

Look on the Fields

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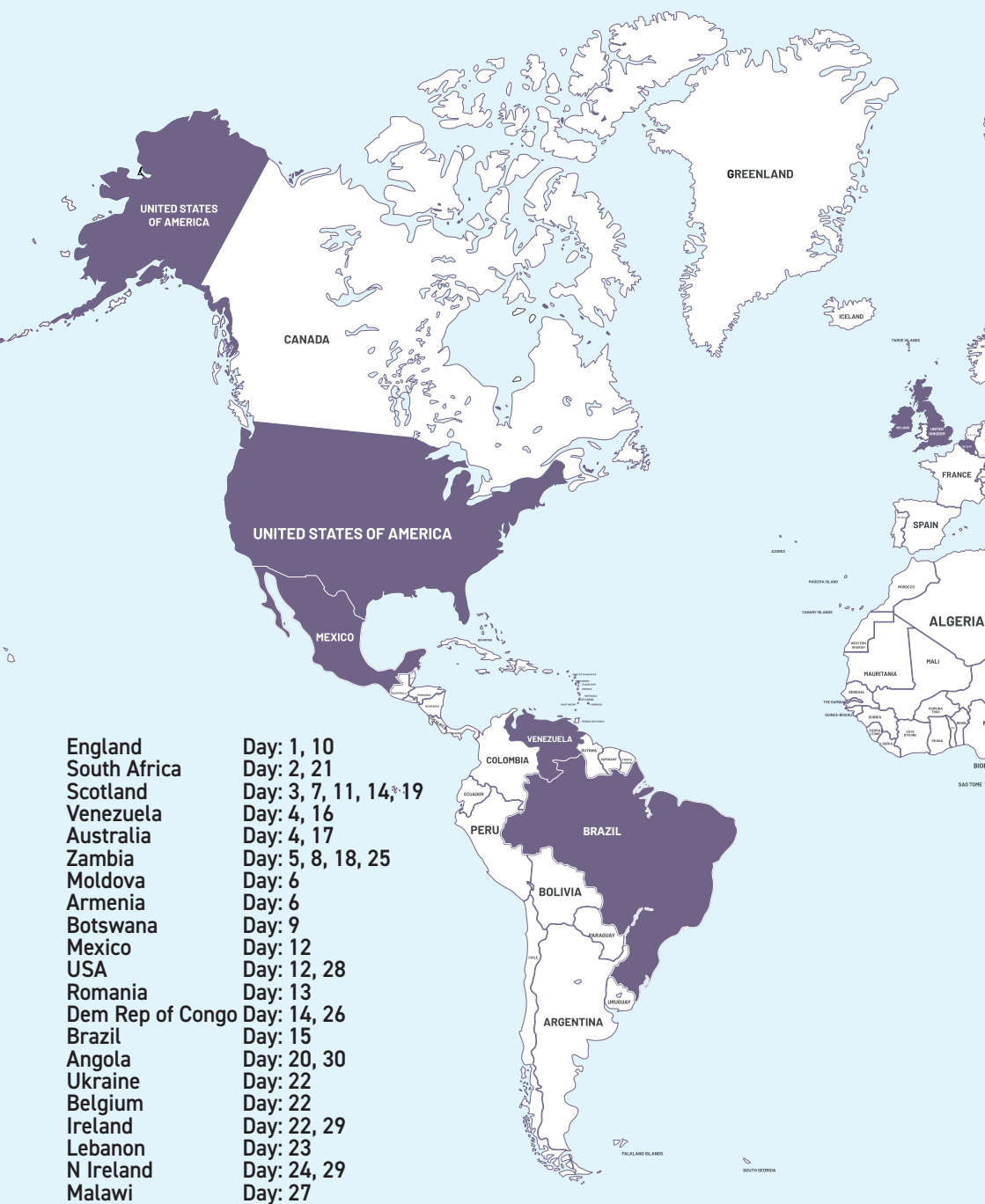


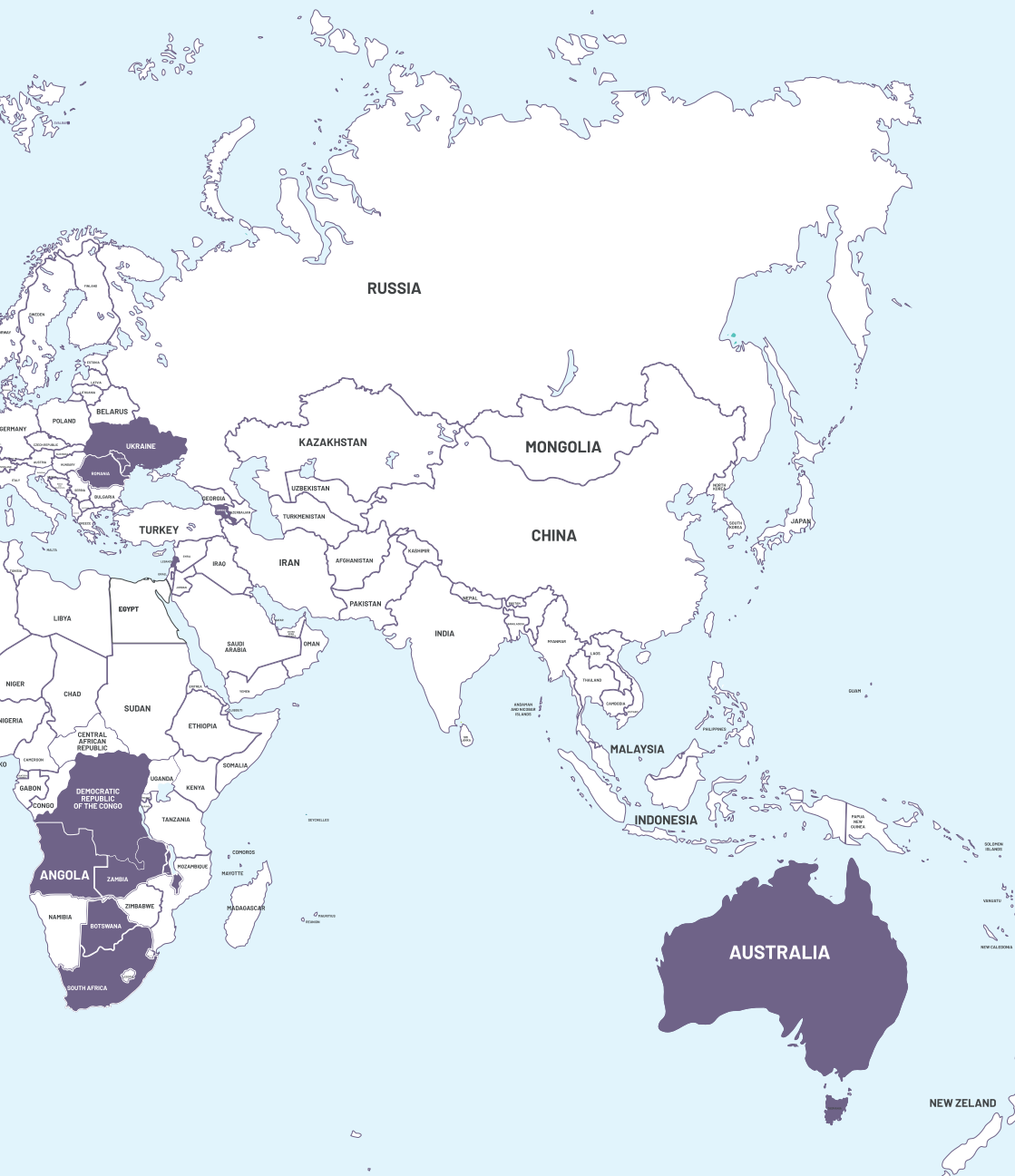
ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE
With Daily Scripture Readings



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





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Friday 1st

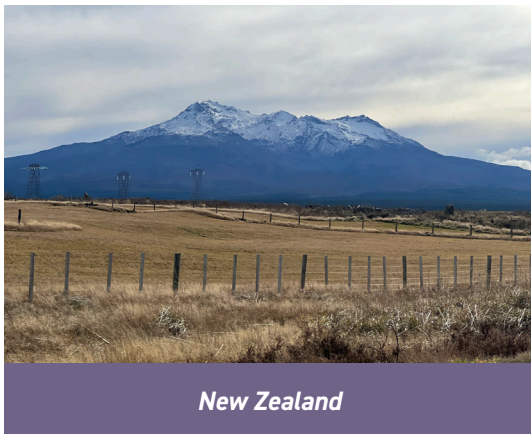
ENGLAND



John 3-4

Liverpool

It has been a hectic year so far. I spent five weeks in Bible Teaching and Gospel work in Australia and New Zealand. It was a great encouragement to see the interest in the word of God and many young people coming to conferences and bible teaching meetings. The assemblies in New Zealand appreciated the visit as they don't seem to get a lot of visits from overseas. If you are going 'Down Under' to preach, it would be beneficial to make a point of going to New Zealand, as you will be warmly welcomed, and the believers need your encouragement.



New Zealand

I returned to Liverpool to share in a gospel tent with Ainslie Paterson and Phil Raggett. Each year, the tent work becomes more challenging as it is not well supported by local believers. Still, some faithful believers make the effort to come year after year. The encouraging aspect of the work is that many unsaved have been coming in over the last two years, as the tent has been pitched on a good site in a public park. Please pray that there will be fruit following the preaching.

After this, I went to Slovakia for two weeks of Gospel and Bible Teaching. This, again, was a very encouraging trip. The conference meetings were well attended, and there was a good interest in the teaching of scripture, especially among young people. The



Conference in Zvolen, Slovakia

conference was themed around the principle of unity in the local church. The week following the conference, I was invited to speak at a retreat for men from the assemblies in Slovakia. All the preaching was through a translator. The topic for the week was 'evangelism'. It was a great week with many questions and discussions over mealtimes. I then visited several assemblies, including Zvolen, Kostolany, Previdza and Bratislava.



