

# Look on the Fields

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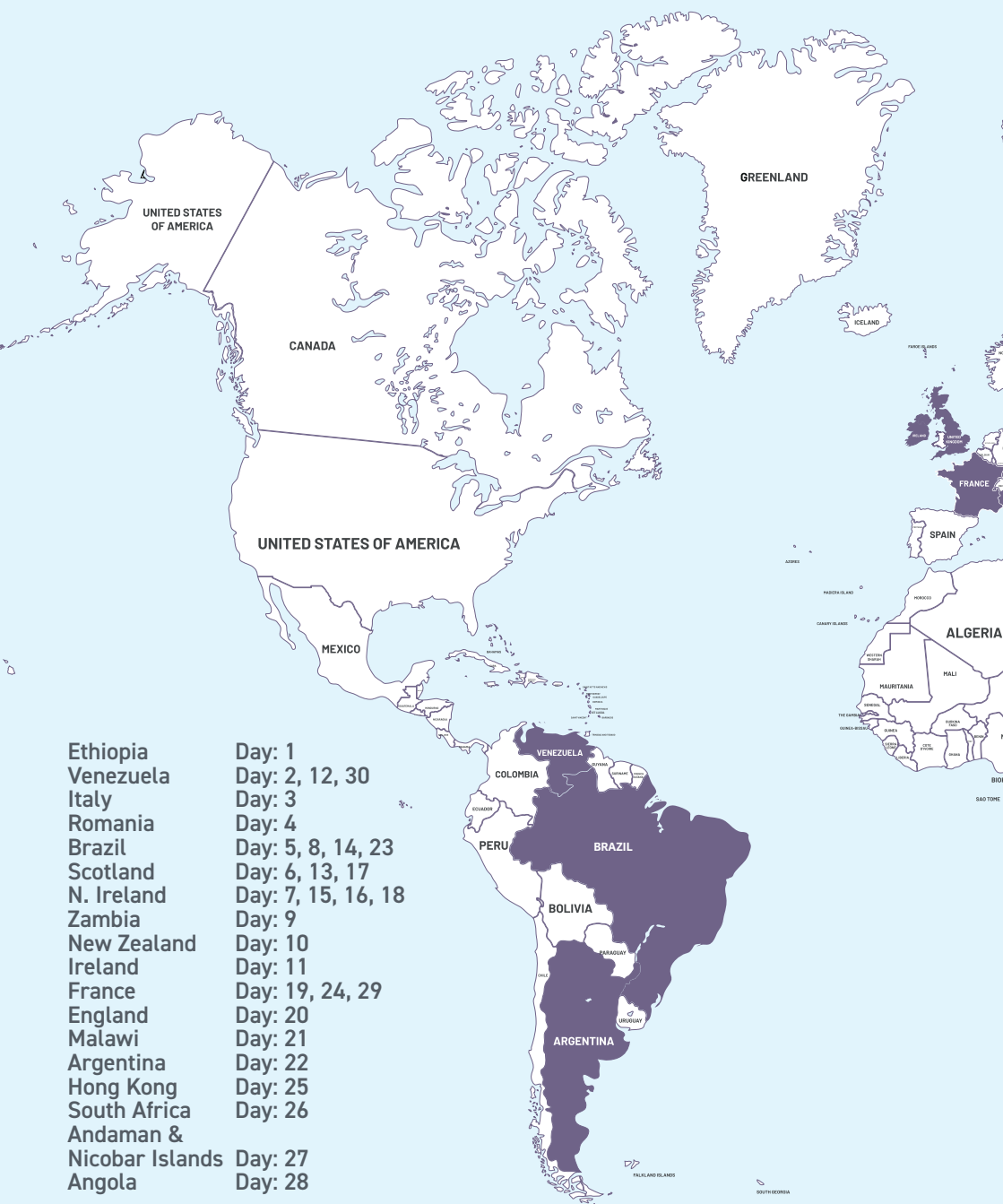


ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE  
With Daily Scripture Readings

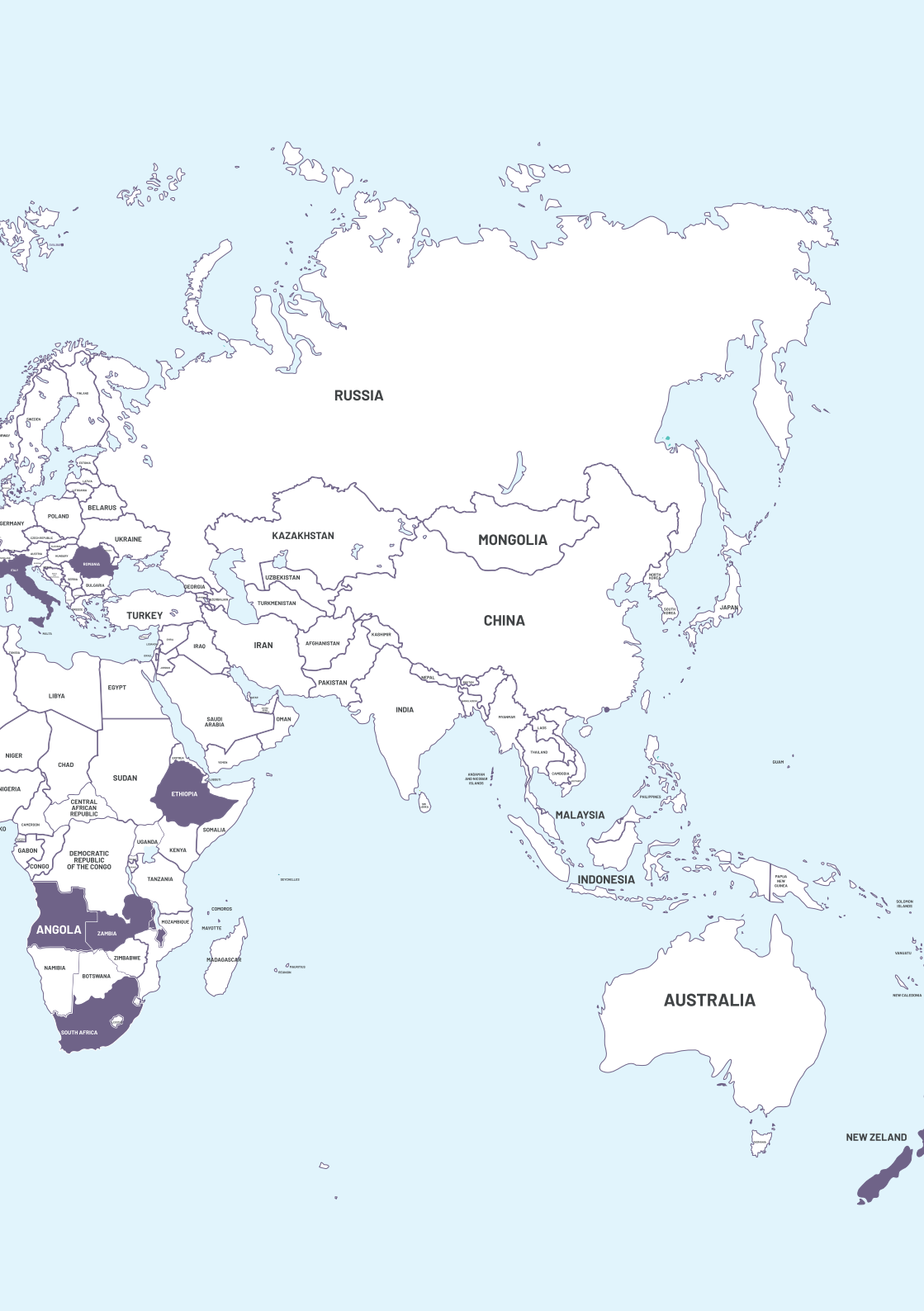


**LORD'S  
WORK TRUST**  
STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL

'Go into all the world and preach the gospel' Mark 16:15



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| Ethiopia                  | Day: 1             |
| Venezuela                 | Day: 2, 12, 30     |
| Italy                     | Day: 3             |
| Romania                   | Day: 4             |
| Brazil                    | Day: 5, 8, 14, 23  |
| Scotland                  | Day: 6, 13, 17     |
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| Zambia                    | Day: 9             |
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Thursday 1st

ETHIOPIA



Job 11-14

Addis Ababa

I am coming to the end of my 3 months visit to Ethiopia. I realize that the older one gets it becomes more difficult, and this is what I have felt during the last few weeks of my visit.

