

Look on the Fields

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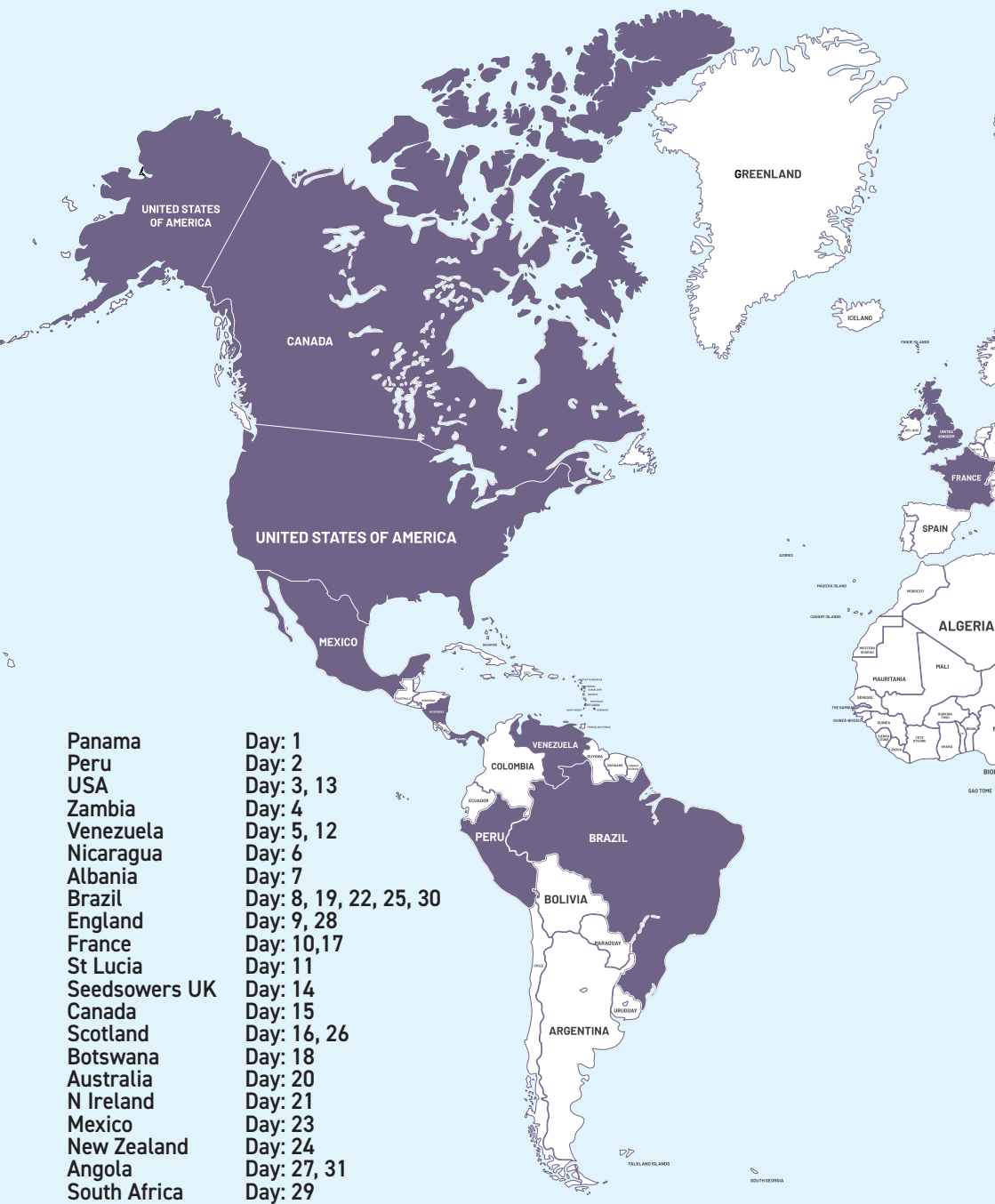


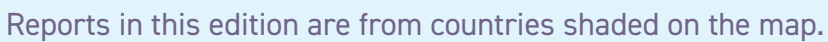
ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE
With Daily Scripture Readings