Gospel Outreach in Slovakia

I joined Jonathan Black for Gospel meetings in Prestwich, Manchester, when I returned to the UK. A young girl had been saved on the first Sunday of the meetings. There was a steady stream of unsaved people who came to the meetings. Please pray for Teresa, a retired nun who has been attending the meetings for a few years now. She has seen Catholicism for what it is, but we would love to be sure that she is resting on Christ alone. Please also remember Francis, Malcolm, Henrique and others who attended these meetings.

After this, we had a short holiday break. I am now back working locally in schools, preaching on the streets, hosting weekly overseas online Bible studies, preaching the gospel on local radio in Uganda, teaching in local assemblies in the evenings and participating in our regular local assembly activities.

In July, we had a week of Holiday Bible Club with the children in Huyton (the assembly where we are in fellowship). David and Jonathan Meek, two young brothers from Ely, Cambridgeshire, came up to help us. It was a great week. Our biggest night was 40; we averaged 35 and had 60 in total - most of these children are from the homes of unbelievers. There were Muslim and Chinese families along with Liverpool children. It was a real encouragement as many parents sat in and listened each night, and many children could quote a gospel verse by the end of the week.

In late August, we made our annual trip to Faskally House, Pitlochry, with a group of believers from the Merseyside area. Philip Kaye from Skelmanthorpe joined us this year for a week of fellowship and helpful teaching from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus.

My next series of meetings is with my son in October at the assembly in Bromborough, 11 miles from where we live. Please pray for these meetings.

Apart from the problems created in August through severe flooding, everything is relatively quiet on the Pakistan front. I am planning a visit at the end of November and have applied for my visa. Your prayers are appreciated.

Saturday 2nd

SOUTH AFRICA



John 5-6

Cape Town

Preaching the gospel at the Centre of Hope recently has been very interesting, with people in the audience asking questions and making comments. When I had finished one morning, after preaching about the death of Christ, a lady said to me that Jesus died but that Christ did not die. I referred her to Scriptures that show from His birth to His glorification Jesus and Christ is the same Person. She took note of the references which she said she would read.



Bellville Station

Many people pass through Bellville station on a daily basis. Recently it was interesting to speak to two car park attendants there who took literature and listened to the message. One said that he has an alcohol problem that he wanted help with. It was a privilege to present Christ who is the solution to the sin problem. Also at Bellville station, I met Rastafarians who wanted to talk rather than listen. Initially they didn't want to take the literature but then did.

Security guards often stand around various places with not much to do. I have found them very open to listen to the gospel and accept literature. They thank me at the end of our conversations.

It is good to have John Parkinson (Ballymena, Northern Ireland) visiting. He is having some ministry meetings around the Cape Town area before travelling to Port Elizabeth to speak at a conference. He is keen to help with outreach. Today we joined two elders of the Belhar Assembly, distributing literature and preaching over loudspeaker at a student's residential area, a day hospital and a shopping mall. Almost all received the literature.

We are encouraged to continue with the sowing of the Good Seed knowing that God gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6).



Security Guard with Gospel Tract



In the month of May, we returned to Glenluce to labour with the assembly there in a further two weeks of gospel meetings and door-to-door visitation. Although not many unsaved came in, the assembly was encouraged to see a lady attending who used to come regularly but had dropped off. She has since been coming to the weekly gospel meeting. The visitation was encouraging with more people inviting me into their homes with opportunity to present the gospel.

In June, brother Aaron Colgan and I returned to Kirkconnel for two weeks of tent meetings. The weather was favourable and we, along with the local assembly, were encouraged to see a number of unsaved come in.



During the first half of September one of our sons-in-law, Paul Thomas, and I had ten consecutive nights of gospel meetings in the town hall in Paul's hometown of Axbridge, Somerset, in fellowship with the assembly at Bedminster Road Gospel Hall. Apart from a couple of nights, we were encouraged to see local unsaved people under the sound of the gospel, and saints from the surrounding area supported well. Kelly who was saved two years ago was encouraged to see her daughter in on the last night. Pray also for Philip who came a few nights and seems not far from the kingdom. He has been reading through the scriptures in recent weeks. The door-to-door visitation gave opportunities to present the gospel.

God willing, I commence gospel meetings on Monday 23rd September in Port William, Dumfries and Galloway, in the portable hall. This will be the third consecutive year we have had gospel meetings there, and we usually see a few unsaved locals attending. We look to God to work in salvation. Brother Jack Hay and brother Craig Munro have faithfully worked with the portable hall, but were not free to share in the gospel this year.



During November/December we will be returning to Shetland for two weeks, visiting mornings and afternoons on the West with calendars and tracts in fellowship with the Selivoe assembly. Most evenings we shall have a meeting with the other three assemblies, all in the will of the Lord. We value your continued prayer support.

Monday 4th

VENEZUELA/ AUSTRALIA



John 9-10

Writing from Queensland

Since our commendation to serve the Lord full time in September of 1994, we have learnt from experience that our Lord has opened and shut doors of opportunity to serve Him. The most recent was the closure of the door for us to live permanently in Venezuela, as we were unable to renew our residential visas. We were able to make a three month visit in early 2023, to sort and give away many things from our home there, which a young couple are now living in. The assembly continues in El Vigia, although few in number, as several have left the country due to the ongoing political and economic crisis. Prayer is valued for the preservation of the testimony, as life in general is very difficult.



Scripture plaques stand at Market

Since returning to Australia in June 2023 we have continued serving the Lord through the doors that He has opened for us here. Two weeks after arriving back, we started a trip to north Queensland to visit the small assemblies, but this was brought to a halt when I had a heart attack some 1,000kms from home. We saw the goodness of God in the fact that it didn't happen in Venezuela, and we were only 1 hour from Mackay where there is a hospital and doctors who attended to me well and inserted three stents in the blocked arteries. The local believers were also very helpful during our weeks of recovery, until we were able to start our slow trip home.

Thankfully I have been well enough to make two long distance trips this year, firstly we travelled south to Melbourne for South Oakleigh and Nunawading conferences and ministry meetings at Bayswater. It was encouraging to see the interest in the Word of God and to see a nice number of young believers attending nearly all the meetings. We were able to help Bryan Stewart in Gospel meetings for a few nights before we had to start our return trip via Sydney. While in Sydney it was a pleasure to visit the assemblies at Bexley, Lidcombe and Northmead to open the Scriptures together and hear the Lord speaking to our hearts. After eleven weeks away it was good to be home in Brisbane again at the end of April, to attend the conference at Cooroy and visit other local assemblies.

In early June we left for a trip to North Queensland to help my brother Stephen at the Agricultural Shows where he has a trailer/stand to offer free Scripture texts and literature. We were involved in this outreach work before we left for Venezuela 30 years ago, and feel it is still a good opportunity for many people to be reminded of their need of salvation. Over 800 texts and around 100 Bibles along with other literature were taken and are now in many homes, so we pray and wait for the Lord to do His work. After the shows we stayed on to have some ministry in the assembly at Innisfail, before making

our way down the coast again and visiting the assemblies in Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg on the way.

We live in a vast country, and whether we travel north or south, it is around 1,800 kms one way and 20 hours on the road, with few assemblies along the way. There are fewer assemblies and greater distances out West so there is great need in this country as well. For this reason, we felt the need to buy a caravan, and value your prayers as we seek to continue serving the Lord here. It is very different to Venezuela in many ways, but our God and His Word is the same, and the fields are white wherever we look.

*"Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.
Rev 3v11*

And, behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev 22v12

C. 1994 (Australia)

PAUL & DAPHNE CHAPMAN

30/9/24

Tuesday 5th

ZAMBIA



John 11-12

Zambezi

As you may remember I can no longer visit Malawi or Mozambique because of my age so I spend many hours on my computer encouraging and teaching the evangelists and believers online. Problems are numerous so they appreciate the help I am able to give. In many places there is a resurgence of witchcraft.

Here are some of the encouraging and discouraging reports I have received from one of our young evangelists who lives in Malawi but visits Mozambique as and when he has funds to do so. He writes:-

"Do you remember the bank manager who trusted the Lord many years ago when you visited Beira? He was very faithful in attending the small assembly and the Bible studies and prayer meetings, but he has passed away. Unfortunately, his children did not accept the Lord but were just attending the church in Beira with their father, so after the death of their dad they all went back to the Catholic religion.

Pray too for my father from Beira who came to visit us. He is a not a true born-again believer. In fact, he hasn't stopped going to the witch doctor. He says "when I sleep at my home I dream bad dreams and when I wake up I have fear because there is a lot witchcraft at my work where there are many who want my position, so some go to the witch doctor hoping that I may get demoted and then promoted so that's why I started going to the witchdoctor as well, so that I protect my position in the police department."

A lady in Tete, Mozambique (pictured) with whom we shared the gospel, decided to give her life to Christ and she is now attending one of the new assemblies in Tete.



C. 1958 (USA)

DAVID CROUDACE

23/9/24

Wednesday 6th

MOLDOVA/ARMENIA



John 13-14

Zirnesti



The MDEC Team with workers from Depot Walk Assembly in Singapore and helpers from Moldova, Romania & Ireland

We would like to thank you for your continued prayers and support for the Lord's work in which we are involved, both in Moldova and Armenia. There is much for which to give thanks to the Lord!

The summer period was extremely busy with camps. We were pleased to be able to conduct eight camps over a three-month period. In total about 800 children attended the children's camps. We thank the Lord for much blessing at each of the camps, with many children understanding the Gospel message, and we pray that they will come to accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

September started with the visit of a brother from the UK who held some Gospel outreach meetings. One meeting was for police officers, and it was great to be able to welcome over 70 Moldovan police officers to the CMIAID Base to have lunch and to hear the Gospel. Many were attentive to the message, and we pray that they will take what they heard very seriously.

