored the heart rate and found it had returned to a natural rhythm! She was promptly discharged – again! Since then, her heart has remained stable, for which we are thankful to the Lord. Looking back, we see God's hand in it and undoubtedly an answer to the prayers of many saints. The Lord is good.

As for myself, I am due to go into hospital this coming Friday for cataract surgery. If all goes well with the surgery on the first eye, they intend to operate on the other in the one operation.

We are grateful for your continued prayers for us and the Lord's work in London.

8/11/22 RICHARD & JUDITH CATCHPOLE

29<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 20:7 to 21:8

### BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. Pirassununga

It is nearly a year since I moved to Pirassununga, as I was feeling I needed to be nearer to the family, and I am so thankful I did, as this year I have had various health problems, the latest being a lung embolism from which I am just recovering. Thankfully the doctor diagnosed it correctly and with blood thinners and rest, I am making a good recovery, but seem to be slower.

It's good to be able to continue with the revising of the translated Ritchie commentaries. I am now revising the book on Psalms, and Job is being sent off to the printers this week, I think.

Please continue to pray for the work of Lord here in Brazil, especially for the literature work which takes up so much of our time, but is proving to be so useful; pray also for the assemblies in this area.

C.1960 7/11/22 JANETA WATTERSON

30<sup>TH</sup>

Revelation 21:9 to 22:5

### ITALY Pop. 59 Mil. Naples

In Italy we continue to be involved in evangelism, discipleship, Bible teaching and assembly leadership. Patrizia is involved in a variety of work with ladies, both believers and unbelievers, including an interesting and very encouraging prison ministry. Josiah (our oldest) is increasingly involved in Bible teaching, adolescent work as well as using sport as a means of gospel outreach.

For 2023, we hope to bring to completion the construction of a multipurpose Christian centre here in Pozzuoli, for the blessing of the local and regional Christians, as well reaching out to our very needy town.

Please continue to pray for Italy and the great spiritual need here.  
C. 1995 14/11/22 ALEX & PATRIZIA CATCHPOLE

31<sup>ST</sup>

Revelation 22:6-21

### GREECE Pop. 10.7 Mil. Thessaloniki

We are very thankful for your continued prayers as we work with Afghan refugees here in Thessaloniki. The number of Afghan refugees is noticeably declining, with many receiving their documents, allowing them to travel within the European Union. Most are heading to Germany where there is a possibility of work and a settled future. Some of those Harry has been doing Bible studies with have already left, including the three who were recently baptised. As the government is turning back those trying to enter the country, it seems inevitable that the numbers will continue to decline. However, we will continue here as long as there are Afghans to reach with the gospel.

Harry continues to have twice weekly Bible studies. Please pray for 'S', that he would allow the Word to sink into his heart and mind and so unlearn bad attitudes and habits of the past. Once a week, Stephanie meets with his wife, who is not a believer and has been quite opposed to faith but seems to be softening.

We both continue to work in care centres that reach out to refugees and we need your prayers for opportunities to share, help in the language, and enthusiasm to plod on when discouraged.

Harry is also in regular contact with brother Abdul in Pakistan, who is presently doing relief work in the flood affected areas. Praise the Lord he has been able to baptise new believers from Hindi tribes! Please remember to pray for this courageous brother.

C.1989 1/11/22 HARRY & STEPHANIE LANNON

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