I have had the joy of visiting a number of assemblies which commenced last year, and I will refer to one or two of them.

I was with the believers one Sunday in Ginchi number 4. There are actually 5 assemblies in Ginchi. Last year this number 4 assembly was in rented premises, but through the kindness of the Lord's people in the UK, they were able to purchase a piece of land. They then contacted the other assemblies in Ginchi and asked them to help build a hall. I was at this well filled hall, and it was a real joy to share the word of God with them.

I visited Jima, which is a large town about 370 miles from Addis. When I came down for breakfast there was a man sitting at the next table. After a moment or two he said to me 'I know you'. I felt that this was a mistaken identity, but he then said 'I know you from the first Ginchi camp'. I was amazed at this, and he told me it was the first time he had heard teaching from the Bible. He remembered some of the other children and went on to quote the camp text which was Psalm 119:105, and he said it word perfect. He is now an area bank manager, and we gave him addresses so that he could contact those who had been at the first camp in 1998.

I visited an assembly in the north part of Addis Ababa. Their hall had reached its



Assembly meeting



physical capacity within two years. They wanted to double its size and together they were exercised to gather a large sum of money themselves. Through the kindness of those at home, I was also able to give them some help, and they now have a hall twice the size. About two miles away there is another hall which started out with a very small building but now they have a large hall which can seat well over 300. The Sunday I was there, they had just baptized 22 young people on the Saturday night. They also have a very large Sunday School, and they use Bible Educational Services (BES) booklets for the teaching of the children.

The assembly work has greatly increased since we returned to Ethiopia in 1993, after an absence of some time when the government was communist. In 1993 there were 6 assemblies and I visited two of them during my recent visit.

Welencomi was a very small assembly in 1993, and shortly after they began as an assembly there was a lot of opposition locally. While they were in the hall one Sunday having a meeting, a crowd came to the hall and broke all the windows. I was with them one of the Sundays recently and I asked one of the elders how many people were in the hall. He said they had put out 600 seats and they were all taken. We had a very good Gospel meeting and after the service 5 people waited behind to speak to one of the elders about trusting the Saviour.

Ginchi worshiped in a small hut with about 20 believers in 1993. They had been given a large piece of ground by the communist government for free, in order to build a kindergarten but they had not started to build. This was the site that was ultimately used for the camp site. I was with them on one of the Sundays, and as I looked over the large hall I asked one of the evangelists how many were in the hall. He said they had put out 900 seats and they were all taken. As we looked at this assembly and so many others we can only say 'what God has wrought'.

Now we are looking ahead, for those called to the work of the Lord, to be exercised to carry out the work of the Lord in Ethiopia. In a large growing work, there are some things that need to be changed but in the main the believers are willing to listen and make corrections.

We thank God for godly leaders who are seeking to see the work of God maintained and growing in the land where the Gospel came first through the salvation of the Ethiopian Eunuch.

*It was a real joy to share the  
Word of God with them.*

Friday 2nd

VENEZUELA



Job 15-18

San Carlos

In relation to the formalization of the school, much progress has been made. The fence around the area (inside our yard) is almost done, as well as the other construction changes for the classrooms and bathrooms. However, there are still many steps to be



taken. The director of the school board came for an inspection. They were pleased with all the work done at the school and acknowledged that all the permits we obtained from the various departments were in order. They will be back at the end of the month to finalize the paperwork. We hope and pray there will be no further holdups. All is in God's hands.

The work with the children in our home has also continued. Our latest addition, Liam, came to us at only 5 days old. He was taken from his parents because of their drug use and neglect. An initial paediatric appointment brought to light a distended abdomen that we were told to keep under observation. This escalated in under a week and he was hospitalized immediately. He was started on intravenous treatment and tests were taken. Unfortunately, due to the dilapidated condition of the hospital and his already struggling immune system, his condition worsened to sepsis. His extremities blackened because of the infection and fever. After ten days in the hospital, the doctors pronounced that he wouldn't survive and essentially left him to die. They didn't even bother keeping his drip feed connected so that he could receive hydration, nutrition and medication. My two youngest daughters (one is a nurse and the other is studying medicine) were with him constantly, advocating on his behalf to the medical staff. Many refused to even touch him, as he was (incorrectly) diagnosed with a highly



infectious disease. Almost 24 hours later, the doctor was shocked to learn he was still alive. They reluctantly reinstated his intravenous drip and he started receiving a slew of the strongest antibiotics available for his hospital-obtained infection. At this point, he started improving a little every day. After three consecutive days without fever, they were going to allow him to return home. Unfortunately, several toes and fingers were beyond hope from the sepsis and amputation was required. In order to try to avoid reinfection in the hospital operating room, we moved him to a private clinic for three days to perform the necessary amputations there. All went well, and Liam is home now, along with my daughters who hadn't been home in a month. He is our miracle baby!

The construction of the gospel hall in Betania, Barinas had a good start. The structure was put up as well as the roof. We thank the Lord for protection of the brethren working at those heights. This is the same site where Allan had his fall and fractured his skull in 2008, 4 days before the formation of the assembly. The next step for the hall would be the floor, Lord willing.

Heavenly intercession on our behalf is much appreciated. The enemies are many and strong. We trust in One who is stronger.

C. 1995 (Ven)

SANDRA TURKINGTON

2/5/23

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**Saturday 3rd**



Job 19-21

**ITALY**

**Naples**

At the assembly at Bacoli things are picking up again, after a drop-off in attendance after the Covid lockdown. We have rented a property on the High Street of the town, which is a great spot, though the hall is already a tight fit! On Sunday morning there were people standing at the back.

I was encouraged after the service on Sunday that a middle-aged man, a cardiologist who has been coming along recently, asked for baptism. We have a few already committed to being baptised and we hope to hold this in the sea in a couple of months' time.

Our young leaders are coming along well; as well as myself, they too often travel to other churches in the Naples area to minister. I have just finished preparing a new course for the Rome Bible school (IBEI), and next week I am due to travel to Albania to teach it. We would appreciate your prayer.

Debbie and I are having an increasing commitment in counselling couples, some in preparation for upcoming marriage, some who are in marital difficulties. We would appreciate your prayer regarding this also.

Our boys are getting on well, both in their work and the churches that they are part of, for which we thank the Lord. Nathan lives in Milan, and Micael is in his fourth and penultimate year at university in Bath, England.

C. 1987/88

ROD & DEBBIE JONES

11/4/23

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Sunday 4th

ROMANIA



Job 22-26

Ploiesti

Prayer is much needed and greatly appreciated for different aspects of the Lord's work in Romania.