This was followed by the visit of some brothers from Germany who came to distribute heating fuel and other aid to needy families. Moldova is still a very needy country with many people living in impoverished conditions. Truly, the conditions that some people live in are appalling and it is so sad to see their isolation and loneliness. Many of the elderly find it particularly difficult, especially in the winter months, so practical help like heating fuel and food is a great help to them. These visits, which provide practical help, also offer many opportunities to speak about the Lord Jesus and the good news of the Gospel.

On 14 September we welcomed a large mission team of 30 doctors and medical personnel from the Bethesda Depot Walk Assembly in Singapore. They came to conduct three days of free medical clinics which were held at the CMIAID Base. During their visit

they were able to conduct 1,028 appointments in three areas: medical, dental and eyecare. Many were overjoyed to get prescription glasses for the first time – something they never would have been able to afford! While people sat in the waiting area, we gave them a snack which gave the opportunity for workers to circulate among them and have some very meaningful Gospel conversations. Several Gospel presentations were also given each day while people waited. Each person who attended the clinic left with a bag containing a Gospel of John and Gospel literature in either Romanian or Russian.



The Eyecare team issuing prescription glasses

The work among Moldovan children continues to be very much upon our heart. We see open doors in so many places. It was wonderful to have a school Director approach us at the beginning of the school year and ask, “Can you please start a Bible Club in my school?”. Even more recently the Director of Education came to see us and again reminded us we need to get into the schools and teach the Bible! The opportunities abound. Moldova is unique at the present time. The challenge is that we do not have sufficient workers to cover the many opportunities available. **Please pray that the Lord will raise up Romanian and/or Russian speaking workers with a passion to reach children with the Gospel so that we will be able to use these wonderful opportunities while the doors remain open.**

As you will know from previous reports, we have a Postal Bible School work using BibleTime lessons. It has been so encouraging seeing the number of children doing the courses continually increasing. Recently, we expanded the Postal Bible School work to Armenia. Pray that there will be much fruit from this ministry and that many of these young ones will come to know the Lord Jesus as Saviour.



The doctors making house calls

Please also continue to uphold the Zirnesti Christian Assembly in your prayers. As with any assembly, there are many needs and challenges. Pray for godly wisdom for the elders as they deal with the different needs in the assembly. Pray that the Christians will be encouraged and grow in their knowledge of the Word and in their relationship with the Lord Jesus. Pray for those with the responsibility of Bible teaching within the assembly.

Thursday 7th

SCOTLAND



John 15-17

Aberdeen

It is a humbling experience to reflect on the grace of God in allowing His servants to be involved in His work. What a privilege we all have.

The Lord has opened many doors that have enabled me to continue teaching the 'Explore the Essentials' course in local Primary Schools. The 2023/24 academic year was a very busy and profitable time of classroom teaching and during the school year about 650 children received twelve one-hour classroom Bible lessons.



In 2023/24 I was able to run two lunchtime clubs in local schools. Although the numbers are not as high as those in a classroom, these gave openings to teach in schools that have declined the classroom teaching.

In June my home assembly (Fernelea Gospel Hall) hosted the Ultimate Adventure Exhibition. About 350+ children had a guided tour of the exhibition, while completing activity worksheets and concluded their visit with a lively quiz time. After marking the worksheets, we always return to the schools for a prizegiving assembly.

During the summer I had the privilege of teaching at the Shetland Christian Youth Camp. It was a great delight to be there, as this was the first residential camp that they had been able to hold since 2019. The camp building was ideal for hosting the 60+ children who attended week 2. It was a joy to teach about God's programme for the world and to help them memorise 2nd Timothy 3:14-15 and 2nd Corinthians 5:21.



Shetland Camp Week

I was able to help the saints at Riverside Christian Assembly with their summer holiday club. It was a real joy to see about 60 children attend this club and we enjoyed a very profitable time there. We always trust that the Lord will work through His Word and it was wonderful to receive a message, at the conclusion of the club, from one parent who told me that her daughter "told God that she believed that He was the only Saviour and that He died and rose from the dead and is coming again and that she is going with Him!" May many more take the same step of faith.

Each year, once the schools recommence in September, it is time to start reconnecting and

seeking to arrange classroom teaching. Thankfully the Lord has continued to keep doors open and has opened the way for me to teach in a new local primary school.

One difficulty that I do face is trying to fit lunchtime clubs and school assemblies into an already full diary. As the classroom teaching fills my days, it is very difficult to take more school assemblies and journey to different schools for lunchtime clubs, even though there is opportunity.



Riverside Club

Prayer Points:

- Thank the Lord for His goodness in allowing many children to hear the Bible taught in the classroom.
- The Lord will continue to provide opportunities to teach Bible truth in Primary Schools.
- The Lord will give wisdom and provide a way whereby the lunchtime clubs can be held.
- The Lord will use the seed that is being sown to bring many young children to Himself.

PAUL COXALL

1/10/24

Friday 8th

ZAMBIA



John 18-19

Chitokoloki

We are approaching the rainy season in Chitokoloki, and we have been working on getting all the pipework and septic systems installed before it arrives. This work must be done in order to grade and landscape the area around the building, which will direct the rainwater away from the foundations. We are happy to report that the new clinic is in operation and has made work more comfortable and efficient for the medical staff. The front entrance of the new hospital, as well as the new pharmacy dispensary and drug store, are also now in operation which has been reducing the amount of people traffic passing through the hospital. There is still quite a bit of work to do but we are thankful to the Lord for how things have progressed so far. Many people from the area have expressed appreciation for these developments in their community, which has been encouraging. But it is also good to remember that “not one stone of this building will remain upon another,” and that the way we conduct ourselves from day to day as we live before others is of more importance.

Some believers from the local assembly have been visiting a place called Kashindi and having meetings to teach the Bible. It is a remote place, at least six hours walk into the bush. There is no school there. The reception to these visits from Chitokoloki has been friendly and the Kashindi people have even cleared an area for meeting. We only have several weeks in this school term left before we go on furlough so we decided that rather than start the Thursday Bible program, we would give these men a ride to Kashindi every Thursday. We would appreciate prayers for these people, that God's Word would be a blessing to them.

There are a number of young girls asking for baptism and the baptism has been scheduled for this coming Sunday. They have been meeting every Sunday with Alison and an older lady from the assembly named Rhoda since they approached the church leadership to ask for baptism, in order to study the subject a bit more. This has been encouraging. These girls have attended camps and two of them mentioned that camp had played a role in their conversion. We would appreciate prayers for the preservation of the young people connected to the assembly at Chitokoloki. There are many pressures from the world around them and it is not easy to live a life pleasing to the Lord, which is counter-cultural and against the current. So, please pray for them.

C.2013/17

CHRIS & ALISON BRUNDAGE

2/10/24

Saturday 9th

BOTSWANA



John 20-21

Francistown

Here at home, we are about 600kms from the Victoria Falls. As a couple we have seen the spectacular Falls before, but our children have not so we made plans during the school holidays to visit the Falls and Zambia. Earlier this month we drove the 500kms up to Kazangula in northern Botswana, before proceeding through Zimbabwe the 100km to the Falls. The water level was low due to the time of year and drought in southern Africa, but nevertheless they were still very impressive due to their width and depth of fall. Following our time there we crossed the old iron bridge over the river into Zambia. The next day, being Sunday, we met with the believers of the Kazangula Assembly.



We were with the believers of the Avondale Assembly on the Wednesday evening, then on Thursday evening at Lusaka Gospel Hall, Great East Road. On the Sunday we were with the Lilanda Assembly. We very much appreciated their kind fellowship and hospitality, as well as the opportunity to be with them and share in the preaching and teaching. It was great to be able to visit after hearing so much about Zambia and the work of the Lord over the years.

There are many assemblies in Lusaka, about 60 in all. The 3 we visited are English speaking, but most use the vernacular languages with perhaps some English. Lusaka is

a large, busy city with a population of almost 3 million out of 18 million nationally. The contrasts with Botswana were most interesting. It was wonderful to meet up with some believers who once worked in Botswana, and to meet others for the first time.

Looking ahead, at the end of this month the Francistown Assembly will be hosting the three-day Boipuso conference. We are expecting Rodney Brown of Cape Town, South Africa, and Evaristo Yamboto of Kazangula, Zambia, to be with us to minister the Word. We look to the Lord to help and bless in all aspects of the conference.

A few days before heading to Zimbabwe and Zambia we drove to Gaborone to collect the boxes from the container for use in the work here. Materials included prizes for prize giving and literature. We are most thankful for all the kindness of beloved believers in the UK to source, pack, transport to Northern Ireland and store, then fill the 6m shipping container to the top with many boxes of assorted items and send all the way to the Gaborone railway yard via Durban, South Africa. It is a huge help in the work. Last year the container was delayed by several weeks at the Durban port, but this year it travelled and arrived in very good time. We anticipate the Sunday School prize givings at the Gospel Hall and elsewhere during late October and early November. Prize preparation will be done after the Boipuso conference dv.

In early August a short series of Gospel meetings was held in the Gospel Hall at Francistown. A good number of young people contacted through the Sunday Schools in locations in Francistown attended the meetings. We look to the Lord to bless in salvation amongst these young ones.



As a family we are well and our young ones are continuing with their various studies. Mothusi and Gaone are with us for a few days with our new 'grandson' Adriel Monei. He is 2 months old and doing very well.

