

Look on the Fields

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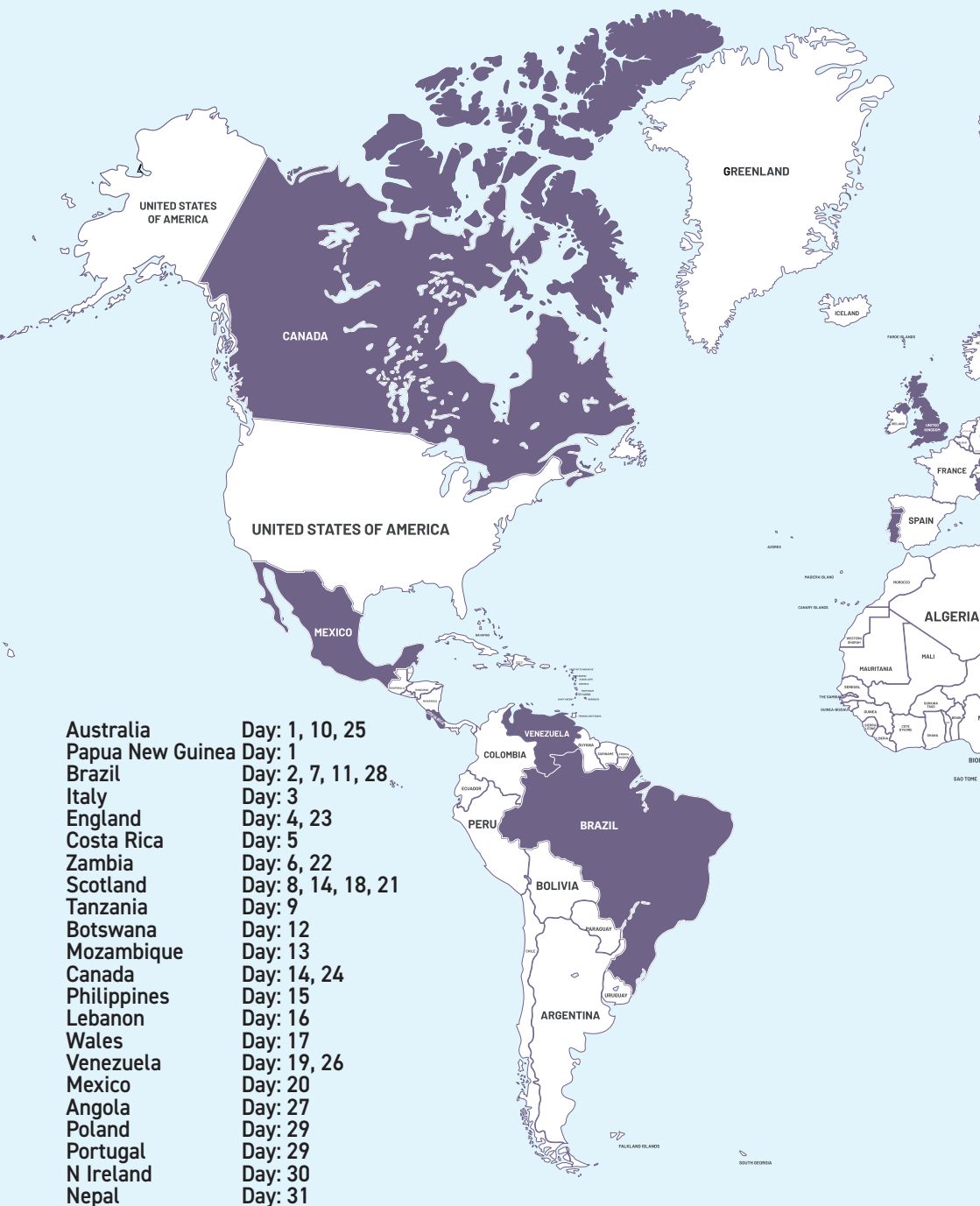


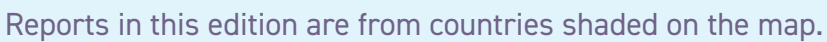
ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE
With Daily Scripture Readings



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

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





Sunday 1st

AUSTRALIA/ PAPUA NEW GUINEA



1 Cor 15-16

Brisbane

Mr David Grant, an elder from our assembly, went to be with the Lord on the 23rd of August. He was a genuine shepherd at Conference Hall, Brisbane, with also a sincere interest in every visitor, saved or unsaved. We deeply miss him.

In September, we had a short series of Gospel meetings in Brisbane. I shared these meetings with local brethren and, for a couple of nights, with Mr Marius Minnaar from New Zealand. Five unsaved visitors attended, including a Muslim man who asked a few good questions after a meeting.

After those meetings, my family and I went to two conferences. First, we went to Burleigh Heads, almost two hours away. Dan Rudge (UK) and Marius Minnaar (NZ) were the main speakers, and I shared the gospel meeting with David Delley, a local brother who helps a lot in Gospel activities. We then attended the conference in South Australia, organised by two small assemblies. Bryan and Dawn Stewart have worked very hard in the gospel in that area for a few years now. The conference hosted nearly 300 visitors, with Ian McKee (UK) and local preachers ministering the Word.

Our work among Spanish-speaking contacts continues with meetings (almost) every Saturday. While attendance fluctuates, we are encouraged by the spiritual growth of those saved and added to the assemblies. On the 7th of October (King's birthday in Queensland) we



South Australia Conference



BBQ with Spanish contacts

invited several Spanish contacts to our home for a BBQ and sixteen of them came, including some unsaved contacts that hadn't been to the meetings for a while. We had a Gospel message before eating.

Lord willing, I will travel to Chile on the 19th of October for gospel meetings and a conference. I was there two years ago and was impressed by the large number of Venezuelans who have moved to that country. On my way there, I will stop briefly in Colombia to visit my family and the assembly where my mother is in fellowship.

In June this year, I joined three Australian brethren for a trip to Papua New Guinea and the Lord kept us safe once again from danger. We visited the four villages where we have seen some fruit in the gospel and helped with the construction of a hall in one of those places. The work there has many challenges, so going there needs a lot of prayer and wisdom from the Lord.



New hall In Papua New Guinea

Please pray for:

- The Conference Hall assembly, especially the elders, as we feel the absence of Mr David Grant among us.
- The unsaved visitors who came to the gospel meetings in Brisbane
- The work in South Australia, including a Gospel effort this January. Some brethren from Canada are coming for a Seed Sowers' distribution before Gospel meetings.
- The work among the Spanish-speaking contacts; for spiritual development among the believers, and for contacts being saved.
- The believers in Papua New Guinea, and for more believers with a sincere exercise in helping in that country.

Monday 2nd

BRAZIL



2 Cor 1-4

Sapiranga,
Rio Grande do Sul

I recently had 6 weeks of Gospel meetings in Itati with our brother Joel Matos. Itati is a country district about 2 hours from home, where I have had many series of Gospel meetings over the years. The work in Itati commenced back in 1956 when our brother Harry Wilson first paid a visit there, and the assembly was eventually formed in 1977. The work has faced many difficulties over the years and the assembly presently has just 10 in fellowship.



Our recent series of Gospel meetings proved to be very encouraging with over 40 present some nights. We were impressed by the variety of listeners who came, with some hearing the Gospel for the first time and others having heard the Gospel many years previously. One woman in her 60s told us that she remembered attending a Gospel meeting held in a house when she was 12 and she has only recently started attending again. While visiting door to door I came across a lady who showed me a framed text that she had received from Sam Curran more than 40 years ago. Sadly, she did not come to the meetings, but we had a few good visits with her and were able to give her another Gospel text. One man in his late 20s professed to be saved and we trust that time will prove that he is genuinely saved.



Since the start of August, we have been having a fortnightly meeting in Dois Irmãos, about 30 minutes from Sapiranga. While I had previously distributed tracts in the town, this is the first time I have preached the Gospel there. The meetings are being held in the home of a couple who profess to be saved and have recently moved to the area, and they have been able to encourage quite a few family members to attend. In addition, we have had a few attending as a result of the invitations given out around the doors. Visiting has been encouraging, with some very interesting conversations with people who have shown a good measure of interest in our message. Please pray that we will be guided in the future of the work in this new area.

One of the families that attended the meetings in Dois Irmãos is from the nearby town of Ivoti, where there has been an assembly for many years. As a result of the interest of this family our brother Leonardo and I plan to commence a series of Gospel meetings in the Gospel Hall there next week, in the will of the Lord. We would appreciate prayer for the Lord's blessing on this effort.



Our Sunday School here in Sapiiranga continues to encourage. Back in February, we decided to provide each child with a packed lunch as they leave the hall and this has proved to be very popular, since most come from very poor families. We would appreciate prayer for this work that the light of the Gospel might penetrate the darkness of these homes.

C. 1998

JAMES & JOY ARMSTRONG

31/10/24

Tuesday 3rd

ITALY



2 Cor 5-9

Naples

This past weekend we have been up in the Milan area and over the weekend I was speaking at the annual Lombardy region assemblies gathering. We had an encouraging time together. Please do pray that the assemblies will maintain a close relationship with the Lord and one another in word and deed.

The local assembly at Bacoli is coming along well enough, though there have been three folks who have been diagnosed with cancer recently, one a little girl of 3 years of age called Micol. We pray that the Lord will sustain, both the afflicted in body and those afflicted in spirit.