#### LITERATURE STORAGE FACILITY

Having completed the building near Suceava, northern Romania, and moved a large part of the literature there, it was a major disappointment to find a pipe had burst under the foundation and completely flooded the floor space. Once the mopping up had finished the drying process started and continues to go well. Thankfully most of the stored items were on shelving and weren't affected, but there was a loss of some gospel literature.



*Winter - Literature Storage Facility*

Having easy access to and from the building has been a great advantage. Staying on site for 60% of this year has enabled us to move forward in different areas of the work. Despite a few heavy snowfalls in March and April, the roads were accessible for travel.

#### LITERATURE PRINTING WORK

For the Easter period, 75,000 A5 and 110,000 A6 gospel texts (2 Timothy 2:8) with a gospel message on the reverse, and 100,000 gospel tracts were printed and distributed on the streets in towns and cities and by believers engaging in personal evangelism. We are currently working on three new gospel tracts, and also preparing suitable gospel



literature for distribution throughout Romania in December with the 2024 calendars. The book Everyday Evangelism (sharing the gospel in conversation) by Paul McCauley and David Williamson is at the final checking stage. God willing, we are planning to print this book in July.

#### BIBLE TEACHING

The monthly Saturday Bible studies (16.00 to 19.00) in Craiova, SW Romania, continue alongside visits to assemblies in the area on Lord's day. During the first week in January Paul was invited to take 14 ministry meetings in 9 assemblies in the northern Counties of Iași, Suceava and Neamț, including a series of 6 ministry meetings with the large assembly in Pașcani. It was a profitable time with excellent interest in the Word of God.

The recommencement in January of systematic Bible studies in two Romanian speaking assemblies in Italy (5 nights with the large assembly in Vilalba, Rome, and the weekend with the Spoleto assembly) was most encouraging. God willing, these studies continue at the end of April and the third series will take place in the autumn.

Spending a significant amount of time in the North has meant regular visits to 14 local assemblies in the city and County of Suceava. Please pray for spiritual growth amongst believers. Also monthly series of three ministry meetings in the County of Neamț with believers from four assemblies gathering together has seen encouraging numbers and good interest in the ministry of the Word. It has been encouraging to see large numbers of keen young people in the meetings.

#### GOSPEL TENT WORK

The 16<sup>th</sup> year of gospel tent outreach begins in May. In Northern Romania much time has been spent planning for significant expansion in the Counties of Suceava, Botoșani and Iași. The strategy is to use the tents to reach children and teenagers from unsaved families, with the aim of beginning or developing weekly meetings with the younger generation and ultimately have contact with their parents.

C. 1992

PAUL & SUE WILLIAMS

19/4/23

**Monday 5th**

**BRAZIL**



Job 27-29

**Pirassununga**

A few days ago, I received confirmation from a neurologist that I have Parkinson's disease. It arrived a bit early (I will be 55 this month, dv), but the Lord is in control. I spent the last couple of weeks getting various medical examinations and being prescribed suitable medication. I now need to adapt to this situation. Your continued prayers will be very much appreciated.

C. 1998

WILLIAM & ELEN WATTERSON

14/4/23

**Tuesday 6th**

**SCOTLAND**



Job 30-32

**Whitburn**

In September 2022 Elaine and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. Despite Elaine undergoing chemotherapy at the time, we were able to enjoy a lovely surprise party organised by the family. On November 30th Elaine finished her chemotherapy and we are delighted at how well she is keeping now. We are grateful to the Lord's people for their interest and prayers while she was unwell.



I have been really pleased to be involved in Gospel outreach in various places in recent months. At the beginning of March, I had a most enjoyable time with the believers at Wallingford, Oxfordshire. The Gospel meetings were well attended with encouraging interest shown by unbelievers from Wallingford and the surrounding area. I appreciated the fellowship of Gwyn Cummings as we gave out many leaflets and invitations in the market square and it was good to see first-hand the work that Jonathan Black is doing in Oxford with the open-air Gospel outreach.

After Wallingford I joined Alan Smith for two weeks Gospel meetings in Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire. The whole area was covered with invitations, and we were able to do visitation each day. A few unbelievers from the district came, with one man from Lesmahagow coming on several occasions. The support from other Assemblies was appreciated.

Over Easter I returned to Barrhead for five nights of Easter themed Gospel meetings. The meeting on Easter Sunday was a highlight and we were delighted with the number of unsaved who came to hear the message. We also had two coffee mornings with encouraging numbers attending. I valued the company of John Alexander and Andrew Wilson as we visited the people of Barrhead with leaflets and invitations.

As I write I am having Gospel meetings in Mayfield, Mid Lothian, with Ainslie Paterson. Please pray for Sheila who has attended every night. She has heard the Gospel for many

years, and it is our prayer that she will trust the Lord for salvation at this time. We had a week of Children's meetings and were encouraged that the number of children coming rose every night. Please pray for the believers in the Assembly as they keep this work going every Thursday.

Later in the month of May I will be taking a Bible study weekend in Cowdenbeath and then the month of June will be spent in drive-in Gospel work with Graeme Paterson, both in Polkemmet Country Park, Whitburn and Greenside Garden Centre, Newhouse.

Elaine and I greatly value your prayers for her health and for the continued work of the Lord throughout the year.

C.2002

BLAIR & ELAINE MARTIN

2/5/23

*It is encouraging to know that there  
are still open doors in schools for the  
Gospel to be made known.*

**Wednesday 7th**

**N IRELAND**



Job 33-35

**Belfast Postal Bible School**

The work in the primary schools continues to be encouraging. We presently have 16 primary schools with around 4000 pupils doing the lessons each month in the greater Belfast area. We have been given the opportunity this year, to speak in a number of school assemblies – indeed some schools had more dates than we could fulfil and we are grateful to those who have kindly offered to take up these additional opportunities. Two of the schools have arranged for brother Paul Kissick to visit with his Bible exhibition and other schools have expressed interest. It is very encouraging to know that despite the spiritual darkness that marks this current age, there are still open doors in many primary schools for the scriptures to be taught and the Gospel made known. Please pray that these opportunities will be preserved, that an opening in other schools might be established and that the Word of God will bear fruit in the salvation of many of these children. We were able to hold the prize giving for postal pupils in March – the first since the pandemic and thankfully the snow didn't deter any from coming. Most of the postal pupils come from Christian families and it was good to renew contact with some we haven't seen since before the pandemic and some new families and all seemed to enjoy the time of fellowship.

BRIAN & JANET WILKINSON

2/5/23

**Thursday 8th**

**BRAZIL**



Job 36-38

**Sapucaia**

Brother Carlinhos and I ended the 8 week series of gospel meetings in Canoas (350,000) without hearing of anyone professing to be saved. However, new contacts were made and 2 or 3 people attended with consistent interest which leaves us with a desire to return to that area in the near future for another gospel outreach.



Dona Eva, a widow living beside us in Sapucaia do Sul, who commenced to attend our regular Saturday night gospel meeting about two years ago, has recently professed to be saved. She had been praying sincerely for the forgiveness of her sins, but, in the gospel meeting in São Leopoldo on the Lord's Day, she discovered, on hearing of Cornelius (Acts 10), that there was no further need to ask because the work of Christ on the cross was such that it resulted in pardon being offered to her freely. Grateful for the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, she received Him as her personal Saviour. Since then we are pleased to witness a tremendous transformation in her life.

Along with one of our national full-time workers, Carlos Adeni, we purpose commencing a series of gospel meetings in a spacious house in Alvorada. A number of people have been shaken there lately due to the untimely deaths of their relatives. We ask you to pray so that these people, along with others, will seriously consider their urgent need to seek salvation.

Yesterday, we were at the annual conference in Novo Hamburgo. It was four years since we were able to meet in person with the saints in this town and we were not disappointed.