As we reflect on the past few weeks, we see much kindness to us in various ways. In all of these blessings we thank the Lord for His gracious provision and enablement. Also, as we look back over 25 years we are so very thankful for all the love and help we have received from so many in various places far away from Botswana, and would say, 'Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us'. We are most grateful to you for your prayers for us, and for the work of the Lord here in Botswana.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" Hebrews 12 v 2.

Sunday 10th

ENGLAND



Acts 1-3

Tyne & Wear

In fellowship with other believers from Wearside and Teesside, I continue with the street preaching four times each week, weather permitting. Sadly, two of my co-workers, Colin and Ralph, both in their mid-80s, have each lost their wife due to cancer, in the space of six months. On a brighter note, I can report that the sister who helps me in South Shields so faithfully, celebrated her 90th birthday yesterday!

We never have crowds listening as we preach. I judge those days are gone. In fact, we often encounter some vocal opposition and many snide comments. Tragically, indifference abounds and seems to be getting worse, but the grand commission is to take the Gospel to the lost, and 'how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!' May the Lord give us 'beautiful feet', and may the compassion that marked our Saviour, mark us too.

Durham

Andrea (40s) from Slovakia approached us say to how much she appreciated seeing a witness for Christ. She had been involved in witchcraft, but had in recent times trusted the Saviour. She was bright in her testimony. She was being helped by online ministry given by a Slovakian pastor now living in the UK. We encouraged her to keep reading the Bible. Four weeks later, Andrea came up to me again and said she'd read and appreciated the literature I'd given at the start of the month. She's seeking baptism but her 'Christian' friends have advised her that her 'infant baptism' is a valid baptism. She's feels unhappy about this and said, "I want to be baptised by immersion." It was a profitable time with Andrea.

Lynsey, an alcoholic (late 40s) stood less than a metre from the board with her can of cider in her hand. She was accompanied by her carer (from Romania). They had been contemplating attending a church service when lo and behold, they came across us preaching on the bridge. Lynsey listened to the whole of my preaching with tears streaming down her cheeks, at the end of which she said, "I have no hope, I have no hope!" I spoke to her about Christ being 'the blessed hope' and 'the living hope'. I passed on a tract bearing my contact details.

Michael Collins (70s) a photographer from South Shields, rejected the theory of evolution, much to the annoyance of his scientist son. He said he held to Christian values, so I asked him, "How does a person get to heaven", to which he replied, "By being good". I asked him, if that was the case, why then did Jesus need to die for us? This seemed to stump him, and I continued with the story of Nicodemus, a moral pillar of society who was told by the Saviour, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." He asked if he could have one of my tracts before he left.

South Shields

Sadly, brother Richard Whiteman and Lorna his wife, have had to move away from the north-east to support family members down in York. Their faithful, dependable support in recent months has been a great encouragement to me. On a positive note, I can report

that Samuel (27) who has been coming to South Shields for the past month, got to preach on King Street for the first time. This was a massive step for him, and he did so well, recounting his conversion to Christ. He had been brought up in a home where atheism dominated. As a child in Junior school, his parents had demanded that he be withdrawn from school assembly time and R.E lessons. In the providence of God, it was while listening to an atheist on YouTube, that his thoughts were directed to Christ, and led ultimately to his conversion. He is an intelligent young man with much potential in 'the things of Christ'. I assured him 'It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth' Lam 3:27.

We meet a wide variety of folk when out on the streets, but the Lord gives help and patience, so we press on, longing for fruit in the Gospel.

IAN & BITTEN CAMPBELL

16/9/24

Monday 11th

SCOTLAND



Acts 4-6

Perth

The highlight of the summer was leading a team of 12 young folk in our annual outreach week in St Andrews. Over the week we distributed literature into thousands of homes, held guided Gospel tours, Gospel talks and group Bible studies. We had several Bible requests, and some wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel with people in the streets. Several of this year's team hadn't done anything like this before, so it was a good experience for them and encouraging to see them growing in confidence as the week went on.

The new trailer we acquired earlier in the year is proving to be a great asset in the work. The old trailer was passed on to Paul Jenkinson who plans to make use of it in one way or another – it served us well for many years!

The regular, ongoing local work continues to give opportunity for many to hear the Gospel. The soup kitchens and community lunches have been well attended in recent months. Our men's football group has recently finished up for another year. Our weekly outreach in the village of Scone which has been running for around two years is also drawing to a close soon. We've enjoyed, and learnt much, from the experience and been encouraged to hear of a couple of older folk getting saved, plus many other non-believers hearing the Gospel and Christians encouraged by Bible teaching and fellowship. We feel that the time is right to bring the outreach to an end and turn our attention elsewhere.

Among other things, we have plans for a children's craft morning in November, a men's outreach breakfast and other Christmas activities in December and will perhaps look at starting some new outreaches in different locations in the new year, God willing.

C. 2015

GARETH & GILLIAN EDWARDS

2/10/24

Tuesday 12th

MEXICO/USA



Acts 7-8

San Antonio

We are grateful for the prayers of many on behalf of the Lord's work among Hispanics, especially in Mexico and the United States. We continue in cross-cultural work among Hispanics on the west side of San Antonio, Texas. We also continue in a monthly English bible study hosted by our daughter Moriah. Since the regular studies began in 2021 two may have come to know Christ as their personal Saviour. More recently a basketball player contacted through a gym began coming regularly. Marco told us in March after a study on the Parable of the Sower, that the bible study pierced it into his heart that Jesus had died for his sins and that he was saved. In April we had a small series of 3 Sunday afternoon gospel meetings in our home. It was encouraging attendance with 4-5 neighbours coming each Sunday, for 3 Sundays to listen to a gospel message. Lord willing, we will continue this month bilingual monthly bible studies in the apartment of a believer Eunice here in San Antonio.



July 2024 Gospel meeting

In May we enjoyed and appreciated the visit of Miguel & Ruth Mosquera and their boys. Miguel & Ruth labour for the Lord in Monterrey, Nueva Leon, Mexico. During the past two years we have tried renting a hall in two different locations on the inner west side and contacts were made at each location. At each rental we followed up with a door-to-door distribution of bible texts accompanied by an invitation to hear the gospel in a follow-up gospel series. Last month we felt the need to begin renting a location in the business room of a hotel on the west side. Lord willing there will be a distribution in the area of the hotel this coming December.



Visit Miguel & Ruth Mosquera in May

We appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people on behalf of the Lord's work among English and Spanish speaking contacts, and that we may see the grace of God in establishing a local church testimony for His glory on the West side of San Antonio, Texas.

Wednesday 13th

ROMANIA



Acts 9-10

Ploiesti

Heleşteni County of Iaşi



Since beginning in May 2008, the **Gospel tent ministry** has expanded with tents being pitched in hundreds of places throughout Romania. In late April 2024 the 17th year of gospel tent work commenced in Răcăuți, County of Bacău. The final tent was pitched in the small town of Târgu Cărbănești, County of Gorj, in late September 2024.

During the gospel tent season, tents were pitched in **93** places: in **18** Counties (**88** villages and towns) in **Romania**; also in four villages and in the capital Chişinău (Dumbrava area) in the **Republic of Moldova**. **23,250** children and over **8,250** young people and adults (believers and unbelievers) attended these tent meetings with some people being wonderfully saved by God's grace. Truly the Lord is so good! Our prayer and desire is that those who have listened to the preaching of the gospel will not say: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20). Please join us in prayer for the Lord's richest blessings in the gospel.

One of the objectives of this gospel work is to see people genuinely saved, baptised and received into fellowship in a local assembly (Acts 2:41-42). Each summer a tent is pitched in the grounds of the gospel hall in the town of Târgu Neamţ, County of Neamţ. A couple saved last year in tent meetings there were recently baptised and received into assembly fellowship. In the North West of Romania (Counties of Satu Mare, Bihor and Maramureş) some people saved last year in tent and special gospel meetings have been baptised this summer in Vetiş, Sugătag, Tarcea and Sărata. It was a privilege to preach



in Medieș Ariet, County of Satu Mare, when six believers, some who were saved during the winter, were baptised by immersion and over 150 people gathered for the preaching of the gospel, including the local mayor and his deputy.

During the last two summers we have spent a lot of time in the North of Romania and with the Lord's help have been working with elders in local assemblies and younger believers so as to develop and expand the tent ministry. As a result, in the County of Suceava, tents were pitched in **17** places and very large numbers of children attended a 4 hour programme. In Horodnic, Verești and Dumbrava there were 100 children, in Bănești (**175**), Luncușoara (**290**), Natanael, Suceava (**300**) and Prelipca (**320**) attended. In some places good numbers of unsaved people were listening to the preaching of the gospel inside and outside the tent, including parents and grandparents of the children attending the children's programme.

An important aspect of our work is to motivate a younger generation of believers, despite increasing pressures on them, to get involved in gospel work in their spare time, especially during the summer months. It has been a great joy this summer to see enthusiastic younger believers motivated to use their time, energy and gifts working tirelessly amongst children in many different towns and villages. Local believers, some from small assemblies, have been encouraged and uplifted as they have witnessed children singing choruses, reciting Bible verses and listening to Bible stories.

Please pray that:

- spiritual fruit will be seen from the distribution of the Word of God and gospel literature.
- people will respond positively to the preaching of the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- younger believers will continue to be involved in the Lord's work and that they will motivate others.

Thursday 14th

**DEM. REP. OF CONGO
/SCOTLAND**



Acts 11-13

**Writing from
Scotland**

Congo

Please pray for Moise who is one of the main evangelists we work with. A senior policeman failed to extort money from him and responded by having Moise arrested, beaten and imprisoned for a week. Moise was with his family at the time of the alleged offense, but sadly it has led to corrupt court cases and more demands for money. The school continues to run well with around 150 children hearing the gospel



each day, being fed and then starting their lessons. We continue to be involved in the distribution of solar powered audio Bibles which have been a blessing due to so many people being illiterate in the area.