Our monthly weekends at the assembly in Termoli on the east coast, have been going well. The next visit is due to be 12-14 October. Please pray for us that these times may be of real encouragement, and upbuilding for the assembly there. We have been able to do some visits to members, as well as spend time with the young folks, seeking to teach them from the Word of God. It was good to see the participation and exercise of so many on the Sunday. Please pray that the Lord will guide us and the elders, in serving the Lord's people to good effect.

C. 1987/88

ROD & DEBBIE JONES

7/10/24

Wednesday 4th

ENGLAND



2 Cor 10-13

Burton on Trent

Following our commendation at the beginning of June this year, we have continued the work that we have been involved with as we have sought to spread the Gospel over the last 10 years. Firstly, school assemblies until the summer holidays and also the WW1 presentation.

During August we held a Holiday Bible Club in the Gospel Hall for a week and had a good number of children and parents attend each day. The local assembly had a stall at the village fete, where we had activities for the younger ones and handed out bags with a verse of scripture, and inside we had put leaflets about events at the hall and some tracts.

Throughout the months of September and October I had responsibility for a number of conferences, ministry meetings and reports.

The WW1 presentation continues to be busy. I have included a couple of pictures of places I have visited over the last few days. One was a U3A group in Cambridge where there were 130 people present. All heard the Gospel and took the 3 tracts away with them. November is always the busiest month for the WW1 presentation and is a great opportunity to spread the Gospel using the story of William Coltman in Remembrance assemblies.

I have been going to one senior school in Burton on Trent every year for the last 8 years, and I plan to visit



WW1 presentation



WW1 presentation

again in November for their Remembrance assemblies. This means 5 assemblies in 3 days and each year group will have over 400 students and approximately 20 teachers present. It is a great privilege to be able to speak to so many, and during the presentation show them John 3v16 and tell them what William believed and stood for as a Christian.

Also, throughout November a number of Gospel Halls plan to use the presentation as a Gospel tool to try to reach out in their locality. We plan to use it at our own local assembly in Winshill, and several other places throughout the UK.

At the end of October, I was invited to show the presentation at the National Memorial

Arboretum; a national place of remembrance in Staffordshire which has over 300,000 visitors each year including 20,000 children on learning visits. I was asked to speak to the Educators, who in turn speak to the children every day. We are praying that this opportunity may lead to many more and perhaps open doors for me to go back and present to children or the general public. We look to the Lord for guidance regarding these things.



National Memorial Arboretum

We continue to put an article into a local monthly magazine which goes into 15,500 homes in the area and we look to the Lord to bless this work. Another work we have been involved with is supporting the Precious Seed magazine by using Instagram. The aim is to increase the readership, particularly of the YPS within the magazine, so people can follow @young.preciousseed and from there we link some of the excellent articles that are in the magazine.

As always, we very much appreciate the prayerful support of the saints as we continue to serve the Lord.

C. 2024

TIM & SHARON COLTMAN

22/10/24

Thursday 5th

COSTA RICA



Gal 1-3

San Jose

We continue to be encouraged by the ongoing blessing and growth in the local assembly here in the heart of the capital city of San Jose. A young teenage girl has asked for baptism and assembly fellowship following the baptism, which will be the fifth baptism over the last year. She will also, Lord willing, be the 6th believer added to the fellowship over the past year.

Expansion plans are underway for the current assembly building as growth over the last few years has made the current building surpass its maximum capacity. Extension of the kitchen and dining room are planned first, followed by an extension of the main meeting room. Truly it is the Lord who gives the increase.

While blessing and growth can at times lead to complacency, we see the important need to build up these new additions to the assembly, as well as building up those who have been in fellowship for years. A new effort has been initiated over the last few months with the purpose of focusing on men in general and specifically the large number of younger men in the assembly. The Sunday afternoon "Men's Workshop" has focused on topics specifically geared towards male roles in the assembly and the more open, informal format of the studies have proved beneficial. The first month saw us cover the essential points of "How to preach the gospel publicly" and was followed up the next month with "How to worship publicly".

Plans are in place for the annual marriage retreat in early January that is geared towards the seven younger married couples in their early 40s and younger that make a part of the San Juan de Dios assembly. Mark and Brenda Bachert from Nicaragua are planning to come for the two-day retreat to help lead the studies that will cover essential biblical truths relating to marriage and God's design for it. The assembly is unique in the sense that many of the believers in fellowship are in their early 40s or younger.

Please pray for the Lord to preserve the believers in the assembly in San Juan de Dios and pray for the Lord to raise up more local leaders to help the current two overseers with the heavy burden of shepherding a growing assembly.



*Mens Workshop-
How to Preach the Gospel Publicly*

Friday 6th

ZAMBIA



Gal 4-6

Chingola

We thank God for the faithful Zambian team now running the Chingola Bible Centre. We have been impressed with the decisions they have been making, and their commitment to carrying on the work there. Because of the desperate economic situation, and other factors, Bible and book sales are well down, but they are continuing with the Emmaus work in 7 of the prisons (or 'Correctional Facilities'

as they are now to be called) in the Copperbelt area, and as far away as Kabwe - a 5 hour drive each way! Each facility is visited every 3 weeks. They also take the book van out to various local market areas, two or three days a week. Please **PRAY** for them, as the devil is not happy and is constantly putting stumbling blocks in their way.

The recent drought, with failed crops and severe water and electricity shortages, has really affected the country's economy, and basic food prices have shot up over the past year. Covid and cholera outbreaks haven't helped, and the poorest are the ones suffering the most. Crime has increased, too, as people get desperate. Like so many of our Zambian brothers and sisters, the Chingola team are struggling, individually, with just 'living'. Please **PRAY** for the country of Zambia - for a really good 'rainy season' this year, and the return of some stability.

In Lusaka, the bookshop in the Bible Centre has been ready to be opened to the public for quite a while now and we have been keen to open it. However, we do not yet have any staff to manage it and are feeling that the Lord is holding it back, for some reason. In our human thinking, we have struggled with that, but are now resting in the Lord, knowing that HE knows best! It's HIS work! Please

continue to **PRAY** with us, that the Lord will lead us to the right people to run the Centre - HIS choices, in HIS time! The Centre is regularly being used to host groups of church elders, coming for week-long Bible teaching sessions. With so much false teaching around, it is amazing to see and hear God's Truth being taught. Please **PRAY** that these elders, from all different backgrounds and from different areas around Zambia, will be challenged and changed, and then take this teaching back to their own assemblies. Only



Chingola Bible Centre



Market outreach from Chingola Bible Centre three times a week

God can do this!

Our favourite days, every three weeks, are the prison visits - sitting down, one-on-one with each Emmaus student, pointing them to the Word and what God has said! What a privilege! We have continued meeting up with the team from Chingola, to visit in the three facilities in Kabwe - Maximum security and Medium for men, and the ladies' prison. We definitely have some brothers and sisters in Christ in there, and it is thrilling to see them grow in their faith and in the Word! We always come away emotionally and mentally exhausted (some of their questions keep us on our toes!) but encouraged! This year, we were granted permission to take the courses into the main Lusaka men's correctional facility every 3 weeks, so we are enjoying that. There is a long list of those wanting to start the courses, but until we get more staff to help with the marking and the visiting, we are having to 'go slow' on new additions... another reason to **PRAY** for the needed staff at the Bible Centre. We are very thankful for a couple of volunteers, who often come with us to the prison, but we need more permanent help to meet the demand for those wanting to study the Word. Please **PRAY** for the salvation and the building-up of our students as they read and hear God's Word.



Bookstall at a church leaders' conference, every year



Feeding time for the groups of students that come for a week of Bible teaching, at Lusaka Bible Centre, three times a year.

Saturday 7th

BRAZIL



Eph 1-3

Rio Grande Do Sul

Presently, Sr Elton from Sombrio is with us here in Três Passos. He is a beloved brother who was commended to serve the Lord is full time capacity earlier this year. We are in the fourth week of a series of gospel meetings at the other side of town from the Gospel Hall.

As an assembly we had been exercised and praying for a suitable room, or disused shop, to rent for meetings and Dona Maria, one of the assembly sisters, when visiting her sister happened to mention this to her, wondering if she or her partner knew of anywhere suitable. They asked her 'would our garage do?' This was a definite answer to

prayer and also made us think that they might have an interest in salvation. They have never been in the hall and have only been to two or three meetings in that district some time ago. They have come every night so far and are listening very well. We would ask you to pray for them very especially. Their names are Sr Elemar and Dona Gessi. Dona Maria's other sister, Dona Neiva who lives nearby, has also come three times. They are a devout Roman Catholic family.

A sixty-year-old lady called Dona Nair, recently contacted, comes with Elizabeth in the car and I bring the other folk who normally go to the gospel meeting on Lord's Day evenings in the Kombi. Many tracts and invitations have been distributed around the doors, but although most of the people are friendly, very few show any interest. However, we keep on sowing the Good Seed and are encouraged to remember that "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5,6

We ask for continued prayer for Tiago, the young man from Braga who tells us he longs for salvation. Last night he travelled 28 miles by motorbike after work to get to the meeting. He came to our house afterwards to speak with Sr Elton. What a joy it would be to hear him confess Christ as his Saviour.