*Conference in Novo Hamburgo*

About 340 people gathered to hear the Word of God in the various meetings of the day. The next conference will be held in Sombrio on the 8th of June. Please pray that it will be a good and profitable day in the presence of God.



## ZAMBIA



## Lusaka

We have settled in well to life in Lusaka. Time has really gone by fast since we arrived in September 2020. I have learned a lot in my first two years as I worked as an aviation mechanic under Jason Speichinger in the Flying Mission hangar. In our first year there were a lot of restrictions with meetings and outreaches, which sometimes felt discouraging for us as new missionaries. With hindsight there were so many things to be thankful for during this time- we had to find our feet in a new country, get into a routine, get to know the believers in Lusaka, and begin to gain trust with people in our local area.

We have enjoyed a busy beginning to the year. Day to day duties continue and we are really encouraged by how we are placed just outside Lusaka. We can get to know and support missionaries who travel through here on their way to more remote locations. There have been a number of aircraft issues involving engine changes, unplanned engine work and inspections. These are time intensive but needed in order to maintain the best possible safety. Other maintenance continues with work on mission station vehicles and equipment.



In February we were at Chitokoloki for a week. Joanne did an eye clinic, Eloise joined her friend for homeschool, and I helped with workshop jobs. There are so many who come to the hospital and hear the Gospel - pray for the work there.

I have just returned from a week of Gospel Outreach in Namibia. This was organized by missionaries from Loloma. It was an incredibly encouraging time of children's meetings, open airs and door-to-door in the townships. There seemed to be a hunger for the Gospel and there were many good conversations. Pray for the seed sown. I travelled with a young brother from Lusaka, Lizu Chinyama. I was thankful for his company and the fellowship!

Since moving here, I am enjoying the new opportunity to preach the Gospel on the radio alongside other believers in Lusaka. Pray for the salvation of people who listen. Our Backyard Sunday School children are always keen to come and sing enthusiastically and listen to God's word. Some older girls are working through a Bible study with Joanne. I am continuing to have a time of sharing the Gospel on Monday mornings with a group of about 15 workers, and a smaller Bible study on Sunday evenings. In May we are hoping to take our Sunday School children on a little 'field trip' to see some animals that many have never seen- lions etc. Pray for the logistics. We would love to see all these children saved and living for the Lord!

**Saturday 10th**

**NEW ZEALAND**



Psa 1-8

**Auckland**

***Revelation 3:2..... Strengthen the things which remain,  
that are ready to die.***

New Zealand is a small country of about 5 million people. We are based in a small assembly in one of the northern suburbs of Auckland. Despite our smallness, we have been encouraged by the zeal, commitment and contributions of the 3 young men in the assembly. Please pray for Andrew, Jeremiah & Joseph.

It is a real privilege and joy to be involved in the work of the Lord in preaching the Word, encouraging the saints and strengthening local assemblies all over NZ.

At the start of 2023, we had a series of ministry meetings in the northern-most assembly in NZ at Waipapa, about 3 hours' drive north from us.

Towards the end of January, just before our South Island visit, we encountered a storm in Auckland, and what a storm it was! At this time, we travelled 8 hours south to be with the Miramar assembly in the capital, Wellington. God's Hand overruled in every way as floods and slips slowed us down considerably on the way to Wellington. A lovely time of fellowship was enjoyed with the saints at Miramar, with ministry given in the morning and the Gospel preached in the evening.

At the start of February, we crossed over to the South Island (by ferry) & travelled to Timaru, where we had a ministry meeting on Tuesday and at nearby Geraldine, on Thursday evening. Both assemblies supported these meetings well. We spent our first weekend at the Mailer Street Assembly, where we were in fellowship from 2001 until



***Open Air - Browns Assembly-Far South***

2019. A number of other assemblies had been visited during this trip, including Mosgiel, Milton, Balclutha and Browns.

On our way to the Browns assembly, we stopped for a night in Invercargill, the southern-most city in NZ. While there, I got speaking to a man from Switzerland who now lives in NZ. He had been walking the entire length of the country for about 4 and a half months. As we talked about our work, he somehow recognized me as the 'preacher' he claimed to have 'listened' to a few years back in Wellington. Please pray for *Christian*, who professes to be a believer based on his denominational affiliation, but really needs salvation.

Towards the end of March, we travelled to Australia to give a little help at the South Oakleigh conference in Melbourne, which continued for about a week. The attendance was encouraging, and ministry was also given by Martin Hunter (N Ireland), Len Walker (Queensland), Roger Fraser, Andrew Ware (Victoria) and Les Hills (Queensland).



The day after we travelled back to Auckland, we flew down to the South Island for the Timaru Easter Conference. The Lord gave much help, and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed with saints from several assemblies in various parts of the country.

During April, I started a series of Ministry meetings, preaching through one of the Minor Prophets in one of the local assemblies in Auckland.

Please remember us in your prayers. We depend on our God, as well as your prayers on our behalf, as we need help, strength, courage, physical health & spiritual endurance in our labours among the assemblies.





- **GIVE THANKS** for the good attendance at our Sunday evening Gospel Meeting over the past months. Most Sunday evenings our hall is full, and we are thankful that a good number attend who are in need of salvation.
- **GIVE THANKS** for a good season of Monday evening Children's Bible Club in Drum, with almost 60 children on the roll; and for good attendance at "The SHED" teenager's outreach. Pray with us for blessing in these families we have on-going contact with.



*Literature Distribution Team in Cootehill*

- **GIVE THANKS** for those who attended the Men's and Ladies' Bible studies. The Ladies were studying "The Book of Esther"; and the men, "Christian Character". Pray for full commitment in the lives of these believers.
- **GIVE THANKS** for the many opportunities to open the Bible and discuss the Scriptures in homes visited in the district. Pray that the time spent with local people will be for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.
- **PRAY** for God's blessing on our annual ladies' "Fit for Life" outreach which will be for four Tuesday evenings in May. Around 70 local ladies attend these evenings when committed believers are interviewed and give testimony to the working of God in their lives.
- **PRAY** that God will bless the speakers (Matt Shanks and Alan Park) at our annual Bible Teaching and Fellowship Conference last week in May, and that the assembly and other local believers will benefit from the teaching of God's word.
- **PRAY** for blessing at the Newbliss Bible Club which will be run by the assembly in the Community Centre, in the nearby village of Newbliss (Date: week commencing 26th June). This annual outreach has been running for almost 20 years now and is attended by many families who have no other contact with the gospel message.
- **PRAY** for blessing at the annual Drum Bible Activity Week which we plan to have the last week before children go back to school in September (Date: week commencing 21st August).
- **PRAY** for Gareth and Margaret as they have a busy summer planned for the work of Postal Bible School: Summer Camp at Avoca, Co Wicklow (week commencing 15th July); and IT Camp Week when a number with IT expertise come together to develop videos, etc to supplement the Bible Studies going into schools.



Monday 12th

VENEZUELA



Psa 18-21

Tucupita

This year we have mainly been kept busy with gospel meetings and children's meetings in different areas. It is encouraging to see an interest wherever the gospel is preached. People are usually quite willing to accept invitations to hear the gospel. It is unusual for them when they see the order in the assembly gatherings, and that no collections are made. There is so much around us that has brought disgrace to the blessed name of



*Visit to indigenous communities*

the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and yet the work of the enemy would often seem to prevail.

Some come a few times to the meetings but when they don't see anything that appeals to the flesh, like instrumental music and dancing they go elsewhere, because that is what they are looking for. And yet there are others who keep coming and seem to have a sincere desire to hear the gospel. We pray that soon their hearts may be opened to receive the Saviour.