Prison

For the last 8 years it has been my privilege to visit Barlinnie prison in Glasgow every Tuesday along with Derek Watt. We spend the day involved in gospel focused Bible studies with men from all sections of the jail. We have an hour and a half of solid Bible study with one of the groups and only cover a few verses because there is so much engagement from the men. The men are lively, respectful and most importantly open to the gospel. Despite there being many chaplains in the jail, the senior chaplain has asked us to take the prison's Christmas and Easter services the last two years which has been a great gospel opportunity.

Camps

I had responsibility for speaking at the Ayrshire and Aberdeen senior camps again this summer. We were encouraged to hear news of salvation during and after Ayrshire camp and to hear of young people being baptised in the weeks that followed.

Hope Centre

Based in Harley Street Ibrox, Hope Centre is a base for gospel work in the area. We have had over 35 different nationalities attending, including many Muslims.



Hope Centre

Prayer Points re Glasgow & the Hope Centre

The Café runs on Mondays and Fridays with between 20 and 30 people coming most days. People know someone will sit down and engage them in gospel conversation and this is being well received.

Bible Basics is a Bible study on John's gospel that runs every Wednesday with between 6 and 9 people from the area present each week.

Hope Kids started last week with 13 primary school aged children in to hear the gospel.

Gospel meetings have been running each Sunday afternoon for the last two months with between 6 and 10 people from the area attending each week. There are believers and unbelievers coming so there is also some teaching given. Please pray for two women who are believers from different backgrounds and who are asking questions about baptism.

Misha, Colin and Dave are men who have made professions in recent months after engaging in gospel conversations and Bible study. They would value your prayers.

Primary School Visits are going to be starting soon at Ibrox Primary. We have been invited to do a talk about significant figures in the Christian faith as well as starting a lunch club.

We are keenly aware of our weakness and would greatly appreciate your prayers.

C. 2013

JAMIE & MARILYN McILREE

17/9/24

Friday 15th

BRAZIL



Acts 14-15

Lagoa Dourada

In September we had the visit of Crawford Brown for three days ministry meetings. The meetings were well attended. It was a time of blessing, learning and encouragement.

We would like to request prayer for José Miguel. He is in his early 50's and recently professed to be saved. He was coming on well but is now facing opposition from family and friends. His wife is saying that if he goes out to meetings she is going to go out and party. This has discouraged him. Pray he may have wisdom to deal with this situation.

We also visited a neighbouring town of São João Del Rei of around 94,000 inhabitants with Gospel literature. Around 2,500 tracts were distributed. Our prayer is that we may be able to get some contacts in that town and be able to start gospel meetings there.

Children's work is a challenge. It's very difficult to get children to attend because of their parents being very devout Catholics.

A couple of weeks ago Marco once more started feeling unwell and the doctor put him on antibiotics again for another infection. She says his immune system is very frail and asked him to stay home until his 10-days of antibiotics end and he returns for his next appointment. We would appreciate prayer for Marco's health and that the doctors may be able to get to the root of the problem.

C. 1998 (Brazil)

MARCO & JANICE GEBARA

2/10/24

Saturday 16th

VENEZUELA



Acts 16-18

San Carlos

The work of the Lord in this land is going ahead, notwithstanding the tense political situation of which most are aware. There are presently only twenty Venezuelan full-time preachers in the country, but most of the 205 assemblies go ahead with special meetings on their own. Ten other couples have been commended to other lands, the most recent being Angel and Karen Dávila. They had previously been commended to Mexico but were unable to obtain visas. Now the Lord has opened up the way for them to serve Him in Welland, Ontario, among Spanish speaking immigrants. Pray that the Lord will continue to send labourers unto His harvest, and the liberty to preach the gospel might continue.



San Carlos School

The six assemblies that convene the San Carlos conference had a week of gospel meetings together, in which an elderly man and a boy professed faith. Then we had a week of two-hour Bible readings in 1st John, and finally a week of two-hour ministry meetings before the conference. But due to the riots after the presidential elections, the conference wasn't held on the first week of August as planned. Thankfully, things calmed down a week later and we had a very profitable conference, a little smaller than previous years but still about 1,200 present. There was rejoicing when a young lady who lives beside the hall manifested she had trusted the Lord on the last day of the conference.



San Carlos Conference

The five baptised believers in El Pao are going on well. José and Norbelys are helping in the children's work and the maintenance of the portable hall. It was a joy to hear José give his testimony as he preached for the first time. We are preaching in the backyard of Manuel, an elderly man very sick with cancer, who recently professed faith. Pray for his wife and daughters who are hearing the gospel, and also for a neighbour called Teodosio who has shown some interest.

We have returned to the village of Monagas where we preached many years ago and had a children's class. Many remember us, but the catholics are unusually active and instill fear in the people, resulting in poor attendance. Pray for Marcos, an elderly man who is nearly blind, who walked to the meeting on his own several nights and listened

attentively. One day when his brother-in-law (a believer in fellowship) visited him, he told him not to call him his brother-in-law any more, because he was now his brother. He is now suffering reproach for Christ's sake, but is very joyful with salvation.

Our daughters have their hands full with the school, where 150 children from kindergarten to high school begin each day with a Bible class. Only eternity will reveal the full results of this work, but we rejoice seeing young men and women who passed through the school now in assembly fellowship, even some who are now recognised elders in their assemblies.

C. 2000 (Ven)

ANDREW & ELENA TURKINGTON

1/10/2024

Sunday 17th

AUSTRALIA



Acts 19-20

Brisbane

It was our privilege to hear the challenging ministry of our dear brethren Dan Rudge and Scott Dunn at our Conference in Brisbane at the end of August, which was followed by a week of Gospel meetings by our dear brother Williams Alcala and other brethren. Your prayers would be appreciated for the spread of the Gospel in Australia.

Our dear brethren Dan Rudge, England and Marius Minnar, New Zealand, gave very encouraging ministry at Burleigh Heads Conference on 14th and 15th September.

The following weekend was the Adelaide Conference, where they had many interstate and overseas visitors. Challenging ministry was given by our dear brethren Ian McKee, Martin Hunter, Clive Barber, Williams Alcala and Les Hills. It was a very busy time for Bryan and Dawn Stewart, who entertained 67 believers at their home and catered for 225 folk for 5 days of Conference meetings. Their son Jack and his wife, Keila gave valuable help as well. Keila's parents are over from Canada and her father, Ken Biddington gave his testimony, which is most interesting. He was the leader of a dance band before he was saved. His cousin was hitchhiking one night when a Christian picked him up and gave him the Gospel and as a result he got saved. He in turn shared the Gospel with Ken and he too trusted the Saviour.

A number of believers in Conference Hall have been very ill recently and it has been my privilege to visit and assist them in whatever they have need of. Our dear brother David Grant, who has been a faithful overseer for many years was called Home a few weeks ago and will be sadly missed. Prayer would be valued for his dear widow, who is unwell presently.



C. 1991

OLIVE McDOWELL

2/10/24



Just a brief introduction of ourselves since this is our first report in Look on the Fields. I was commended to the work of the Lord in April 1998 by the believers who meet in the Lusaka Gospel Hall in Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia. My wife joined me in 2004 and is a Home Economics teacher in a government school.

We will value the prayers of the Lord's people as we labour along with other believers in the small but growing assembly in this border town, where four countries (Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia) share a common boundary. Opportunities abound to spread the gospel in the local communities and the surrounding villages. Pray for our service for the Lord not only in the immediate neighbourhood but further afield in other remote parts of western and southern Zambia not too far from where we reside. With the Lord's help we have made visits to these remote parts for ministry in local assemblies and also simply for gospel outreach with other servants of the Lord. Pray too for assembly conferences we normally get engaged in within the country and some neighbouring countries. We will appreciate your prayers too for work among the young, especially in government schools around us. It is always a joy to sow the good seed of the Word in young hearts. Our prayer is that the word spoken to such may yield fruit unto salvation. Above all things we always covet the prayers of the believers in all that we seek to do in this little corner of the Lord's vast vineyard.



God willing, we travel this weekend to Francistown in Botswana for their annual conference. It's close to 500km from Kazungula on the other side of the Zambezi River. As always, we value your prayers.

Psalm 115.1 "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake."



Sisters from the Zambezi west bank bidding farewell after a conference

Tuesday 19th SCOTLAND



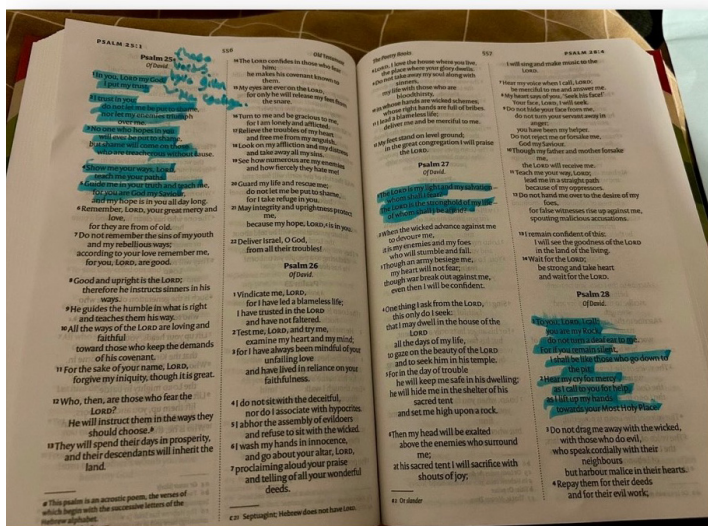
Acts 24-26

Aberdeen

I hope to encourage you in your prayers and in your work for the Lord with this update.