The present series of gospel meetings in Tres Passos

Sunday 8th

SCOTLAND



Eph 4-6

Edinburgh

Since our last report, the Lord has continued to be gracious in our particular sphere. We're thankful to be busy across central Scotland and occasionally further afield.

Gospel outreach

We continue with various local works on a weekly basis, as other commitments allow. These include open-air preaching in Edinburgh City Centre, door-to-door work and meeting with contacts (both in-person and online) to study God's Word. It was an encouragement to hear that a man who attended the Gospel meetings in Logan in May got baptised during the summer. A first-generation Christian, he had been saved at home alone during Covid and the Logan meetings were the first time he had attended an in-person meeting.

In July, I visited the assembly in Lossiemouth for a week of outreach. This included door-to-door work in the afternoons and meetings on pre-announced topics in the town hall in the evenings. It was good to see local people attending, with some coming to every meeting. Good contacts were made and some of these have subsequently been attending the regular Sunday Gospel meeting.

We were also involved with distributing 'Gospel for Scotland' bags at the Edinburgh

Life's BIG Questions

29th July - 2nd August
at Lossiemouth Town Hall

18:30 - 20:30 every night

Coffee and welcome (18:30 - 19:00)
Talk and Q&A (19:00 - 20:00)
Chat and wrap up (20:00 - 20:30)

FREE ADMISSION

www.lossiemouthgospelhall.org.uk

The flyer features a dark blue background with stylized lightbulbs in yellow and orange. A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is visible in the bottom left corner, looking upwards. The text is white and yellow.

Come and hear the Bible's answers
to the big questions in life.

MONDAY 29TH
Is God real?
Hasn't science disproved belief in the supernatural?

TUESDAY 30TH
Is God good?
Why would a loving God send people to Hell?

WEDNESDAY 31ST
Is God in control?
Why is there so much suffering in the world?

THURSDAY 1ST
Is Jesus God?
What do we make of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus?

FRIDAY 2ND
Is God accessible?
Can we be sure of Heaven?

Lossiemouth Town Hall
High Street
Lossiemouth
IV31 6PH

www.lossiemouthgospelhall.org.uk

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Lossiemouth outreach week flyer

Festival, organised by Stephen Grant and Graeme Paterson. Around 30,000 bags with a scripture text and a copy of John's Gospel were given out over the course of the week.

Following this, I shared a fortnight long Gospel series in Whitburn with Blair Martin. Good numbers of local people attended and one man, who had been saved previously, received assurance of his deliverance in Christ. He is now attending all the assembly gatherings.

At the end of October, Craig Munro and I had a Gospel meeting in Bannockburn Gospel Hall. The assembly there closed a number of years ago, so a leaflet drop and some door-to-door work were arranged prior to the meeting. We were really encouraged by the support of believers from neighbouring assemblies and several unbelievers coming on their own initiative. We hope to continue this work in 2025, with a view to a regular Gospel meeting in the Hall.

Children's outreach

In July, for the third year, we helped as leaders at the Senior's Tayside Christian Youth Camp. It was a real encouragement that around 70 teenagers listened to a clear Gospel presentation and solid Bible teaching twice a day for five consecutive days.

During August and September, I had two weeks of children's meetings in Northern Ireland, with the assemblies at Sandringham and Ahoghill. Both assemblies have consistently worked to build up their children's work for years and we were delighted that good numbers of boys and girls attended, along with many of their parents on the final night of each week.

In October, I had children's weeks at Mayfield and Gorgie. We are involved in both of these works on a weekly basis and hope to raise awareness in the local communities. These works have both recently recommenced after a number of years when the assemblies were unable to have a children's outreach. We were encouraged to have some new attendees each week.



Children's holiday Bible club in Gorgie

Bible teaching

In September, I visited the assembly at Spencer Bridge Road, Northampton, for their annual Bible teaching weekend where we considered the subject of 'Touching the Eternal'. I have also recently visited the assemblies in Innerleven and Barrhead, for Saturday night Bible teaching and continue with regular ministry with the assembly in Gorgie on Sunday afternoons.

Please pray for continued wisdom, grace and blessing in these different aspects of the Lord's work.

TANZANIA**Dar-es-Salaam**

We have just returned to Tanzania after our 4 months on furlough in the UK. During this time, we were kept very busy visiting assemblies across the UK, giving reports of the Lord's work here. The reports were well received, with a lot of interest shown, and it was encouraging to welcome more prayer partners. It was so good to catch up with many and to meet new believers with an interest in the Lord's work here. Audiences in some areas were well-balanced age-wise, although in others support was stronger from the older generations – those who have faithfully supported mission work for many decades. Now we wait to see where the Lord will call the next generation of missionaries from. He is still gifting, calling and sending; we pray that those who are listening, will be willing to heed His call, respond to the challenges, and be ready to be used in the spread of the gospel.

It was good to be back meeting with the Kinzudi assembly on Sunday and to see that the Tanzanian believers had been faithfully continuing the testimony. For those who have been praying for the two sisters who have fallen away, you'll be encouraged to know that Mama Christina came with her children for the first time in many months. This is a small but important step in her admitting her sin and asking for forgiveness so that she might be restored to fellowship. We pray that the Lord will continue to work in her heart.

A man with a Seventh Day Adventist background has been attending the meetings for some months and has asked for baptism. Being aware of some of his history, the assembly is proceeding with caution and will need to dig a little deeper to unearth his motivation. Many see baptism as the way into church membership and potential material benefit. Genuine conversion is a prerequisite before baptism, which is then a witness to what has already taken place. Please pray for wisdom.

It was a thrill to see the children at Watoto wa Thamani (WWT) Day Care Centre on Monday, bright, cheerful and energetic. They were pleased to see us and greeted us warmly. Those present received a donated bag of Haribo sweets and new clothes. Yesterday afternoon was spent buying many kilos of rice, sugar and other necessities to keep the children fed and the work running smoothly. Blankets, knitted teddies, hats, cardigans, sweaters, teddy bears, presents and clothes were brought back from the UK as these are essential for the WWT children, the work of the Kid's Clubs and helping those in need.

Mama Ivan, who recently had major heart surgery, was a smiling picture of health on Sunday. She is so joyful, thankful and says that she feels so well. We are thrilled that they both followed through on their commitment to get married as soon as she was well enough. This has cleared the way for them to be received into fellowship once they understand and accept the responsibilities and privileges of being in fellowship in a local assembly. We are excited at this development and pray they will be a motivating force going forward.

We thank the Lord for your fellowship with us in the gospel and trust that you will be encouraged to serve Him in your own context and locality.

Tuesday 10th



Col 1-4

AUSTRALIA

Queensland

It is hard to believe that we are now three quarters of the way through 2024, as we patiently await the coming of our Lord Jesus. "Behold I come quickly" is the reminder to our souls. When He does come, He will not tarry. Nothing and no one will hold Him up, as He comes to claim His long-awaited Bride!

In August, we concluded our time in the USA with a visit to Tampa, Florida for a short ministry series, before a final series of tent gospel meetings in the Iowa city of Guttenberg. Arriving home, it was a blessing and joy to sit under sound ministry from brother Dan Rudge in Cooroy.

The following week, Clive flew to New Zealand to attend the funeral of beloved brother David Persson, a respected elder in the Victoria Avenue Assembly, Palmerston North. Whilst the occasion was naturally marked by sorrow, it was good to be reminded that we sorrow not as those that have no hope!

Returning home from NZ, Rachael had emptied the suitcases from the USA and faithfully packed the bus ready for the long drive of 2100 kms to Adelaide for the Strathalbyn conference. We left in good time on the Saturday to be at Gurley, NSW by that night to spend the Lord's Day with them. The Lord slowed our trip down, as we had some tyre trouble enroute, but a mobile repair man received the Gospel, and we went on our way arriving in Gurley at 4am Sunday. Although tired, we thoroughly enjoyed the time among those precious believers there. The following weekend was so uplifting to see so many gathered to hear God's Word and thrilling to see the rising generation from so many assemblies, particularly in Melbourne. For years, we have prayed for these young ones, and it is an encouragement beyond words to see them flourishing spiritually. The subject for the weekend was faithfulness. A challenging topic and we sensed the voice of the Lord speaking through His servants.

Arriving home, we unpacked the bus and packed some bags, driving the 12hrs to Sydney in our van, where we were engaged in another weekend of ministry. Clive was labouring with brother Albert Sunil from India and the theme for the weekend was "The Blessedness of the Assembly" and "The Blessedness of the Family". This twin theme combined well, as the house of God and the houses of His people are so closely linked.

It was wonderful to be with the saints at the prayer meeting and Bible reading in our home assembly of Cooroy. We miss them when away!

Looking ahead, Lord willing, Clive heads to Canada for the month of November for the annual conference with the Highbury assembly and the conference in nearby Oshawa the following weekend. Three weeks of nightly gospel meetings begin in Highbury on Lord's Day 3rd November, sharing with brother Tim Woodford. We look to God for divine blessing upon these efforts.

Matthias will accompany Clive on this trip. Josiah is working hard, saving for his aviation course which he hopes to start next year. Nathanael continues his diploma of Emergency Healthcare, whilst the younger ones are schooled by Rachael. It is hard to believe that with Thomas turning 13 earlier this month, we now have 5 teenage boys! Until February when Josiah will turn 20.