Additional children's meetings have commenced in two other areas; one in a place called La Manga, and another in an indigenous community called Los Pinos. Consequently, we have activities in the gospel with children and adults every day from Monday to Friday, as well as the normal meetings in the assembly. We feel the Lord is preparing the brethren who will be used of Him as shepherds in the assembly. They help us continually in the gospel and all the activities of the assembly.

My boys are keeping well, thank the Lord. Matthew has started university studies right here in Tucupita and is able to help in the different activities of the assembly. Mark and Philip continue their studies at home. I appreciate your prayers for each one of them.

Our time for maintaining a testimony for Him, in the place where He has put us is quickly coming to an end. May He find us faithful when we hear his shout, "COME UP HITHER".

Tuesday 13th

## SCOTLAND



Psa 22-28

## Perth

Our outreach in the nearby village of Scone continues every Sunday evening with good interest from local people. We distributed a community Gospel magazine to about 2500 homes in the village in the lead up to Easter and also held a family fun day in the building we use for the Sunday outreach. We're slowly building up more contacts in the area and looking at other ways to reach out.



*Scone Family Fun Day*

We also distributed another edition of our Gospel magazine to about 3000 homes in the area around the Hall in Perth and held a similar, well-attended family fun day event there.

Numbers attending our two weekly soup kitchens have increased in recent months. A group of young Sri Lankans were attending quite regularly for a while and other new contacts have been made. While there are some who show an interest in the Gospel that's preached each week it's also been sad in the last couple of months to attend the funerals of two men who used to come along.



*PGH Signpost Magazine*

We recently recommenced a weekly men's football outreach in the community. We have run this for around 10 years but had a break from it last year. In the first few weeks back we've had around 30 different men along, some of them possibly hearing the Gospel for the first time.

Every second Tuesday myself and another brother from the church run a discipleship group for a few men at varying stages on the Christian pathway. We're currently going through Romans and it's good to see the interest and little signs of progress in some.

**Wednesday 14th**

## **BRAZIL**



Psa 29-34

## **Lagoa Dourada**

We are happy to be able to tell you that we recently baptised a dear sister, Aninha. We had requested prayer for her a few times for she has many difficulties in the home with her husband. She has professed to be saved for some time but wasn't baptized because he is much against the Gospel and makes things difficult for her. After much prayer and soul searching, she decided to go ahead and be baptised against his wishes. It was such a gift to see her joy and peace with having taken such a stand. We would appreciate continued prayer for her that the Lord may give her wisdom in her relationship with her husband.

We would also appreciate prayer for Francisco. We have visited him, but he is still very confused. His work involves helping in the plantations in the area. It is very common for the people that are involved in this kind of work, often harvesting vegetables, to use a small dose of drugs before starting, to help them have more energy for the work. He told us he has managed to stop this, but it is a challenge to be the only one that doesn't do it, especially when he sees the others gather more than he does. He still hasn't professed to be saved. He is attending meetings regularly and we trust that soon we may hear of him trusting the Lord Jesus.

We also mention Jefferson, that professed to be saved and is showing progress in his spiritual life. He is facing a difficult situation, as his fiancée isn't saved. She has started attending meetings with him and we pray this situation may be resolved soon. Remember Jefferson and his fiancée Jenifer in your prayers.

C. 1998 (Brazil)

MARCO & JANICE GEBARA

1/4/23

**Thursday 15th**

## **N IRELAND**



Psa 35-38

## **North East**

## **Postal Bible School**

At present, some 40 plus primary schools in the northeast area of the Province are using the Bible lessons. I have visited another 19 schools and am hopeful that there will be a further uptake.

We now 'supply' these schools with the lessons and teacher plans, bringing the total number of children studying the scriptures to almost 6,800 each month. This is an amazing opportunity to lay a foundation of Bible knowledge in the rising generation. I am also in the process of visiting a school with the introductory pack in County Londonderry.

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

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

We appreciate your interest and prayerful support.

IVAN & JENNY McCLEAN

3/5/23



### ***Report on a visit to the Shetland Isles, Scotland***

A long overdue request was fulfilled in March when I travelled (32 hours by ferry, 1,300 miles by road) to the Shetland Islands for a return visit. The last trip had been in 2017, and I have been to the Orkneys a number of times since, so the Shetland brethren were very inviting regarding a current visit. The assemblies in Shetland were hard hit by Covid 19 (as were the Islands generally), and the assemblies also lost post-covid four 'stalwarts' of a previous generation.

There was great encouragement however when the son of one the older brothers came back to the Lord after many years. His recovery, baptism and coming into fellowship has kept the testimony alive in what was the smallest and most remote assembly. The recent series of meetings was shared among four assemblies, with the 'speaker' being moved around on a 'half week' basis. We began in Selivoe - at the request of the brother there - and then south to Scalloway, north up to Brae, and down to Sound at Lerwick. The topics were part ministry, part gospel, on a chapter by chapter look at the Book of Revelation. Increasing numbers of visitors attended, from almost every denomination on the island. Some nights almost 40% of the audience was from outside the assemblies. The sisters



***Selivoe Gospel Hall (West Shetland)***



***Shetland Christian Bookshop***

of each assembly served 'tea and tray bakes' after every meeting, which gave time for informal questions, especially from visitors. Each Lord's day had two gospel meetings, and the meetings ran through Saturday evenings as well.

It was a quite intense and exhausting visit, physically tiring, but so many expressed encouragement at the return of 'full Halls' and personally I was greatly encouraged myself. The assemblies of the 'Northern Isles' need much prayer - and practical support. The assembly in Stornoway (Lewis) is very weak. Of the four assemblies in Orkney, only the assembly at Kirkwall is of adequate strength and number. Of the assemblies in Shetland, Selivoe (though continuing) is weak and needs support from the other companies. There are some fine young men coming forward in the other assemblies who are interested and able in the work of the gospel.

In Lerwick the Christian Bookshop is staffed mostly by assembly ladies, which has been a real 'outpost' and outreach. Quite a few visitors have frequented the gospel meetings through initial contact at the Bookshop. All these 'lamp stands' of various form need our prayers.



**Saturday 17th**

Psa 46-51

## SCOTLAND



## Scottish Postal Bible School

The Scottish Postal Bible School (SPBS) has for over forty years been sending out monthly bible lessons to individuals. This work was developed in 1979 when Arthur Pollard took over the small Highlands and Islands Postal Sunday School from Ian Munro. It was renamed Scottish Postal Sunday School and Bible Class. The area covered increased significantly, and even included the North Sea Oil Rigs and abroad. Arthur wrote and printed all his own material. These were then sent out to the students and returned for marking. At one stage there were around 800 lessons being prepared and posted each month. Arthur did much of this work himself, with only a small group of helpers and markers. From the early 2000's, Jean Stott offered regular support in the administration of the lessons.



Arthur was called home in September 2007 and his widow, Christine, carried on the work with the assistance of Jean, Sarah MacKenzie and Elizabeth Tilbrook. Arrangements were made to receive printed lessons from Bible Educational Services (N Ireland).

Following on from the homecall of Christine in January 2012, the work was continued by Jean, Sarah and Elizabeth and was renamed Scottish Postal Bible School. Alison Connell replaced Elizabeth a few years later. Jean was suddenly called home in December 2021, and we (Sarah and Alison) continue this work.

The material for children is stimulating and attractive, using a variety of formats suitable for the different stages, but always focussing on the need for a personal response to the message of salvation. The adult lessons offer studies at varying levels.