END OF TERM

We rejoice that Bibles were distributed once again in July to 125 P7 pupils in local schools. We were sent a photo by one of the parents of a lad who received one and we were overjoyed to see that he was not only reading it, but that it was giving him courage in the transition from Primary to Secondary school! He highlighted parts from Psalm 25, 26 and 27, part of which says,



"In You, Lord my God, I put my trust in You. No one who hopes in You will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour."

Please pray that this young lad will be blessed spiritually as he has started attending the S.U. group at Inverurie Academy!

SUMMER

We are rejoicing that one young lad who attends the Newmachar Bible Explorers put his trust in the Lord Jesus for Salvation after being at the North-East Christian Youth Camp. His granny, who brings him every week to club, was overjoyed! It is a privilege to be a link in the chain. Please pray that he will grow strong in his new-found faith.

Earlier in the summer we attended the local Meldrum Sports with some other Christians from Inverurie Gospel Hall and had some good conversations about spiritual matters with some of the passers-by. Many people were interested in the literature on display and one teenage girl I spoke to left with a few Christian books to read. These are great opportunities to share the Gospel during the summer months.

I was also given the opportunity to share the God News of the Lord Jesus at Milltimber Community Centre on 3 afternoons with around 80 children each day. I focused on how He raised Jairus's 12-year-old daughter back to life, His death on the cross so we could have our sins forgiven if we believe on Him and His amazing resurrection and the



significance this can have in our lives. During the presentations the children listened so well. You could have heard a pin drop! We are praying that many there may come to know the Lord as their Saviour.

SCHOOLS

Please pray for each of the 13 schools I visit each month (63 classes and 2 assemblies). There are potentially 2 new schools who would like visits, so your prayers for guidance in the logistics of this opportunity would be greatly appreciated. Continue to pray for doors to remain open and for teachers, pupils and families' lives to be changed. As well as these school visits, we are encouraged by increased attendance at the weekly lunchtime SU groups in Dyce and Inverurie Academy. Please continue to pray for these young people as we sit with open Bibles together on a Tuesday and Friday lunchtime, that God will open their hearts.

PERSONAL

Firstly, we are thankful that Fiona is starting to recover after a 5-month period of being unwell. Your prayers for her and for our family are greatly appreciated.

This summer I moved out of my previous office space. After 30 years of children and youth work, there was certainly some weeding out to be done! I will be moving my resources into the new premises in October D.V. The old office space was cold, damp and expensive to heat so although I am moving to smaller premises, it should be a more comfortable and economical space to work from. Pray again that as we work for the Lord, we will bring Him glory and honour, and that we will see souls saved again this academic year.

Wednesday 20th

ANGOLA



Acts 27-28

Camundambala



Camundambala Bible Conference

We are fast approaching the end of the dry season here; last Friday we had our first rain since 22 April. We are thankful for what has been achieved on the new Gospel Hall during the dry season, all the cavity wall block work was completed which was no mean feat, especially the gable ends which are incredibly high. The next stage is for the windows to be made and fitted and then the inside needs to be rendered.

Work has started on the clinic at the leprosaria. The roof was leaking badly, and bats have been having a field day between the roof and false ceiling, so it was time to take the old roof off which was done with timbers that have slowly rotted, and put on metal trusses and new roofing sheets and renew the false ceiling and do other repairs.

There are many local assemblies who have also built or extended their halls this year and so there are a good few trips to be done to these outlying assemblies to deliver the roofing sheets so they can cover their halls before the rains. This means so much to the believers as they would never be able to afford to roof their halls. They can make the mud bricks and build the walls, but the cost of roofing sheets is just completely prohibitive for them.

On 13 July we hired a bus and took two cars so that as many from the assembly here as wanted to come were able to go to the conference at Biula, 3 hours south of here. We left at 6am, arriving just after 9am and there were four teaching sessions, three young men



One of the many local assemblies in the region receiving roofing sheets for their hall, due to the kindness of the Lords people in UK

from here taking one session each and Brian did one session. The believers there were thrilled to have so many visitors and they did a great job in taking care of everyone's needs, it was a good day. We arrived back home here at around 7pm.

Bible studies continue in our home on Sunday, Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The Monday group was of very differing abilities, so it has been split to better meet the needs of the group. Horano continues with his study group on a Sunday after the meetings have finished and has recently started a group for recently converted youngsters on a Saturday morning, Bijel has a group on Saturday mornings too.

We had the conference here at Camundambala from 22 - 24 August. There were probably around 150 visitors came and stayed and so it was a lot of work for the believers here to keep them all fed and watered. We use the school and the study rooms to sleep them all! They thoroughly enjoy the time of teaching and fellowship and it was great to see such a good number giving attention to the teaching of the Word of God.

Please could we ask you to pray for the situation regarding the container. It arrived in the port in Luanda in the middle of July and it has still not been released. We have to import in the name of the 'church' here in Angola and it would appear there is a problem with their NIF number, which is the equivalent of our NI number. This has resulted in it being blocked and therefore the container has not been released. Each day it is accumulating costs for staying in the port and we still don't know when it will be released. Please pray that it will be released shortly as this problem is nothing to do with us and also pray that the container will not be opened and inspected because this is a huge stress for Kaluiji in Luanda as they take everything out and then never manage to pack it in the way that Justin and Phil pack it in the UK. Things get 'lost' and damaged and it causes a lot of distress.

We thank you for your prayerful support of the work here.

Thursday 21st

SOUTH AFRICA



Rom 1-3

George

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Please pray for the Afrikaans Bible correspondence in

George. Many of the children involved come from underprivileged backgrounds and lack access to the internet. In late June, we held our last biannual gathering, with over 250 attendees, primarily children but also some adults. They were



Afrikaans Bible correspondence

transported by bus from various parts of George to the hall in Pacaltsdorp. For every 10 lessons completed, children received certificates, and 135 children were recognized with certificates. Our next gathering is planned for December, God willing. In the meantime, we connect with most of the children weekly, and a few young teenagers attend the Gospel service regularly. Please also pray for our sister, Katie Herder, who faithfully supports and ministers to around 70 children in her area. Additionally, we've been privileged to have cottage meetings in some of the children's homes. In one visit, we met with a mother caring for eight children. She not only assists them with their Bible lessons but is also participating in the lessons herself.

Please pray for the "cottage" meetings, for which we are grateful to have 1 or 2 homes open to us most weeks. One recent meeting was held at the request of a family following the funeral of a young man from their neighbourhood. Another meeting took place in the home of a late sister's family, though, sadly, the home no longer reflects her testimony. Please keep this family in your prayers, especially as five of the children are faithfully participating in Bible lessons.

Please continue to pray for the staff and patients at the TB hospital. We are grateful for the opportunity to share the Gospel and distribute literature with the patients. Recently one patient, Richard, stood up with the help of a walker to share his testimony. He confessed that he had been living in a backslidden state, realising that his struggles with alcohol were not worth it. He expressed his desire to leave those things behind and move forward in serving his Saviour.

Another patient shared that he had read through the Gospel of John and felt deeply convicted by the Word, realizing his need for salvation. Additionally, one of the staff members has been attending the meetings and has asked to come into fellowship, while another has requested more literature.

Please pray for the many families grieving. One evening, after attending a funeral, we received a phone call to visit a home where tragedy had struck. A young man named

Warren, just 34 years old, had been fatally stabbed, and heartbreakingly, the perpetrator was his own cousin, who is now out on bail. He leaves behind three little daughters, all under the age of six. Though unmarried, Warren had planned to get married in October. We can only trust that eternity will reveal whether Warren came to the Saviour in his final moments.

Please continue to pray for the youth and the assembly in Pacaltsdorp.

C. 2000 (SA)

ROBIN & MARY ROSSOUW

30/9/24

Friday 22nd



Rom 4-6

**UKRAINE/
BELGIUM/IRELAND**

**Writing
from N Ireland**

We recently made a visit to the assembly in Mechelen, Belgium where we enjoyed a few meetings on the Lord's Day. It was a great joy for Agnes and I to meet with these believers and renew fellowship another time having visited many times over the last 12 years on our return journey by car from Ukraine to N Ireland.

The last weekend in September we were in Letterkenny visiting Ukrainian refugees who are living in blocks of apartments. One lady from Kiev, Luba and her son Arthur were rejoicing that her husband, after heart surgery in Ukraine and being very ill, was able to join them in Ireland to complete their family again. In our visitation on the Saturday, we invited many to come and hear the Gospel on the Sunday evening in the Gospel Hall. To our surprise and maybe lack of faith 15 refugees arrived at the meeting. I preached on John 3:16, a very simple yet profound message on God, His Son and the Whosoever. Afterwards we had a Q & A over a cup of tea and home-made buns kindly provided by the sisters of the assembly.

At the meeting there was one young lady, Maria, who spoke very nice English. She was with her mother and aunt from the city of Dnipro, a very dangerous part of Ukraine near to the Donbass. They are all from outside Letterkenny in the town of Moville and we have arranged, God willing, to go and visit them next time and hopefully make some new contacts and bring the Gospel and literature to them.

Recently we made a trip to Wicklow town where we met with a number of Ukrainian refugees and also visited the Ukrainian hub in Arklow where there are many refugees. One family there, Irina and her daughter Sophia had us for a meal at their very small cottage where they are being hosted by a lawyer and his family on the outskirts of Arklow. Please pray for this lady and her daughter, that the spiritual conversation with them another time will result in salvation and maybe even for the daughter to get assurance of her faith in Christ. We then moved to Dublin for a couple of days to meet up with some refugees that have recently arrived and are being supported by the Irish government in a large, converted warehouse at Punchestown, near Naas. Again, it was an opportunity to share the Gospel and literature with them.

C. 2010

EDMUND & AGNES JOHNSTON

1/10/24



LEBANON

Beirut

There are many reasons to pray both for the situation and individuals. Thank you for your prayers and support at this time.