What a day it will be when we are gathered in glory to rejoice together in all that God

has done. Until then, may we be found faithful to Him and His Word. Please continue to pray for us.

C. 2005

CLIVE & RACHAEL BARBER

24/10/24

Wednesday 11th

BRAZIL



1 Thess 1-5

Ituiutaba

Moving house is like climbing a mountain, but praise God we have enjoyed enabling grace to care for so many urgent details involved. God willing, on 6th November, we will fly from Vitória to Uberlândia and then on by car to Ituiutaba. We should arrive a day before the removal van.

The assembly held a Farewell Service for us. After the service they served a beautiful meal. We give thanks to the Lord for the kindness of these dear friends, for opening up their hearts to us and for all the opportunities to serve among them.

During the last month, knowing that we are shortly to leave Vitória, those responsible for the 'Preachers' List' increased Walter's responsibilities.

Now, we look forward to renewing friendship with the brothers and sisters in Ituiutaba. It is not our intention to return and fill the slot we left when we moved from there in 1995. A few weeks ago, the Bairro Brasil assembly completed thirty-three years and has prospered numerically and in spiritual maturity. God has raised up good young men to lead the assembly. Our age and health limit our service, but we look forward to serving the Lord, especially in the work of coming alongside the younger generation and encouraging them to study and mature. The young men are already suggesting a weekly Bible study. Our aim is to contribute in a quiet but positive way toward the spiritual growth of the assemblies locally.

Please remember us as we face the turmoil of moving house and to another State, and adaptation to new surroundings.

We thank you for your kindness, interest and prayerful support over the many years. It was Abraham Lincoln who said: "To ease another's heartache is to forget your own." You have certainly helped to ease many a heartache we have known and have strengthened us in service by your constant intercession on our behalf.



C. 1966

WALTER & ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

31/10/24

Thursday 12th

BOTSWANA



2 Thess 1-3

Gaborone

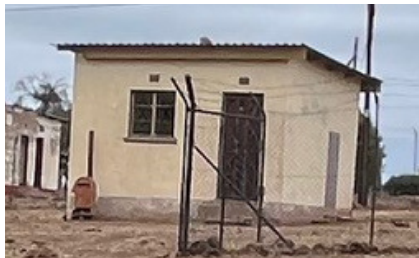
Some things change but God does not. I was shown this small building last week. It is where Jim and Irene Legge (who served the Lord for 50 plus years in Serowe and surrounding areas) once held a regular health clinic. That work is no more being done as other opportunities have taken its place.

In Gaborone for many years, we were able to go into the local hospital to give out tracts among the patients. Sadly, that is no longer permitted due to tighter restrictions, but other doors are open for God's Word.

Schools are giving us opportunities throughout the country to enter and speak freely to children - maybe just for a short time - but the door is open. Some schools receive Bible lessons for the children to complete, other schools allow a believer to teach in the classroom, others invite a brother from the assembly to speak to the whole school at the beginning of the day.

Trees become the perfect spot for a group of children to use as shade whilst a Sunday School is taught - it is yet another open door and we are thankful for the liberties we still have. We do not take them lightly, but realise we have a responsibility to be faithful. One dear sister has continued teaching Sunday School in her garden all this year despite going through chemotherapy.

We appreciate prayer for stamina and to keep fresh in our daily walk with the Lord. We are just ordinary folks, but we have had handed to us on a plate a lot of extraordinary opportunities.



The building where Jim & Irene Legge held a regular health clinic



Sunday School

We know that work for the Lord can undergo a change, but while we have times with children, we continue to value them so much. Please pray for these times with the children to be continued to be available for us.

We know that you are part of this work too, the gifts and parcels you send for the children are a huge part of the work and we thank the Lord for the bond we have in Him to be together in this. God bless you for that. Please pray for us.

C. 1990

JOY GRIFFITHS

22/10/24

Friday 13th

MOZAMBIQUE



1 Tim 1-3

Mapuo

It was exciting to hear the testimonies of six women whose ages range from 45 years to 65 years old. Each one of them testifies how they have come to know the Lord after many years of wandering in the world, bound in cults, and African Traditional Religion. Amazingly each one of these ladies were invited to the assembly meetings by grandchildren from our Sunday School. Reserved and timid, they were surprised to learn that God speaks through His word. After a number of times being at Sunday assembly meetings and Wednesday's meetings, they asked for baptism. On 25 August they publicly confessed their faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism. We are yet to baptise 15 young men and women before the end of the year 2024.

The Bible states that those who go out bearing seed will return with a harvest, for those who win souls to righteousness are wise and will shine like stars (Ps 126:5,6; Prov 11:30; Dan 12:3). Pray with us that the young families who are zealous with the Gospel may be sustained. The Lord is at work in this part of the world. People are always there to listen and pick up the cross and follow the Lord.

Pray with us that we may not be ashamed of the Gospel of our Lord. The truth must get to the people, there is a need to get in to remote areas and present the Saviour to them. The time is now to reach the unreached with the Gospel. "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?" Rom 10:12-15.

Thank you for praying for us in Mozambique as we travel and support the need here.

Pray with us for:

- The need of Bibles
- The Biblical pattern of worship
- Bible teachers to disciple church elders

PATRICK & GRACE MULENGA

17/10/24

Saturday 14th

SCOTLAND/CANADA



1 Tim 4-6

Perth

Recent Trips to Canada

Firstly, I was in Ontario for children's meetings and gospel meetings with the assembly in Arnstein, which is about four hours north of Toronto. The children's meetings were held in a big tent and there were a large number of families who came, many of whom were new contacts. The kids work was followed by a week of gospel meetings for adults in the local ice rink, minus the ice.



Arnstein Children's Tent Meetings

The building has a roof but is open on the sides. People were encouraged to come and bring their own camping chair or even just drive up, roll down their windows and listen to the Good News from the comfort of their car. We were delighted by how many took up the invitation to come, some even driving over an hour to be there after seeing the meetings advertised on Facebook. God was clearly at work in some lives, and some waited behind for further discussion. We trust they will soon make a decision to trust the Lord. A woman was restored to her faith in Christ and to gathering again with the Lord's people and a man aged about sixty, who had recently accepted Christ, was baptised in the local lake. It was a great time of rejoicing.

In the Vancouver area I had two weeks of children's meetings and gospel meetings with the assembly in West Richmond. Thousands of flyers were distributed in the neighbourhood which includes, what they call, project housing for refugees and struggling families. This resulted in around eighty children and many parents coming along. The gospel meetings were also well attended and used of the Lord. Many good and some very frustrating conversations took place each evening. A lady aged around thirty we will call (A) who had brought her family to the kids meetings, came each evening to the gospel meetings. On the first night she waited behind because she had thought herself to be a Christian, but was now greatly concerned. In God's goodness she found wonderful peace and assurance on the second last evening by resting her faith in Christ. We continue to pray for her



*Gospel meetings in West Richmond
Gospel Hall, Vancouver*

husband. The meetings were translated in real time into mandarin through headsets and a Chinese man we will call (P), aged around fifty, waited behind on the final night to say he was trusting in Christ and would like to be baptised. God willing the elders of the assembly are to meet with him and hear his story before baptising him as a believer.

Looking Ahead

God willing I am looking forward to taking my Bible Experience exhibition back to Peterhead at the end of October, then on to Wishaw in November for around fifteen school classes each week. In January, God willing, I am scheduled to fly to Brisbane for meetings with the assemblies in Salisbury and Cooroy.



Youth meeting in Vancouver

C. 2003

GORDON & ALISON McCRACKEN

21/10/24

Sunday 15th

PHILIPPINES



2 Tim 1-4

Manila

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

In my last email, I requested your prayers as I travelled to the Philippines last month to attend a wedding and see if the Lord would provide me with another opportunity to serve Him there.

Praise God for answering your prayers. For the past 16 years I have volunteered with Global Leadership Training, editing, evaluating, and proofreading their materials. While I was in the Philippines for two weeks, I met the Director of GLC, who offered me a full-time position as a GLC Level Coordinator for their student leaders. Not only would I work with materials, but I would also interact with the pupils. What a fantastic opportunity to serve the Lord.

I accepted the job offer and will fly back to Manila on November 11th to begin working on November 16th. My family and friends in the Philippines, together with the ladies I continued to disciple via Zoom while I was in England are very pleased to see me coming back home.

Brother Angelo continues to lead the work of the Lord in Boracay and the outer islands. Hopefully one day I will be able to visit the believers in Boracay.

My family in England and in the Philippines have been supportive of my plans to return home.

Please pray for this significant change of circumstances and for help with my new job, as well as getting used to the heat of Manila again.

C 2000

JINGLE BRADFORD

13/11/24

Monday 16th

LEBANON



Titus 1-3 & Philemon

Tyre

Thank you for continuing to pray for the situation. It is very hard for everyone who is displaced as we miss the normal routines of life. Many are living in cramped houses with extended family where everyone is stressed, and relationships are strained. Children from the south or the affected area in Beirut are not attending school, being exposed to news and the sense of loss is much closer. Please pray for all those displaced. Some of our school families have travelled overseas (to places where they either hold passports or visas) to wait in hope of returning and again they are in a difficult 'limbo' situation.