Our students mainly all reside in Scotland, but we presently have one or two from England. New enquiries come from various sources, and many are not personally known to us. Sadly, the number of students has decreased over the years, but we have been encouraged lately with several family groups registering with us. We currently have 53 individual students, eight of whom are adults. The majority are very consistent in returning their lessons for marking. Students are awarded points monthly for correct answers and the timely returning of their lessons. Rewards are given annually.

We currently have 11 markers who are each allocated a few students. They mark and offer encouraging feedback to their students. We really appreciate their monthly commitment.

Occasionally we provide lessons for use by individual groups.

We have updated our printed cards to encourage new enquiries. These have been placed in Christian Book shops and are also used by some individuals and assemblies at outreach events. Please feel free to contact us if you can/would like to use any.

We appreciate the interest shown by many in this work and are thankful for the support we receive. Please pray that the students who undertake the lessons will come to know the Lord as their personal Saviour, and for those who have made this commitment that they will grow in their knowledge of Him.

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Update by Alison Connell and Sarah MacKenzie – Perth

24/4/23

**Sunday 18th**

**N. IRELAND**



Psa 52-59

**Belfast**

We thank all who have been praying for us. Since I last wrote, David Williamson and I have had series of gospel meetings with the assemblies at Kingsmoss and Dundonald. The effort in Dundonald was particularly encouraging. We were delighted to have a good number of unbelievers attending each night, and to hear of two professing faith in Christ. Please pray that they will go on with the Lord for His glory.

David and I have made a start on the doors on the Falls Road in West Belfast, and look forward to getting back to that work as soon as we can. Pray for the people in this needy Catholic area and for us as we seek to bring the gospel to them.

I would also appreciate prayer for the assembly in which I am in fellowship at Cregagh Street Gospel Hall. We are a small company, but we are very thankful that we have had a couple of baptisms this year. There is a lot of work to be done in the locality both in terms of evangelism and pastoral work, and we try to maintain that along with other commitments.

We are looking forward to the following gospel opportunities in the summer - tent meetings at Bicester in June with Jonathan Black, open air meetings at Bangor in July with David Williamson, and the Leicester boys' camp in August. Then in September I plan to be with Jack Hay for a visit to Sri Lanka.

We have proved the truth of the Lord's words in our own experience over and over again, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5), so please pray that we would be preserved in fellowship with the Lord and that we would know His power in all our efforts.

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C. 2008

PAUL & KAREN McCAULEY

2/5/23



## FRANCE

Nantes

We have just returned from a visit to Aix-en-Provence to meet our new little granddaughter last week! That was a special time for us both.

We had a special Easter Sunday service and it was encouraging to see some visitors along. Among them was a family who have lived in Nantes for a couple of years and decided it was time to look out for a church! The wife is Scottish and the husband French. At this point we have no idea if they are believers or not. Pray with us that we



may be able to get to know them and that they may either come to faith or grow in their faith and make our assembly their spiritual home. It was also good yesterday to see two of the recently baptized believers with their unsaved spouses at the meeting. We ask special prayer for them. They don't come along regularly but on Sunday they were there, no doubt partly because it was Easter. Their situation reminds us of the jailer in Acts 16. The good news wasn't only for him, it was also for his household. Pray that the Word of God would penetrate the darkness and draw them to the Lord.

We would mention especially the many children who come along on Sundays with their parents. The Sunday school caters for different age groups, with teaching adapted for the understanding of the children. We have three groups in all. It seems the oldest age-group, aged 11-15, is the most challenging. It has always been that way and the teachers need great wisdom and perseverance. We commend them to your prayers. We trust these young people will make wise choices in these critical years and that they will grow up to become men and women of God.

The Lord has placed each one of us in distinct circumstances, where we meet different people who do not yet know Him. We are aware of the responsibility to be witnesses for Him, by our words, behaviour and attitudes. Everything is important! The tendency for people like us is to spend the greater part of our time with believers, and this in itself can squeeze out our investment in those who do not know the Lord. To counter that, we need to be actively looking for opportunities to meet unbelievers and be witnesses to them. We do value your continued prayers, that we may indeed do so, for the Lord's glory.

Tuesday 20th

ENGLAND



Psa 68-71

Skelmanthorpe

For over 30 years it has been my privilege most weeks during term-time to visit local primary schools for the purpose of conducting assembly. During covid times I couldn't visit the schools in person but instead sent them a weekly 'virtual assembly' video, many of which are still being re-used in the schools, especially those dealing with messages relating to Christmas and Easter. Now that normality has returned to the school environment, it is good to be able to make literal visits, with the aim being

to make six 'routine' visits a year to each one, plus any requested extras for seasonal events, class R.E. lessons and such like. I try to follow a theme throughout the academic year and this year's theme is 'The Lord's Parables.' In the run up to Easter I told the parable of the vineyard and that is now being followed by the two builders. Whatever the theme or story we always make mention of the cross and what the Lord has done for us there. The Bible stories are supported by songs such as 'I am the way, the truth and the life' and quizzes to reinforce learning. We look to the Lord that the hearts of staff and children alike will be touched by the simple truths of God's Word.



As well as visiting schools I am heavily involved in my home assembly's children's work on a Monday evening, sharing responsibility for speaking with my son-in-law. Between 20 and 30 children attend most weeks, the majority of whom are not from assembly families. Visiting assemblies to minister the Word of God and preach the gospel also occupies a lot of my time. It is a joy to seek to help many smaller assemblies in the north of England with numerous annual midweek series being conducted throughout the year. I also have administrative responsibility for the annual Yorkshire Bible Study Week, a residential event held in Scarborough, when usually around 50 believers from all over the UK gather for a time of Bible readings, ministry and fellowship led by a gifted teacher of God's Word.

Gillian's health continues to be poor a lot of the time with the effects of M.E. Prayer is valued for her in this regard and also for the ongoing work of the Lord in which we are engaged.



**MALAWI****Writing from N Ireland**

Earlier this year I made an unscheduled trip to Malawi in the wake of Cyclone Freddy, which had started to batter the southern part of the country. As you will read below, Freddy's destructive power was completely unprecedented, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake.

**Cyclone Freddy**

Freddy is estimated to be one of, if not the most destructive tropical storm ever. Hurricane force winds were accompanied by unrelenting torrential rains - the equivalent of half a year's worth of rain in three days. Swathes of standing crops were cut down, hundreds of thousands of homes were destroyed, and over a thousand people were swept to their deaths in the muddy torrents that resulted. The body of one sister known to brother Harold was found 17km away from where she was carried away by the flood waters. Hundreds of people are still unaccounted for, and many recovered bodies were unidentifiable due to the extensive injuries they had sustained.

As I listened to a message from Brother Harold, I knew he was in serious danger and fearing for the lives of his wife and three little boys. He was stranded in his little home, between two massive mudslides, one about 150m to the left, and the other about 350 to the right. The villagers came searching for them, convinced they had perished in the mud. In that moment, I knew I had to abandon plans to go to Jordan and go to Malawi to support the team there, and to try to help with the relief effort in any way I could.

Although hampered by terrible road conditions, during my visit I was able to evaluate the extent of the disaster and help coordinate SALT's initial response to it. As I write, I am heading to Malawi again. This trip was supposed to have been for the resumption of our Bible teaching conferences, but in the present circumstances, to continue with that would be impractical and insensitive. Instead, Jim McMaster and David Williamson, who were supposed to be helping with the teaching, will join me in visiting some evacuation camps as well as having a short series of Gospel meetings at Saidi. Pray for blessing!