Situation - Please pray for peace in Lebanon and the region. Children and families have suffered so much from the previous years of crisis in addition to the current situation. There is massive displacement and at least a quarter of the population has been forced to leave home. As winter approaches, this will become even more difficult.

School - Our students and teachers are currently spread across Lebanon. Many are living in houses with up to 40 people as extended families have found places together, others are staying in shelters which are empty schools with very basic facilities, and some are still in Tyre dealing with the sounds of war all around them.

Schools in other areas of Lebanon have been able to start either by attendance or a hybrid system where they can also attend classes online. Schools in the south are not able to provide this as many teachers are without laptops, books or internet access. Children are also not in places that create environments suitable for learning. We are in the process of making an alternative plan where some videos or assignments could be sent to students, but this is very much in the early stages as it is hard to see how it can be effectively implemented.

Families & Individuals - Our staff continue to be spread across a wide area, and these are very challenging times as they are concerned for their homes, their families and future. Our teachers were paid this month but the longer the situation continues then the more difficult the financial burden also becomes. I know of at least two members of staff who have lost their homes in the south - both with young families. One of those had her second child just a month ago so is trying to cope with displacement, knowing she has nothing to go back to when this is over. Others are trying to care for their children in very overcrowded situations where it is virtually impossible to create routines or activities that will help the children deal with these hard times.

The Khalil family that many of you will know of are in a difficult situation just now. They left their village around ten days ago and were staying in the home of a family friend with 3 other families. It is very difficult though as it is not equipped for someone in a wheelchair and Mrs Khalil has to be carried anywhere she wants to go as the chair doesn't fit doorways and there is no lift. They are trying to find another place to move to but it's very difficult as most places are either already rented or the prices are crazily inflated.

Personal - my residency papers are currently in for renewal. This would usually be done in Tyre so please do pray that it will work out smoothly to do them here in Beirut. I am thankful that we have been able to keep going to church and meeting up with people. There are obviously some areas that I would not be visiting at this time but the opportunities that we have till now are a real blessing. I am hoping to meet up with another teacher this afternoon so please do pray for these times.

Thanks for your continued prayerful interest.

Sunday 24th

N. IRELAND



Rom 9-11

Belfast

Since my last update I have been kept busy in the spread of the Gospel. David Williamson and I were privileged to join with six assemblies for a combined Gospel effort in East Belfast. We were delighted with the effort and the attendance, but were disappointed and surprised not to have heard of anyone professing to be saved. We then had a very encouraging series with the assembly at Bethesda Gospel Hall in Bangor – visitation in a nearby housing



there has since been ongoing correspondence with some Muslims who were contacted during the week.

I was back at the Leicester Boys' Camp in August. It was quite memorable this year – a tummy bug ran riot through the camp and we had to shut down the camp early. However, there were over forty lads who heard the Gospel, and we pray what they heard will be blessed to them.

I had a couple of weeks of drive-in meetings at the beginning of September with the assembly at Mullafernaghan. I enjoyed the meetings. Please pray for those who heard the Gospel.

I have just returned from a week in Poland with David Williamson. We visited five different assemblies during our time there. It was a privilege to visit these dear believers and try to give help in teaching. Pray for the saints there as they seek to bear witness in a challenging environment.



Interval at the conference at Boza Wola, Poland

The rest of the year is weighted more towards ministry. Please pray for blessing on this, but also on the ongoing door-to-door work with David in West Belfast. We feel our need for the Lord's preserving hand on us and His power in all our service.



"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved." Mark 16:15,16

During the dry season of 2022, teams from Nyangombe felt a burden to take the Gospel to areas of the Samuteba Villages which had no active witness for the Lord. Every Sunday, teams would be transported out and go door-to-door speaking about the Lord Jesus and encouraging people to 'consider Him'. This was always done prayerfully, both in the days prior to visits and during the visits themselves. All involved in this evangelism knew that only God can build His work and they were content to play their part.

A head teacher allowed a small gathering to use a classroom at the Primary School in Samuteba. Ministry was provided from Nyangombe and people travelled the 15 miles to encourage those who had come to faith and to present the Gospel to others. Today the small assembly has around fifty adults gathering and about the same number of children in their little Sunday School.

Thirty one people from Samuteba Village were brought to Nyangombe for some baptisms one Sunday morning recently in three vehicles. There is no sizeable stream in Samuteba so they asked if the service could be held here. As is usual in Africa, vehicles turned up on time as requested, and then people begin to get ready!! Soon excited people gathered and piled into vehicles which soon reverberated with happy singing!

A deep part of our Nyangombe River was prepared and the soft mud banking prepared with split bamboo to keep the candidates clean. The only suitable section of river is also a place where smaller crocodiles have been seen recently and shot. Thankfully the service went ahead without a hitch. There was, as always, much singing and rejoicing as many made a public commitment to follow the Lord.

We are grateful to men and women who, even after many years of service in the Lord's work, are still willing to go and make Christ known.



Team praying by roadside before witnessing house to house



Baptism

Tuesday 26th

DEM. REP. OF CONGO



Rom 15-16

Lubumbashi

This email comes to you from very dusty and hot Lubumbashi where we are awaiting the arrival of rain. As Brits, we found the concept of looking forward to rain a strange thing to adopt, but after several years of experiencing the intense heat and dustiness at this time of year, we are beginning to have an appreciation of the African viewpoint!

Following our trip to Katoka, we have been back in Lubumbashi for nearly a month now and it has been a busy time, especially with practical work. We have also had a young diabetic girl from Katoka, and her brother, here with us in Lubumbashi to seek medical advice for her, in the hope that she will be able to manage her condition more effectively.

Praise the Lord with us that our friend Dr Patrick was able to co-ordinate the tests and advice she received as he is a specialist in the field of diabetes. It was a joy for us to be able to take her to his newly opened clinic. He still has much work to do at the clinic to have it fully functioning, but it is a huge milestone that he is now able to treat at least a few patients at a time.

Pray with us that she will be able to follow the advice and that her trip here would have a lasting effect on her health.

Over the next few weeks, we hope to move forward with the design and building of our literature depot, in advance of the arrival of our first container from Revival Movement. We are grateful to have some funding already allocated for this project, but until the location and design is settled, we cannot accurately plan what is achievable with what we have available.

We praise God for his provision of what is effectively a 'free' piece of land – in that we have been given permission to build our depot on a small piece of the excess land at the new CDLA hospital (CHAC), on the outskirts of Lubumbashi.

We are now looking to create a design for the depot which is functional and durable but also cost effective in terms of the materials and time required to build it. It will be exciting to see it starting to take shape and we pray it will be a useful resource for many years to come, DV.

We are also awaiting the go ahead to erect some new 'Hope by The Roadside' billboards in various locations in town. So far, we have only managed to get one of the 5 we have planned in place – but again, we need to accept the slow pace of progress here.

Our work to help Restawhile move forward and prepare for Rachel's departure next year, God willing, continues and is hopefully reaching the end stages of what is required.

Thank you again for your prayerful support of the Lord's work here in DRC.



Mujinga and her brother outside the new clinic in Lubumbashi

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JOSH & KERI KAYE

4/10/24

Wednesday 27th



1 Cor 1-4

MALAWI

Saidi

August was a relatively quiet month, as they traditionally take a break from Bible class when schools are on holiday. I have really missed being with the kids and teens, but I have to say that having weekends free has been a tremendous blessing.

We are nearing the end of the Bibletime translation project. God willing, SALT (South African Literature Trust) will be receiving a shipment of several thousand booklets towards the end of this year.

Originally, I had hoped to use the month of August to travel, connect with and train believers who are interested in using this curriculum in their children's work, but I had to unexpectedly cancel those plans due to a change in staffing at the office. I now see the Lord's hand in this, preventing me from blazing ahead as I am apt to do. I hope to do the traveling and training towards the end of the year when the booklets arrive. This will give me ample time to prayerfully and practically prepare for this massive but exciting undertaking. Please pray that the Lord will give me and the others wisdom and guidance to know how to move forward in a sustainable and God-honouring way.



Along with the national vision of getting the gospel to thousands of children through this curriculum, I am also looking forward to starting several Bible clubs in local schools. This would mean visiting the schools on a weekly or biweekly basis, rather than doing the once-a-semester visits Harold and I have been doing. I am hoping this can prove to be a discipling opportunity for local believers and am praying about how to involve them from the start. Unfortunately, training at the office is taking longer than I expected, so I may not be able to begin in September as I had anticipated. Prayers for wisdom in this area as well are appreciated!



Being at the office full time has given me the opportunity to begin looking into some other translation projects. Earlier in the month I agreed to oversee the work of Emmaus in the country in partnership with SALT. Fourteen courses have already been translated, but they need to be revised and prepared for printing, so we have started that. When Stephen Harper and Mark Beach (formerly part of Everyday Publications) were here recently, we found two other books that were translated long ago and just need revision work: *Tell Me More about the Gospel* and *Food for New Believers*. We are looking forward to getting those into print as soon as possible.

The Lord has been burdening the SALT team about helping facilitate the translation and availability of solid teaching material, so local believers can be built up and equipped to continue the work of the Lord. Imagine trying to grow in your faith with just a Bible that you don't really understand – absolutely no other written helps and likely not any capable Bible teachers either. That's the problem we face here. I believe God can use His word alone to teach through His Spirit, but it's informative that we continually read about the work of Bible teachers in the New Testament and that the Ethiopian eunuch needed someone to explain the text in Isaiah to him. God's instrument of choice for evangelism and building up the church is His people! Sometimes I wonder where they all are.

Please continue to pray with us for labourers to be raised up for this harvest. There are very few solid Bible teachers in assembly circles in this country. The need is great! We are praying the Emmaus courses can be used by God to help fill this gap. How we long for the people of this country to have a good grasp of the solid foundation in God's amazing, life-giving word!