Lara came down from the mountains at the weekend and we have been able to meet with some families from Tyre plus church activities here, for which I am so thankful. These are really important in order for us to maintain relationships and to be able to support those around us. Lara's parents are hearing the Gospel daily and attending church services so please do pray that in these days when they are removed from everything familiar, they would come to a living faith.

The last few nights, the bombing from down in Beirut has been loud. So many people anxious and without hope so we need to keep praying.

People are weary and tired - even those who have faith have lived through a year of war and many don't know if/when they will ever return to their homes. Even when all of this is over, there are people with no homes or who have spent the last of their savings on accommodation during these weeks so the idea of going home and paying school fees is beyond the reach of many. We are not in a position to provide online learning at the moment as teachers and students are without laptops, books and even internet in many cases. Please pray that God will continue to show me how to use these days as we wait and pray for an end to the destruction and loss. My residency renewal is still being processed so please pray that this will be completed soon.

Many have given generously to support the immediate and massive humanitarian needs - thank you. The practical details of this are being worked out but please pray that this will be used by God to bring comfort and hope to the many displaced. There are still people sleeping in the streets in part of Beirut because they have no other safe place to go. Blankets are hung over the railing along the promenade and in the middle traffic islands along roads.

Several teachers from the school in Tyre have now lost their homes and the needs are massive. Many have young children who left quickly without even some basic items. They have lost homes and livelihood, memories and all of their possessions. It is a grieving process and hard to see how they will rebuild their lives once this is over. Please do pray for wisdom in supporting and caring for these people.

Update 22/10 - Much of the centre of Tyre has been destroyed. I don't think it is even reaching news outside of the region. Previously, the situation had been worse in villages further south and in the suburbs of Beirut, but things escalated this week with many airstrikes. The news in many parts of Lebanon is not good but I'm sure it's not reaching international news at this point. There was hope of a ceasefire, but these hopes have now gone for the time being.

Hiba is one of the people I know who is still in Tyre. Her mother and brothers won't leave Tyre, and she won't leave them. Hiba is a teacher in our school and has been open to the

Gospel at various points in her life. Please pray for her as she copes with the fear and very intense war situation.

Update 2/11 - They hit across from my house (and the school) in Tyre yesterday afternoon. Three buildings disappeared from my neighbourhood and there is a lot of damage. I have not been able to get anyone to check on my house, but from the videos and photos it's clear that there is damage. The building and the school building are still standing but glass, doorways, inside contents, school buses, are damaged. Nobody was present in school at the time, although the attack came with no warning. We don't know the full extent of damage in school either as it hasn't been safe to enter the area.

ANDREA SMITH

18/10/24

Tuesday 17th

WALES



Heb 1-4

Pembrokeshire

Tenby has been busy during the summer months. Being one of the top seaside resorts in Wales, if not the whole of the UK, you can imagine how busy the town gets. It is estimated that 5,000 people live in Tenby all year round, but in the summer holidays up to 50,000 come in each day, some in the hotels and guesthouses in Tenby but many from the caravan parks surrounding the town.

This means we have been very busy in the coffee shop as well, which has often been full all day long. We are always encouraged to see how

much free literature is taken. There are displays in the foyer of the building where we put out tracts and leaflets for people to take, as well as free Bibles. These are steadily taken, so we are constantly replenishing stock.

The posters we display on the boards outside the building are also proving popular. We know this by the number of people who take photos of them on their mobiles as they pass by. In particular, our sign which reads, 'Try praying' has also been the subject of much interest and many photographs. It is our hope that some passersby, who may have reached the end of their tether, may be led to pray to God for help. Some have even come in and asked us to pray for them. What an opportunity!



A married couple being baptised



Sign

IAN & REBECCA REES

21/10/24

Wednesday 18th

SCOTLAND



Heb 5-8

Fife

We have been involved in gospel meetings in four locations over the summer months. In May, the assembly in Gorgie, Edinburgh, convened a series and Joel Hawthorne and I shared the preaching. In April, a mini-series in Kirkcaldy with brother David Matthews and the Leven assembly held tent meetings in June, when Simon Sherwin and I shared the preaching (the tent was in Simon and Jennifer's garden). In August we preached in a Church of Scotland building hired in Scotlandwell alongside Alasdair Baijal and my brother Euan Munro. There was encouraging interest from unsaved in each of the areas and we are grateful for the wholehearted support of the saints. The Lord has graciously given us the blessing of a few coming to know Christ as Saviour and Lord; all of them have no background and some are very 'vulnerable'. Some back sliders have also been restored and have come into fellowship in Glencraig and Leven. Some of the cases of restoration have been very moving. Praise God. Please keep praying that they will all be preserved.

In July our son, Edward, was married and has settled with his new wife, Jade, in Ballingry (1 mile from Glencraig). In July, it was a personal pleasure for us to be back leading the Bushmills Bible Readings for a fortnight. We have a long-standing connection with these meetings over many years and we were able to bring my mother back as well who used to come for years with my late father Gordon Munro. The warmth of the saints was sweet, and the new venue proved to be excellent. We trust the teaching was of help to those who gathered each night. Throughout June and July, we were also able to hold drive in gospel meetings in Lochore Meadows Country Park. The assembly in Glencraig has kept this going since Covid. Once again, we had very good audiences. God is good.

On a more solemn note, two men with who we have been working with closely, passed away suddenly in August in separate circumstances but both deaths involved drugs. It has been hard, and it reminds us of the power of the Devil to destroy lives. Thank God our Lord Jesus came to save lives. We were in Wales and not in Sri Lanka in late August as originally planned. Hannah's mum had been extremely ill and weak for some time. She passed away at the end of August, but we have confidence that she is 'with Christ' which is far better. None of Hannah's family are saved and so we request prayer for the word spoken at her funeral. Thankfully brother Eric Baijal took my place in Sri Lanka serving along with brother Jack Hay at very short notice.

In early September we returned home and were able to help at the Edinburgh Bible Readings. Alan Summers and Jack Hay were leading these readings. A lovely spirit prevailed and there was much to encourage. I then went south to Redditch for a conference and a week of meetings and was enriched by God's people there. I returned for the Perth conference, and to speak at the wedding of Daniel Munro and Lois Campion who have settled in Glencraig, setting up a home in Ballingry. We thank God another new home is commencing that honours our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the second wedding I have spoken at recently. May these young couples be blessed, and may their homes be a vehicle for bringing others to Christ.

I have just returned from Canada. We had some ministry meetings in Nova Scotia (Nineveh and Clements vale) and then travelled through Newfoundland to Labrador to L'anse-au-Loup for the conference and more ministry. We enjoyed our trip every much

and felt the Lord's hand with us. Our late brother Alex Dryburgh from our assembly spent 15 years up there in English Point along with His wife Irene and family. The story of how the gospel came to this extreme northern region by boat is very powerful, and we have prayed for this region over many years. It was a privilege to see how the work has grown and to be able to serve among them there. Truly, it is taking the Gospel to 'the ends of the earth'. Our brother John Meekin and his wife looked after us, and I really enjoyed sharing with him in Labrador. We returned buoyed in our spirit.

80,000 tracts from Scotland Needs the Gospel went out in late October in the Falkirk/ Stirling area. This was designed to coincide with starting a gospel meeting in the old Bannockburn Gospel Hall on a regular basis where there was once an assembly. The first meeting was most encouraging with many unsaved and backsliders present, people requesting bibles, and a full hall. Please pray for this new work. We appreciate very much the love and care of the saints: 'brethren pray for us' (1 Thess. 5. 25).

C.2016

CRAIG & HANNAH MUNRO

31/10/24

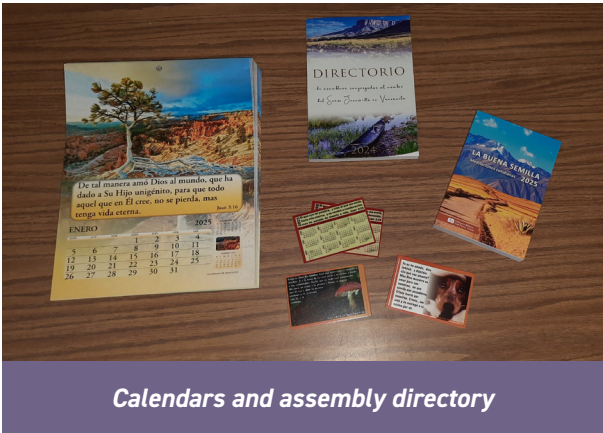
Thursday 19th
VENEZUELA



Heb 9-10

Palo Negro

As we think of the Lord's work here, we are conscious of much weakness in ourselves, but we rejoice that the excellency of the power is of God and not of us. We continue to lean on Him for guidance and strength. Please continue to pray that the work will be preserved for His glory. The assemblies are active in the spread of the gospel and God is working, but the political unrest has a ripple effect on every aspect of life. We remind ourselves that God is still on the throne, but ask you to pray for this country, especially that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.



Calendars and assembly directory

As to our recent exercises, we had three weeks of Gospel Meetings in Maracay, starting on the last week of August. We were encouraged with the good number of unsaved who attended and the evident working of the Spirit of God. The saints were cheered as we heard of a few getting saved. After that we visited the assembly in San Juan. They had requested ministry meetings for some time, so we tried to encourage and strengthen the believers, looking at Ephesians chapters 4 and 5.