**Seed Sowers**

Last Saturday we were back in Londonderry for a Seed Sowers distribution. We had a lot fewer volunteers than the last time we were there, but still managed to deliver around 16,000 Jn 3:16 texts, with an offer of a Free Bible and an invitation to the OBEX Bible Exhibition in the city. It was a wonderful time of fellowship in the Word and in the Gospel, and thrilling to have already received 36 requests for a Bible. There have been some very fruitful conversations as the free Bibles were being delivered. Please pray that the Lord will use His Word for the blessing of many souls.

Thursday 22nd

## ARGENTINA



Psa 77-78

## Parana

After praying last night, I sang, on my own of course, which I often do: "Glory to thee, thou Son of God most high, all praise to Thee". The last verse is so touching: "Like shoreless seas, thy love can know no bound; Thou lovest me! Deep, vast, immense, unfathomed Lord, profound, Lord I love Thee; and when above, my crown is at Thy feet, I'll praise Thee still for Calvary's mercy seat." How could our response be any other?

My main responsibilities last month were for two Bible teaching weekends. The first was a first-time

meeting of the elders and their wives of four rural assemblies. Only three were over 50 years of age. This proved to be more exhausting than anticipated because of the longest heatwave on record, with temperatures over 40°C some days, and no thunderstorms to cool things a bit. Apart from the ministry, they were all uplifted by meeting each other, most for the first time.



*First time retreat for Elders in rural area*

The second teaching weekend was to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the second Assembly formed in the City of Rosario. On this occasion the brethren arranged hospitality with a widower. Four years ago, the family were in a car crash in Brazil. His wife (56) whom I knew well was killed, and two, including our brother Dario were in ICU and still carry some permanent consequences. One daughter wasn't with them. We shared so much and wept too. Isn't it the case that over a weekend, sometimes the most important needs are not met from the platform but by being near to the family we have stayed with.

I travelled by bus to Rosario to have an eye check done. The results were good; cataract development will be checked again in six months. The young lady next to me on the bus seemed uncomfortable with her bag at her feet. After an hour and a half, I asked if she would like help to put it in the rack. I discovered she was an English teacher and had a further eight hours on the bus to get to a Roman Catholic Retreat. The remaining hour and a half of my journey was spent on expository preaching from Romans chapters 1-5, ending with Justification by faith. She was deeply interested and accepted gladly the last "Buena Semilla" (Good Seed) daily readings calendar I had. She texted me several hours later to thank me for sharing what she called my experience and wisdom. I believe that meeting was of the Lord. So, please join me in praying for Georgina.

This weekend, the first assembly which branched out from the original assembly we saw established in Paraná had their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference. My son in law Heber and my daughter Fiona have seen many saved and baptised in the North Side area of Paraná, so the initial group has been almost doubled by the power of the Gospel. They are still in rented premises; the location is good but they are now looking for something bigger.

I rejoice in continuing to travel, preach, teach, write regularly and give counsel where requested. I am so grateful for your prayer support and for health and strength needed and granted to continue.

I have been in touch with the Robertson family since their mother Irene, commended from Glasgow, was called home last week. Links between missionary families are precious but due to the 24-hour burial law and 800 miles between, none of us were able to be there: if not, we would all have been.

C. 1974

JIM BURNETT

18/4/23

**Friday 23rd**

**BRAZIL**



Psa 79-85

**Foz du Iguacu**

During the next few months' there are a number of practical decisions to be taken as we are planning coming home for 6 months from the end of July. There is a young couple, Felipe and Heloesa, praying to see if it is the Lord's will to come to help here in our absence. Please PRAY with them. Heloesa's parents are full time in the Lord's service in the north of Brazil. Their local assembly and family are also praying with them.

Our son David decided to come back to Foz and is settling back home; the same university course that he is on is now available here in Foz. He also has taken on responsibility for the Sunday School lessons with the children. Also please pray for the local assembly here. Reinaldo's future work is very uncertain. Edson's wife has post-natal depression, which affects his attendance. They will all need your prayers. Zedir also has health problems, which affects him regularly.

Health wise we are in need of this break. Jeff's hand tremors are still not totally controlled, but he remains fairly busy. He enjoys going to Vitoria, where he spends a lot of his time in taking meetings.

Here in Foz we are facing a new epidemic, not Covid but Dengue. There are over 30,000 cases in this town of 250,000. It's the worst we have known here. It can kill if it becomes haemorrhagic. Marta, who regularly attends the meetings, has been unwell, and is now in hospital seriously ill. Please pray for her, that she will truly receive our Lord as Saviour. Our sister Cilce has another form of the fever which leaves other effects which are not good. Her grandson Emanuel (9) has possible dengue too. Please pray for all the assembly members and also Foz as a whole.

C. 1980

JEFF & DENISE WATSON

28/4/23

**Saturday 24th**

**FRANCE**



Psa 86-89

**Rambouillet**

When we arrived in Rambouillet 41 years ago, we were welcomed by 4 believers, their children, and a small number of interested friends. In God's grace, there are 70 in fellowship in the assembly today and about 150 adults and children attend meetings regularly. The assembly has a distinct international flavour, with about 30 different nationalities involved.

As numbers grew in our former premises, a monthly prayer meeting was held, over a 3-year period, for a change of meeting place. After visiting only 3 other possibilities (that proved to be unsuitable), the Lord led us to a building next to a regional shopping centre. Work began on transforming the building to meet the assembly's needs just before Covid.



*New Building*

Despite the inconveniences of the pandemic, the assembly continued to grow, and even more so after restrictions were relaxed. We have been privileged to welcome Christians who have moved to the area, and thrilled to see a number of people from non-Christian backgrounds trusting Christ. We can truly say that salvation is of the Lord!

As you can imagine, the needs are considerable and the possibilities for service abound! We thank God that many brothers and sisters are involved in different ministries, however there is a particular need for more elders with a shepherd's heart.

We recently enjoyed an Easter breakfast with over 100 people attending. It was a lovely time of fellowship. Currently, a major project in the final planning stage is a fellowship day, as we were not able to organise a church weekend this year. Bible teaching will take place in the morning, after breakfast together, and there will be a choice of about 10 different activities in the afternoon. We pray that this will encourage more togetherness as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Another particular point for prayer is the ongoing work among young believers. We have the privilege of seeing up to 30 young people attend regularly. May God be pleased to raise up men and women of God among the young people that He has entrusted to our care!





## HONG KONG

Thankfully the draconian virus controls are mostly lifted here, and real-time distributors have re-surfaced requesting Gospel materials as seed to be sown. Praise the Lord! We especially value distributors, they are rare!

The blessed lifting of virus controls gave us an open opportunity to fulfill a promise to visit brethren and friends in South Korea. We found many hungering and thirsting for the Light, Life and Liberty that is ours in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. It was an exceptionally blessed and fruitful week there.

We covet therefore your prayers to know His good, acceptable and perfect will at this time.

The thought of leaving China as we enter our 60<sup>th</sup> year here is a somewhat enormous issue for us to face. Any such movement and change of course in action undertaken demands of us a very clear understanding of God's will. We await the green light for onward movement in the will of God.

To 'self-audit' we believe is essential in this. As believers we live and walk by faith in all things, conscious that we must consistently cultivate our own corner of the vineyard and not look too much over the fence into other gardens to consider what other gardeners may be doing.

A gracious provision of the Lord is our 'Timothy' brother David Wang, who recently travelled back to us after a visit to his Shandong hometown. How indisputably rare it is to have a brother with Chinese military training, now a full-time worker for the Lord and in the Christian Book Room literature ministry. We are truly blest in this provision.