ANNA VALLANCE

19/9/24

Thursday 28th

USA



1 Cor 5-8

New Jersey

As always, I am so thankful to the Lord that I can live independently so far at 88 years of age and attend my home assembly (Pennsauken Gospel Hall), which meetings are a joy. We have good gospel preaching with the blessing of eight professing this year as a result of gospel tent meetings, and excellent ministry. It is a joy to see the spiritual growth in these young men and women. The young people do avail themselves of many conferences near and far.

We have a local home bible study for ladies in the town of Haddonfield composed of several ladies from the assembly reaching out to ladies in the community, some saved and some not saved yet. The interest, questions and discussion are very good. I attended it today. It seems to be a real help to those who are not in fellowship in an assembly. Our brethren have meetings on Lord's Day in Spanish for the many who attend and do not know English very well. So many have come to this country from South America and Central America.

I just finished reading one of your "pioneer series" about the labours of William Williams in Venezuela. I was only about 12 years old when he came to the old Camden meeting and gave an interesting report of the work then. While it was difficult then, I believe it is just as difficult now due to the political situation and lack of petrol and other basic commodities. Nevertheless, we thank God that the testimony and gospel are still being carried on.

C. 1986

MARJORIE THOMPSON

7/10/24

Friday 29th

IRELAND/N IRELAND



1 Cor 9-11

Newtownards

We are grateful for your prayerful support and interest in the gospel work at the National Ploughing Championships in the Republic of Ireland, held from September 17 to 19. We first had a stand at this event in 2012 and we have been encouraged each year by the tremendous opportunities to reach many people with the gospel. This year, the weather was warm and dry, which was a big change for us. Over 244,000 people attended the event throughout the three days, which gave us an excellent opportunity to share the gospel.



There is a lot of preparation work involved in this work, which started back in March with the completion of a lengthy application form and the associated paperwork, including the writing of Health & Safety, GDPR, Safeguarding and structural policies.

The John 3 v 16 shopping bags arrived from Vietnam in April, and we set aside 15,000 for this one event. We are thankful for the assembly at Ahoghill, who once again organised a bag-packing night in August, when over 80 people met to pre-pack each bag with a gospel tract, reply card, and a pen printed with a Bible Verse. The bags were boxed, and the boxes were put onto pallets ready for onward transportation. We are very thankful to the believers who assist with both storage and transportation.

Our stand size at the Championships is 13m x 18m. We rent a 9x6 marquee which is built the week before the event, and we use this to store our bags and materials as well as an area for our helpers to sit and relax over a cup of tea. We are thankful for those who provided an endless supply of traybakes and cakes.



In advance of the event, two 17-foot-long trailers are towed down to the site. These both weigh 3 tonnes and are used as part of our stand. One as an exhibition unit and one for storage.

We often review the literature we have available as we want it to be both presentable and relevant to the world we are reaching out to. Much time is spent designing or redesigning and printing gospel tracts, bookmarks, scripture picture cards, fridge magnets, and various materials for children.

Over the three days, we had help from 22 believers from 17 different assemblies across the Island of Ireland. Our age range was from 20 to 82. It was a blessing to serve together and, at the end of each day, to stay together at the Faith Mission Centre in Durrow, which provided us with excellent hospitality.

Throughout the three days, all 15,000 bags were distributed. We also gave out numerous gospel tracts and booklets, along with 150 Bibles, New Testaments, and gospels. Additional materials such as fridge magnets, bookmarks, and items for children were also distributed. A free competition attracted 802 children and teenagers, all of whom were offered gospel literature.

Many people took time to stop and engage in conversation this year. Although some people refused a bag or literature, the majority of those did so without any hostility. Some people expressed how they struggled to believe in a God who allowed suffering, or some mentioned how they had been disillusioned with religion. Others mentioned they were atheists, and some were very interested in talking for a considerable length of time. It is a joy to be able to engage with a multitude of people, many of whom may never attend a gospel meeting inside a building but, throughout this week, have come into contact with the gospel in a field!

We introduced new printed gazebo sides this year, each with a text and a farm-themed picture, which seemed to draw the attention of people and other stallholders around us.

Following the gospel work, we have received nearly 40 reply cards from people requesting Bibles, booklets, and further information. Please pray for this follow-up work as the Word of God goes into people's homes all across Ireland.

The trustees of Gospel Literature Ireland are very thankful for the opportunity to visit the Ploughing Championships for another year as well as other agricultural shows throughout the summer. Please pray with us for salvation to come as a result of the opportunity to sow the seed of the gospel at these events.

We are starting to organise our next container of bags for 2025 in the Lord's will, and we look forward to further opportunities at similar events next year.



Saturday 30th

ANGOLA



1 Cor 12-14

Chingola

Eph. 3v20&21 "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen"

Replacing roof of the mission house in Camundambala

After Phil Kennedy (Brass Tacks) left us at the end of May, Jonathan continued working on the roof with 2 local lads in the assembly helping him. By the time we left last month an inside loft hatch entry to the roof was installed, more electrics renewed, gable end blocked up, the complete new roof fixed into place, plastering of



Replacing the roof

the outside finished and painted. We were also able to construct a 'Car Port' on the right-hand side which protects our vehicle from the roof leaks and makes it easier when trying to get into the house from the car during torrential rains.

Youth Bible Groups in the home

The youth groups continued to the end. Sunday evenings were such a lovely time of fellowship with 25 young folk (mainly lads) age 17+ on a Sunday night. We really did look forward to those times together as much as they did, and we pray everything sung, read, taught and discussed will be to the glory of God.



Young ladies group

Application for 5 year residency cards

Please continue to pray about the above application. Immigration had our passports this year for more than 14 weeks, at times not knowing where they were. Jonathan is only given 12 weeks medication at a time and this presents a huge problem for us.

Felizardo

Felizardo is a young man in the assembly for whom much prayer was made 20 years ago, when his mother was expecting him. His mother had 'lost' several boy babies, and there was talk of her being cursed. Prayer was asked across the world for this couple, the husband being one of the present elders in Camundambala. Medical advice was given to those in Angola to give her folic acid, and praise the Lord, she gave birth to a healthy boy, named Felizardo (happiness). He is now exercised to become a doctor, seeing the desperate need and absence of good medical care in the area, but at present the universities are not offering courses in medicine, though he will keep trying. At present he is trying to enter to study nursing this year, while he waits for medicine to open up. His father has spoken to us, and greatly agrees with the exercise of Felizardo, but cannot afford to support him, so we have agreed to pay his costs. At present he is in Malange (600km from Camundambala), sitting an entrance exam for nursing. (Saturday 21st...He has just messaged to say he passed well; praise the Lord).



Felizardo

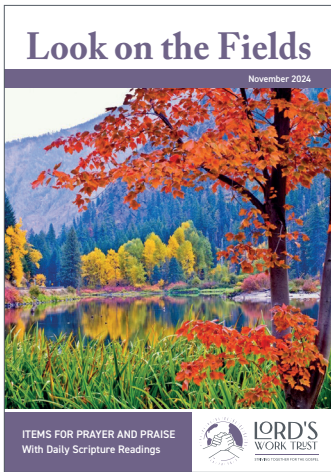
Next visit 29th September – 29th October, if the Lord will

Jonathan has tickets for the above date, along with Phil Kennedy (Brass Tacks) and Ben Carnall (Salisbury Assembly) to go to Angola and stay and work in the house of full-time sister Irene Cardoso in Cavungo. To once again have Brass Tacks giving us the help of Phil is something we are most grateful for, and the exercise of Ben who has some carpentry experience to come along and help too is such an answer to prayer. They look, God willing, to put in place the framework for ceilings to reduce the excessive heat absorbed through the metal roofing sheets. The plan was also that they would be able to fix the ceiling boards to the framework, but they are in the container in Luanda, which arrived there 11 weeks ago, and has still not been released.

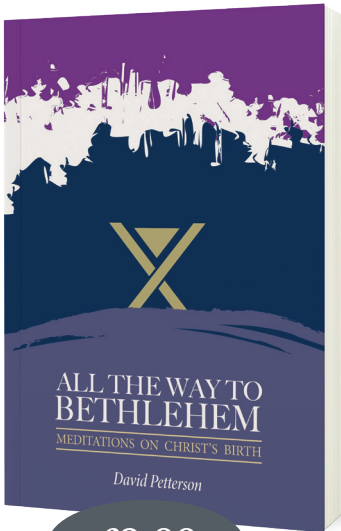
Matters for prayer

- That our residency card applications will be successful and granted if the Lord will.
- For wisdom in helping with the spiritual needs, health needs and poverty requests of all.
- That the Container will be released and arrive before the men are due to start the work in Cavungo.
- For the Lord's clear guidance as to the future path for Felizardo.
- That those Angolans whom we seek to reach with the gospel will come to the knowledge of the Salvation, and those we seek to help to guide spiritually in our home will progress and deepen in their walk with the Lord.

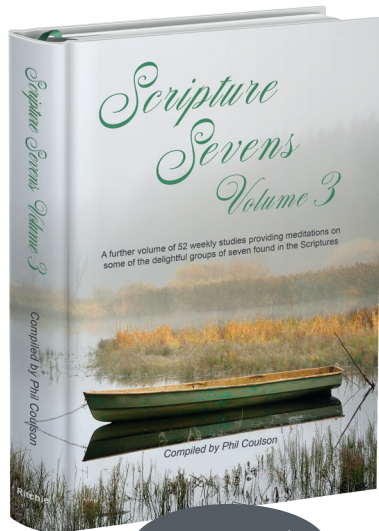
As we close, we thank all those who have prayed for us. Please continue to do so. Also, for all the points above and that we as a couple might know the true guidance and leading of the Lord as to our future in Angola.



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