After that we had a week of Bible Readings in another assembly in Maracay, looking at the doctrines outlined in Acts 2:41-42. It was the exercise of the elders to take up these precious truths in view of the good number of young believers in fellowship and others who profess to be saved. Next, we helped the assembly in La Pica with ministry, looking at the doctrines mentioned in Hebrews chapter 6 verses 1 and 2. The assembly in Palo Negro joined the meetings and the interest in the Word of God was evident. Last week we had another week of Bible Readings in a third assembly in Maracay, looking at Romans chapter 8, and finished with a gospel meeting on Saturday night, after which three believers were baptised. We have much cause to praise our God for the Work He is doing and the exercise of the Lord's dear people.

The monthly ministry meeting that rotates among the 13 assemblies in this area was held last Saturday in San Mateo and it was encouraging to see 430 believers gathered to hear three brethren minister the Word of God. These meetings have been a blessing over many years and we rejoice to see many young believers present with a desire to grow in the things of God.

We have received from the printer 12 new tracts and an updated assembly directory. The daily devotional reading calendar for 2025 was printed in Colombia and has been received safely. We have also received from our local printer the gospel wall calendar and the pocket gospel calendar. The next couple of months will be a busy time as we seek to distribute these among the assemblies. We have made another order of bibles from the USA and trust they will arrive soon without hassle from customs officials. A music edition of our hymnbook is being printed, and we would like to publish another commentary on the Epistle to the Romans before the end of the year, Lord willing. Please remember these exercises in your prayers.



Books



What the Bible Teaches book series

Friday 20th

MEXICO



Heb 11-13

San Luis Potosi

In October Ricky Sawatzky and I had five nights of gospel meetings with the assembly in El Barril. Prior to the meetings, the believers distributed around 600 invitations and Seed Sower texts. The attendance was very encouraging, with good numbers of unconverted out nightly. We rejoiced that one man, Pepe, professed faith in Christ. Years ago, Pepe was very hardened to the gospel and would become enraged when his wife and adult daughters would sneak out of the house to attend the meetings. Over time, Pepe softened enough to the gospel that he began to attend the meetings regularly. With time he was convinced that what we preach is the truth and despite him not being saved, he would talk to almost everyone and tell them about Christ. Several times over the last couple of years he would comment that he still felt that he was lacking something. One night during the week of meetings in October, Pepe realised that Christ had died for his sins and for the first time he took it personally. He later said that the burden he was carrying for years has been lifted and he has complete peace with God.



We are thankful that recently, Magda, has attended the assembly meetings and is showing great interest in the things of God. Magda professed to be saved early in the work in El Barril, over a decade ago, but then she and her husband moved to the city of Monterrey some five hours away. There she attended a denominational church. We lost contact with her for many years, but over a year ago she moved back to El Barril. Initially, when she returned, she attended a charismatic church because her sisters told her that she owed them for helping her. She finally overcame their threats and the fear of man and a couple of months ago she started to attend the assembly meetings. Since, she has hardly missed a meeting and seems thrilled to be there. We hope that someday soon she will be added to the assembly.

Prayer requests

- Pray that Pepe (mentioned previously) will soon have a desire to be baptised and that eventually he will be added to the assembly.
- A young man Cristobal, in his mid-20s, that was once in the assembly has discovered his need of restoration. We value your prayer for his restoration to the Lord and His assembly.
- Pray for the salvation of more men. Currently, there are few in the assembly.
- Pray for the growth of men that can take the leadership role of overseers in the assembly.
- Pray for the spread of the gospel as we preach in Jesus Maria and Chupaderos, two communities close to El Barril.

JASON & SHELLEY WAHLS

4/11/24

Saturday 21st

SCOTLAND



Jam 1-2

Bridge of Weir

The second half of the year has been busy. The assembly had our usual stall at Bridge of Weir Gala Day, handing out hundreds of specially written tracts. We had many opportunities for conversations with villagers. The value of the testimony of local Christians helping pick up litter in the park afterwards can't be overestimated. I chair the Bridge of Weir Gala Day and have many opportunities to share the gospel and interact with locals.



In July I was at Week 1 of the Shetland camp speaking about the events from the Lord's crucifixion to His ascension, Elijah, and the Romanian missionary Richard Wurmbrand. Shetland camp is extraordinary. I was so impressed to see local and visiting believers of all ages working hard to make it a success. We particularly have so much to be thankful for in our young people. After Shetland I was at Faskally for Tayside Junior Camp. There is no greater privilege than teaching the scriptures to children, hearing them sing their hearts out and reciting scripture. The morning and evening devotions and prayer meetings are a highlight of camp.



Shetland Youth Camp

Every available Monday during the holidays, and for a week in August, I was at Motherwell for a holiday kids club. The saints worked hard, and we had a great week with children from a wide range of nationalities and backgrounds.

A highlight of our year at home is our holiday kids club. 60+ children attended over the week and at the prize giving I had the joy of preaching to around 70 locals, many of whom had never been in the hall before.

In December we will have a service in Hope Hall as part of the village Christmas lights switch-on ceremony. Last year there were over 300 people in the hall which is then open for refreshments. It is another wonderful opportunity in the gospel.

For the past 10 years Linda and I have been

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involved in arranging 'Families Weeks' in April and October at Faskally House. It is always a lovely week with good food, excellent Christian company and first-class teaching to three age groups: Adults, teenagers and children. Each day begins with a meditation, and we finish every evening with a sing-song, some of the best singing I've heard! For believers in small, remote assemblies, families weeks are a lifeline. So many have so little local Christian company. Anywhere from 80-100 people attend and it's unusual for families to come only once!



Families week at Faskally

Last October I was involved in running a weekend at Faskally to help children's workers with ideas, materials, etc. It went very well and we are keen to repeat the weekend at some point.

Please pray for:

- Children's work and workers across the country. There really is an open door!
- Camps and camp workers. Camp is hard work and volunteers are few. Pray that Christians will have a burden for this work.
- Families are under attack; much prayer is needed for them.
- Imagination in how we reach people in a relevant way without compromising the gospel.

RICHARD & LINDA SMITH

4/11/24

Sunday 22nd



ZAMBIA

Jam 3-5

Mulundu, Luapula

"Except the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain that build it" Psalm 121:2

Mambilima Mission Hospital is situated in Mulundu Village of Mwense District. Its fundamental purpose is to communicate by word and deed the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the members of the community. The hospital therefore seeks to provide quality health care, based upon the truth and teaching of the word of God.

The medical work began in 1920, and by the grace and help of God has grown to a well-equipped hospital with 110 beds for in-patients. We thank our God for the great commitment shown by our medical team, under the guidance of the Hospital Board. This year has been rather unique for everyone across the country due to limited financial

support from the government, but the staff have continued putting in their best in the routine operations of the hospital, including the valuable spiritual contact with the staff and patients.

We are thankful to be able to report the following:

- The continued faithfulness of our God in supporting the hospital work through both the Government of Zambia, and generous donations which have been an important element in maintaining quality health care.
- Last year the hospital managed to undertake the following major hospital projects: Completed water pump and tank installation, refurbishment of the children's ward and the on-going construction of the Antiretroviral Clinic.
- Last Christmas, the hospital held a service for patients and gifts and food were shared. All the patients received a bible on this important event. It was a joyous moment.

We continue to seek God's direction and provision in the following areas, in order to continue to improve the functioning of the hospital.

Transport challenges - In the past year, our hospital faced significant transport challenges that impacted our ability to deliver essential services to our community administratively. Due to government regulations, our only reliable utility vehicle has been working as an ambulance in the district so is not available to be of use in other areas at the hospital. Administrative works and other mission services have been affected due to the lack of Mission vehicle at the hospital.

School of Nursing project - We are thrilled to share with you a significant development in our mission to expand healthcare and Gospel outreach. Mambilima Mission Hospital is pursuing the establishment of a School of Nursing, and we invite your prayers and support. The hospital management, the board and local churches are united in prayer, seeking God's provision to open financial doors for this project. The administrator has initiated the process, and the provincial health office has given their approval. We, therefore, request your prayers for God's guidance and wisdom, financial provision and successful project implementation.

We are very thankful to God for the continuous provision of quality health care we have been providing to the large community. However, we believe of even greater importance is the spiritual impact of this medical work. The good news of the Lord Jesus Christ is presented to both patients and staff members throughout each week in various ways, such as staff devotions, patient visitation and the gospel presented every morning over the public address system at the hospital. Only eternity will confirm the people who were transformed through the power of the living word of God.

In closing, we greatly value your ongoing prayers and support, as with the help of God the hospital continues to provide the required services to this community. In so doing we trust that this will further the Kingdom of God, and so continue to glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday 23rd

ENGLAND



1 Peter 1-5

Birmingham

In previous reports (2023) I mentioned the salvation and baptism of Scott, who has become a valued brother in the assembly. We are now rejoicing with Scott in the salvation of his mother, Phyliss, who will be baptised this coming Lord's Day (10th Nov, DV), and pray for further blessing in the family. Continue to pray for unsaved family of other brothers and sisters in the assembly, especially spouses Elaine, Charlene & Tom.