*John & Karen Short  
in Gospel Witness in Tsim Sha Tsui*

Monday 26th

SOUTH AFRICA



Psa 97-103

George

We are thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for a memorable and encouraging time in Zoar for the Easter conference. This is a small town 145km from George. A report was given of the work in Zoar by our brother Julian Fortuin. Brother Ronnie Burton from Oudsthoorn and Brother John Minaar from Bellville



ministered the Word. Believers attended from at least 8 different assemblies, which was so encouraging. We were glad to have 11 of the believers from Bellville staying with us and enjoyed lovely fellowship ourselves and with the Pacaltsdorp assembly.

Please continue to remember the Afrikaans correspondence work, which is growing each week. We will also be having a cottage meeting at one of the parent's homes there this week in Marais camp. We are indeed thankful today for answered prayer for a young lady who had left home. This was a concern as her whereabouts was not known, but thankfully we received a call to ask us to go and see her. She has had a few serious chats to us previously about spiritual things. We were thankful to find her in a reasonable state and she is hoping to attend the meetings again this week.

We are indeed thankful for another past Sunday school attendee in Marais camp who contacted us. She admitted and confessed she has wasted 4 years of her life, post matric. She is sure she has found the Saviour and is considering baptism. Please pray for Robyn. She is studying law through Unisa. Please continue to pray for the assembly, especially for the unsaved that attend the meetings. Please continue to remember the Tuberculosis hospital, where we can distribute literature and are able to chat and pray with patients.

Robin's mum is back home and able to apply pressure on the leg and move about. Robin was recently at the eye clinic, and they are not able to help him anymore with his left eye. However, we are thankful to the Lord for a good right eye!

C.2000 (SA)

ROBIN & MARY ROSSOUW

11/4/23

*Continue steadfastly in prayer,  
being watchful in it with thanksgiving*

Colossians 4:2

**Tuesday 27th**

Psa 104-105

## ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS



*The Andaman & 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.*

Here we are keeping reasonably well. Last week as a family we were all suffering with a viral fever. My sugar level is also high and feel uneasiness sometime. Please pray.

Brother Chamberlain has been referred to the mainland for treatment. Please remember this dear brother, who is an outcast from his tribe because of his faith in the gospel. He needs much prayer.

Brother Michael Malar is also undergoing treatment on the mainland and would value your prayers.

Both Assemblies here are growing. Children Bible Clubs are doing well, with good numbers attending. This presents some behavioural challenges as most of the children attending have unsaved parents and are not believers themselves.

God willing, we plan to have Holiday Bible School in the coming days at Bathu Basti and Bambooflat.

Please pray for my family too. My wife Shiny is keeping better. My sons are waiting for news about further studies. Your prayerful interest in them and the work of the Lord here is highly valued.



**MANGADAN & SHINY SUNNY**

**27/4/23**



Wednesday 28th

ANGOLA



Psa 106-107

Saurimo

We arrived safely in March, and once settled in, repaired damage to our house roof which occurred during our 3 month absence during the rainy season. We also did some maintenance work on the Landrover. We then felt burdened to return to Cavungo to help forward the work on the home for sister Irene Cardoso.

It was a 16-hour journey, with very difficult conditions, but we thank the Lord for safe keeping throughout, as we were the only vehicles to make the full distance at that time (we did take 2 hours trying to get Irene's vehicle out of the mud!). We spent 10 days there, installing more plumbing & electrics into the house and building a water tower, leaving her with running water into an outside standpipe until September, when, God willing, we will return and



put the running water from the tank into her home. She has never had running water in her home in Cavungo, and not since 1976 when she was in the capital Luanda at the age of 17.



While in Cavungo, Ruth visited a widow in the assembly who had been unwell for 3 months and could no longer eat and was therefore very weak. Her unsaved family wanted to take her to the witchdoctor because her God had not helped her. She insisted that she would rather die and go home to heaven to her God than allow them to ever carry her body there. She had a tooth abscess, from which a lady in the village who also had the same had died recently. We commenced her on antibiotics, analgesia and anti-inflammatories and then she returned to Saurimo with us and had it removed by a dentist in the hospital here. Praise God for a full recovery.



Back in Camundambala, the Sunday Youth is an encouraging work. Up to 20 attend each week and are reading through the gospel of John, two chapters a week. They are given a memory verse from the book each week, building up to probably 11 by the end of June, including the 7 "I am's".

With the young women on a Saturday night after the sewing lesson, we are looking at the Judges of Israel, and using the William MacDonald commentary in Portuguese to help them understand further what they have read, and introduce them into how and why study aids can be used. This is also an encouraging work, with them often coming again on Monday afternoon to continue their sewing.

Jonathan has continued with the small outstanding (some for many years) projects, mainly maintenance jobs on the house, workshop, vehicle, generator & polytunnel. He has also been responsible for fabricating and constructing a veranda around the new house for the mission worker which is situated behind Brian & Debbie's. Later this month he has to help the local brethren get the steel for the new gospel hall here out of the container and ready for Brass Tacks to help erect and roof during the month of June.

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JONATHAN & RUTH SINGLETON

5/5/23

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*From a child thou hast known the  
Holy Scriptures*

2 Tim 3:15

I am the bread of life	John 6:35
I am the light of the world	John 8:12
I am the door	John 10:9
I am the good shepherd	John 10:14
I am the resurrection and the life	John 11:25
I am the way, the truth, and the life	John 14:6
I am the true vine	John 15:1

**Thursday 29th**

**FRANCE**



Psa 108-114

**Moulins**

We would appreciate your prayers for our continuing service in France. Allan no longer edits the French assemblies' gospel calendar, after handing on the responsibility to a French brother. But he remains on the team carrying out the important and time-consuming work of correction and revision of contributions sent in by about forty authors. He also regularly teaches and preaches in the assembly in Moulins.

Anne has adapted her service to cope with her cancer diagnosed over a year ago. Her treatment and its side effects mean that she only rarely attends services, and she is no longer able to teach the children as she used to enjoy doing. But she enjoys keeping in touch with sisters by phone and e-mail, and occasionally when some visit her at our home.

ALAN & ANNE KITT

27/4/23

**Friday 30th**

**VENEZUELA**



Psa 115-118

**Palo Negro**

We are keeping well and thankful to the Lord for His many mercies. Our children are growing fast: Richard (16) and German (14) are in high school, though we are home schooling them this year; Aisney (8) is in a local primary school. We ask you to pray earnestly for their salvation and preservation from this ungodly world.

It's been nice to have my parents here since late November. Dad kept busy with meetings, and their presence has been an encouragement to the assemblies. They will return to N. Ireland next week, Lord willing, for a further health check-up.

The assembly in Primero de Mayo in Valencia carries on a Sunday School and weekly gospel meetings in another area of the city called Miguel Ache. There is hope of another assembly being formed in that area and the believers are building a Hall there with that exercise in view.

The Lord continues to work in this country, and we are so happy He has given us the privilege of being part of it. It has been a joy to preach the gospel with my father since the beginning of the year in two locations in Palo Negro. It was encouraging to see a good number of unsaved attending each night, and evidence that God was speaking to precious souls. We rejoiced when a few trusted Christ as Saviour and we continue to pray for others who seemed close to salvation.

For the past two weeks I have taken my father to a number of assemblies in this area for the ministry of the Word. The meetings last week were most encouraging. My parents have lived in Palo Negro for almost 55 years, and the two assemblies in the town joined in the larger Hall. Over 120 believers gathered each night to hear the voice of God. We give God all the glory for what He has done!

Last week we started to build a new Hall for the oldest assembly there, and the foundations were laid this week. Around 17 local brethren have been working hard in harmony, and it's a pleasure to be involved.

C. 1999

SAMUEL & SHARON USSHER

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