This has been a year of consolidation in the assembly. As well as my own regular weekly Bible teaching, we have enjoyed very helpful visits from Leslie Craig, Stephen Baker, Richard Collings and Jack Hay, giving teaching on Worship, Election, Church truth and the Holy Spirit. It is always a joy to see new believers grow in the Lord with roots set in His Word. There are challenges along the way, and we are conscious of our need of the Lord's continual help and keeping, as the hymn says: "I need Thee every hour".

We also had Robert Armstrong and Paul McCauley with us over the summer for our annual Reaching Muslim outreach week in Small Heath. It was particularly encouraging to see young believers this year stand for Christ and the cross in, at times, hostile conversations. It is for this reason that we put a big emphasis through the week on prayer, training and edification, and value the support of visiting brothers.

This year, Robert brought with him the Origin Bible Exhibition. Only a handful came in: Leroy, a believer, has continued to come to assembly gathering from time to time. Surjit, saved from a Sikh background asked us to pray for her Muslim husband. Cihangir, whom I've had many conversations with, came to view the exhibit. Like many, he is stubborn in his own beliefs, but Robert challenged him very directly about his need of a Saviour.

Out on the streets, many varied conversations were had. One Muslim lady asked about aspects of dispensational teaching and the Scofield Bible – certainly not a conversation I've ever had before with a Muslim. Shakeel spoke to us a few times. In the beginning he was adversarial, but by the end of the week he was willing to accept a Bible.

It has also been a year of great encouragement in the Seed Sower work which you can read about separately. School's work continues each Wednesday in my old primary school but in the weeks before Christmas I have multiple assemblies in five different local high schools. Prayers appreciated and valued.



ANDREW & JANELLE MULLAN

3/11/24

Tuesday 24th

CANADA



2 Peter 1-3

Nova Scotia

After more than 26 years in Mexico, Alison and I made the difficult decision before the Lord to return to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and arrived two years ago. We had been in Hermosillo, Mexico since the end of 2010 and it was not easy to leave the believers behind. I have made a few visits there since we returned to Canada.

Our exercise continues to be especially, but not exclusively, the work amongst Spanish speaking people, which includes writing and editing. The assembly in Crapaud, Prince Edward Island, convenes a gospel supper every couple of months that is preceded by a gospel meeting in Spanish. Over the past two years, I have been able to be there many times to share with John Turkington. There is a Cuban sister in fellowship there who has contact with many Hispanic people and does a great work at getting them out to hear the gospel.

The assembly in Pugwash Junction, Nova Scotia, also has an exercise to reach a good number of Mexicans who come every year to work in a lobster plant. Although this year their schedule didn't allow as much contact as in 2023, I was able to share the gospel with about 15 of them in a rented community hall near their work in early September.

Last month, Alison and I were able to be with John and Rebekah Nesbitt in San Antonio, Texas for a week, sharing in the regular weekly meetings. A cottage meeting on the Thursday night was especially encouraging, with 14 people under the sound of the gospel. Two sisters in very recent days have expressed their desire to be baptised. We also had a brief visit with the assembly in Springdale, Arkansas where Harry and Rebekah Rodríguez have been labouring for several years. I had visited back in May for their annual conference as well.

In November of this year, I will be visiting four assemblies and one newer work in Mexico for a few weeks, including a conference in Veracruz. From there I will head to Costa Rica for nine days of teaching, including a conference. As always, we sense our dependence upon God for His blessing and help.

Here in the Maritime provinces, there are several assemblies that are not very large in number, and I try to visit from time to time to give a word of encouragement. The faithfulness of believers when things are difficult is a wonderful thing to see, and we seek to strengthen them as able.

We have two visits planned to Mexico in the first four months of 2025, God willing, including the Hermosillo conference in March. For the past several years, I have also been with the East Los Angeles, California assembly for their conference the weekend before Easter (also a Spanish-speaking assembly), and I hope to be there next year as well.

Your prayers for both God's direction in our labours and for strength to fulfil His plan for us are much appreciated.

C. 1996 (Canada)

MARCUS & ALISON CAIN

4/11/24

Hark! The herald angels sing



HARK! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Wednesday 25th

AUSTRALIA



1 John 1-5

South Australia



South Australia Conference

During September we had our annual conference. God has been most gracious to us in enabling us to open this door of opportunity for the blessing of His saints. For the two small assemblies, it is always a significant undertaking. This year, we had 225 in

attendance, with 170 being interstate visitors. Somehow, we managed to host 67 in our home! These were mainly young people and students who could not be expected to afford accommodation elsewhere. Our dear teaching brethren coped admirably with the unfolding chaos.

The ministry focused on the theme of "Found Faithful," and we received sound, practical teaching. We were heartened to hear from quite a few who felt personally impacted by the messages. We were blessed to have Ian McKee from the UK join us, alongside our national teaching brethren. We were also joined by my son's father-in-law, Ken Biddington, from NB, Canada, who shared his testimony.

With only eight local believers physically able to shoulder much of the conference's responsibilities, we were immensely helped by our interstate visitors. Without their assistance, we could not have managed the practical side of the conference. The local believers, particularly the sisters, provided over 1,000 hot meals over the weekend, in addition to tea, coffee, and snacks. As you can imagine, preparation begins weeks in advance.

Shortly after our own conference, we were invited to visit New Zealand to attend two conferences, where we had speaking responsibilities. This was our first trip there, as the need here in South Australia is always great. We managed to visit several assemblies in the ten-day trip and even squeezed in a day of sightseeing in that beautiful country.

Locally, the work continues in the Gospel and Bible teaching to local believers. We are encouraged by some who have come into fellowship. We long that others might also see the blessedness of God's assembly, where the salvation we have can be fully utilised, where the priesthood of believers is active, the freedom to use the gifts bestowed upon us is given place and where the Spirit leads and guides. May Christ be central, honoured, and glorified among us!

We would appreciate your prayer for the little assembly here. There is much need; Heaven alone knows. Also, please pray for a planned "Seed Sowers" event in January in South Australia. With the help of believers from across Australia and even some from overseas, we hope to distribute tens of thousands of John 3:16 leaflets in Goolwa, Strathalbyn, Mount Barker, and Adelaide. We also plan to hold Gospel meetings in conjunction with this effort, God willing. As you know, much prayer is needed.

As a family we have much to be thankful for. We appreciate your prayers for our family, as they are a tremendous support to us in the work here. Once again thank you most sincerely and may you know Him, our Lord, more and more as we wait for Him from heaven.

Thursday 26th

VENEZUELA



2 John, 3 John & Jude

San Carlos

We have just concluded 5 weeks of gospel meetings here in the hall of Tucupita. The attendance of unsaved was fairly encouraging, and we are grateful for the exercise of several of our sisters who were very diligent in inviting people in different areas of the city, who were then brought in vehicles to the meetings. A child, age 9 told us he got saved.

Also, a man called Orlando, who had heard the gospel with interest and was reading a bible which he had received, made known that he had trusted Christ. But we are also disappointed that others, who attended very well, continue in their sins. The last night of the meetings, a sister called Eleonora was baptised. There were many unsaved present and some of her relatives who had never heard the gospel, came for this occasion. A lady called Señora Dexy, who made a profesión of faith several months ago, has been bringing some of her family to the meetings. She lives in a humble shack but has expressed her desire that we preach the gospel there, so we are praying that this open door may be another place where a work could begin.

Another encouraging visit was made on the 28th of September to several indigenous communities about 2 hours down the river by boat. People in extreme poverty are very willing to receive us and listen to a short message in the gospel. We always return with a big desire to spend more time evangelising these communities and pray that the means may be granted by our Lord to go there on a steady basis. Our biggest problem is to get petrol for the boat. This is still very restricted.

The need to advance in the spread of the gospel to other places is great but we also see the importance of remaining with the assembly here in Tucupita which is still relatively new. A few of the younger men are beginning to show spiritual maturity and a development in their gift, and we try encouraging them to take on further responsibilities. David Perez is my partner in the work here, and although he is not commended full time, he gives all his time to the assembly and the activities in the gospel in this area.

Your prayers would also be appreciated for our brethren in the assembly of Maturín which is one of the closest to us. This is where the late Don Alirio Guerrero laboured very hard till the Lord called him home during the pandemic. The brethren there continue preaching in several of the places where he laboured. At present they have a special exercise in a country place called La locación, where there seems to be many people thirsty for the truth. We can see a real need for more labourers in the harvest field.

It's not easy to have growing up adolescent children and we would really value your prayers for each one of our family. Their names are Matthew (19), Mark (17), Philip (13), Joscar (12) and Selena (8). And for us that we may be preserved and used for His glory.

C. 2014 (Ven)

WILLIAM & JOELINA TURKINGTON

27/10/24



Baptism in Gospel Hall, Tucupita

Friday 27th

ANGOLA



Rev 1-4

Camundambala

On Tuesday 22nd October there was a very strong gust of wind which lasted for no longer than a minute at about 6pm, accompanied by heavy rain. Much of the roof of the Gospel Hall and many of its roof timbers were blown off, as well as some of the roof of a storage building where Bibles are stored.



Damage to Gospel Hall & storage building

The new Gospel Hall is not ready to be used yet, so urgent remedial action is being taken. The mud brick walls of both buildings need a new roof as soon as possible as it is the rainy season, so leaving the walls exposed is not an option. Replacement roof timbers sourced locally are now in place, work stopped early yesterday afternoon owing to more wind and rain, but new roof sheets are being installed.

The believers have plans to use this old hall after renovation for Sunday school work etc so please pray that the building will be preserved. Praise the Lord that there was no loss of life in this storm as a result of the damage to both buildings. Let us supplicate the Throne of Grace and bear up our fellow believers in prayer.

Praise the Lord that the 40ft Chokwe Bibles container with the consignment of Chokwe Bibles and Hymn books eventually came out of the port at 10:30pm on 6th November after many days of tireless efforts by Brother Kalwiji. Yesterday, driver Maurício started the nearly 1000 kilometre journey from



Replacing the roof sheets

Luanda to Camundambal. Praise the Lord with our fellow-believers in Angola who have joyfully unpacked the container which arrived safely in Camundambala this evening! We are so thankful for the prayers and expressions of support by so many in so many different ways.

Please continue to pray for the situation regarding the first container which remains unresolved. Pray it will soon be released. Brian and Debbie Howden have delayed

their return to the UK by a week. They now leave Camundambala on Tuesday week 19th Nov, giving them time to sort this container and leave things in order and hopefully unload the other container.



JOHN FENN, ANGOLAN LITERATURE FUND (ALF)

8/11/24

Saturday 28th

BRAZIL



Rev 5-9

Santarém

In recent weeks the drought has reached the lowest levels ever recorded, leaving some communities isolated. This is making it difficult for us to navigate the Arapiuns River, increasing our sailing time, and in most communities it is necessary to leave the boat anchored in deeper parts far from the communities, but we believe that the Lord is in control of everything (Psalms 46:1-3).

I have been preaching the gospel twice a month in six communities on the Arapiuns River, on the second and fourth week. We are grateful to God for the new converts in two communities (Nova Vista and São Pedro) on the Arapiuns River. The new converts have already requested baptism, and I ask you to continue praying for them. The newly converted couple Zezinho and Conceição are very interested in a place of their own for us to meet more often with them and the other brothers, so they have donated part of their land to build a small wooden hall for preaching the gospel if it is the Lord's will. We appreciate your prayers.

We want to express our sincere thanks for your prayers for the advancement of the gospel in northern Brazil and for our family.

C. (Brazil)

SERGIO & DEBORA RODRIGUES

5/11/24

Sunday 29th

POLAND/PORTUGAL



Rev 10-14

**Writing from
the USA**

I spent 3 weeks of September/October in Poland and Portugal. In Poland there were 10 meetings altogether in 7 places. These included home Bible studies in Wroclaw where Tom and Anne Stanczak have been instrumental in seeing an assembly planted. I also spoke at meetings in Belk, Bytom, Boguszowice and Tarnow.

There was also a youth conference in the south of Poland. In attendance were 250 Polish youth, but also 150 foreign youth (22 countries represented) who came from likeminded assembly movements. My task was to preach the gospel from Romans 5:1 and conduct a seminar on anxiety and depression. The large attendance at the seminar (70) is evident that many young people struggle with a lack of peace.



Youth Conference Poland

In Portugal I visited Peter and Nelly Cerqueira, missionaries in Lourinha. Peter organised 5 meetings in 4 different places. One of those places was in Lisbon at Olarias assembly where there are many young people. The meeting place is too small to fit all. There I had the opportunity to preach Christ from Philipians 2. One of the great needs in Portugal seems to be for more workers. Most of the work seems to be among Brazilians and Angolans living in Portugal. The Portuguese people are much more difficult to reach with the gospel.



Assembly in Olarias Lisbon

Prayer requests:

- For the Polish young people. Some need salvation. Many need counselling. All need the Spirit of God to move in their lives. Pray the youth would centre their lives around Christ and the Word of God.
- For Polish Christian couples. Some struggle in their marriages. Others struggle as a result of not having many in their age bracket in the meetings.
- Pray that believers in assemblies would have a deeper appreciation for the person and work of Christ, that they would know and enjoy the love of Christ.

- Continue to remember the work among Ukrainians.
- In Portugal, pray for a Brazilian missionary planting an assembly in Marinha Grande. Pray for Peter and Nelly Cerqueira, North American missionaries labouring in a teaching ministry. There is a great need for teachers of the Word of God.
- In Portugal, pray for the young people. There is interest among the young to live for Christ. They need our prayers and encouragement.

C. 1998 (USA)

MARK & TAMI SWAIM

28/10/24

Monday 30th

N. IRELAND



Rev 15-18

Moneymore

During September we had a Gospel series in Ballymahon, where John and May Sweetnam live with their boys, and we are glad that God had prepared the ground. It was most encouraging to have a good number of locals in nightly, some that were initially unknown to our brother and his wife. We had some very profitable conversations as we visited in the area and God knows what has been accomplished for eternity. Pray that even yet the seed sown might bring forth fruit in salvation. Brother Edmund Johnston also contacted Ukrainian families during the meetings, leaving literature with them in their own language.

Currently, brother Gary Woods and I are in the fifth week of Gospel Meetings in a Portable Hall situated at the business park in the centre of Augher. The site is very convenient and visible as folk travel through the town. We are glad of very good numbers attending, and indeed thankful to have a good number of unbelievers present almost every night. We appreciate the support of Christians from the surrounding assemblies and pray that it might result in the ingathering of dear ones for His glory. We look to the Lord for news of salvation.

As we anticipate the commencement of the annual calendar work and the distribution of the Word of God into prisons, hospitals and nursing homes in the South of Ireland, we ask that you pray that the ground would be prepared for the sowing of the good seed. In the past we have been most encouraged to see last year's calendar displayed in offices and receptions as we visit with the new calendars. The calendars are generally given to residents and staff and a box is left in receptions for visitors to take from also. We really appreciate the help of all those who assist in this work. We thank God for willing helpers.

Tomorrow the Bible Exhibition will be in a school in the Newtownabbey area during the day and we hope that approximately 120 children will be involved. This will be our final Exhibition in schools until the new year, owing to the commencement of the calendar work. We have been pleased with the reception that the Bible Exhibition has had in schools and particularly encouraged by the positive response of staff to their pupils hearing the Word of God in this manner. Pray that this work will be enabled to continue, and doors would remain open. In a world where young people are so bombarded with falsehood, how good it is to be able to bring them the Word of God which is "quick, and powerful" Hebrews 4:12.

C. 2017

PAUL & LINDA KISSICK

7/11/24

NEPAL



Writing from N Ireland

Jeremiah 9:23-24 'Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.'

The dear believers in Nepal have suffered yet again with another series of floods which always results in landslides causing great material damage and loss of life. The last one was no different; it ruined the livelihood of many of the believers who depend on agriculture for their existence and the rearing of their families.

Please continue to pray for the people of Nepal and Sikkim. They give us all such encouragement through their interest in the Word of God and the assemblies to which they belong.

Report 1 from the believers in Nepal

We had to leave our bikes and walk for 2 ½ hours on 1st October. The bike was like a dancing star in the muddy, slippery road. Somehow, we managed to reach brother Suresh's house safely. We wanted to know if the government had done any relief work. The answer was only the data collection of the flood victims. The road was cleared by the fund collection of the villagers and by those who went to work in foreign lands. Today the flooded mud was cleared by the excavators so it is good news that vehicles can now run and carry necessary items to the village.

Brother Suresh showed us the damage. The below pictures tell more than words. We noticed both husband and wife have a cough and sore throat. We only could give some health tips; drink boiled water. The whole village is stinking. Many animals and plants have started to rot under mud. This may bring many other health issues.

We are facing water supply issues all around. The land slide broke the pipes in many spots and reconnecting the pipes and cleaning the water storage pools is not easy. That may take more than a month. The hostel children are affected most. They had to carry water from neighboring wells for cooking and cleaning.

The saints in Kaushaltar and Jadibuti are dealing with their problems. The clothes made dirty by the flood are



cleaned and dried. Their houses are on the riverbank, so almost every year they face the same problem. They may need to move to a safer place but could not afford to do so.

Report 2

We, the believers of Nepal, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the precious saints over there for your Christian love and prayers towards us. The saints who are in a desperate situation are revived by the love you shared.

Brother Suresh and sister Laxmi are gradually recovering and adjusting to their new normal, even though their loss has been significant. Recently, brother Suresh shared with me that he feels God has been guiding him away from his previous work with pig farming. He felt God was encouraging him to prioritize spiritual commitments. Through this experience, he is learning to put his trust more fully in God and to dedicate himself more to the assembly. It has been a transformative time for him, and we encourage him to see how his testimony is impacting believers across Nepal and beyond. We humbly ask for your prayers for them as they continue to seek God's guidance and strength during this time. Two families in Bhaktapur are planning to add more mud to their floors as a preventative measure against the yearly flooding. Under the guidance of their assembly elder, this work will commence soon.

The saints at Kaushaltar have relocated from their previous shelter by the riverbank to rented land at a higher elevation. They will soon begin the construction of a new dwelling to ensure safety.

We are also addressing the challenge faced by the Lalitpur Assembly in the eastern elevation of our assembly building, where landslides have threatened our assembly's premises. After much prayer, we've begun building a waste water management tank to mitigate the risk. However, to fully address the issue, we need to install proper drainage pipes and roof slope adjustments to ensure rainwater drains effectively. Please join us in prayer that we may complete this work before the rainy season returns.

Thank you for your continuous support in prayer for the ministry in Nepal. May we remain faithful as we await His coming. Maranatha!



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