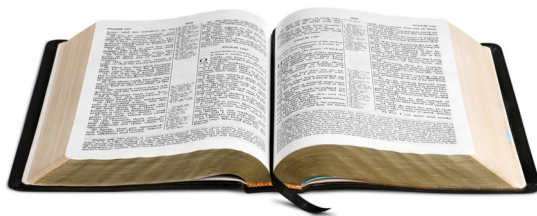


**LORD'S
WORK TRUST**
STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL

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







All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2 Timothy 3:16

Reading Plan

Included is a Bible reading plan which will enable the entire Bible to be read in one year. This means that each day, just over 3 chapters will be read, roughly the equivalent of 5 minutes reading in the morning and 5 minutes in the evening. Whether we use this or another personal preference, may we all be richly blessed as we read and meditate daily on the Word of God.

**May your New Year be blessed abundantly by
Him who is worthy of our praise!**

The Lord will give
strength to His people;
The Lord will bless
His people with peace.

Psalms 29:11

Wednesday 1st

PANAMA



Gen 1-4

Valle Hermosa



We have hymn singing and a meal after the gospel meeting on the last Sunday of each month. This was October and I think there were over 45 people that attended

We are encouraged with the consistent attendance of neighbours and contacts to the weekly gospel meetings. We continue with a Saturday morning Bible study with our neighbour Sandra, who was a nun for most of her life but can't even find John 3:16! She has so many questions and as we answer them from Scripture, she can't believe how she has been fooled all her life and that what she practiced and believed is not in the Bible! Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to do His own unique work in her.

Another lady called Patricia has also been fooled by the same religious system. From the Friday night Bible study, she has come to realise that what her "religion" has taught her is not in the Bible. These are not easy things for an adult, a mother and wife to come to grips with, accepting that they have been taught many things that are against, or not in, the Scriptures. She came with her children last Sunday to the Sunday School/Bible Class and returned in the evening to listen to the gospel. Her husband has no interest at all, but she is searching for truth. Pray that this whole family will find the One who is the Truth!

We continue to have good attendance at the Friday night young people's class, often 20-25 teenagers are in attendance. They have many questions about every



Roof just finished over the area we plan to build a baptismal tank

aspect of life, and we bring them answers from the Scriptures, which often amazes them and builds their confidence in the Word of God. Most of them are not saved.

Just last Friday Diana and her daughter Annie came to the Friday night class. She said “we are Catholic, but we are wanting to learn what the Bible teaches”. A couple of days later she spoke to us and said how much she and her daughter appreciated the teaching and were looking forward to coming back next Friday. The daughter, Annie, had called her dad, who travels a lot with business, to tell him how happy she was to be at the class and all that we talked about and that she wants to attend every Friday. Pray for Diana, Annie and the husband.

Edward and Mitzela, a younger couple that were saved and baptised sometime ago and recently received into fellowship, are bringing us much joy and encouragement. They are eager to help, consistent in gathering with the Lord’s people and have an appetite to learn and practice what they learn. May the Lord preserve each one of us and His local testimony.

On another note, not so encouraging, the Director of Education has not replied to our application to distribute Bible texts in the public schools. I started the process in April, our school year ends the second week in December, so there’s very little time now even if they did give us permission. They have allowed every other type of group, entertainment or activity into the schools but have rejected the Word of God being distributed to the children. We will continue to pursue this application and would ask that you would pray that the Lord would open these closed doors, as only He can do.

After five long years Lois and I have finally become Panamanian citizens! What a process, full of multiple delays and unimaginable corruption. We wouldn’t accept the corruption route, so in return they make you suffer long delays, hoping you’ll finally give in and pay the bribe. Thus, five years of waiting. Now that we are citizens, this will allow Lois to apply to register her medical degree and start the process to become licensed to practice in a full capacity in the country.



Lois in the maternity ward of the hospital closest to us, giving out gift bags to new mothers



Sorting medicines in Lois's new medical room on the second floor of the hall



It was a great joy to visit the assembly in La Arena, Piura and enjoy warm fellowship with them, especially in having the privilege of breaking bread again, which we miss here in Lima. I was able to stay for 12 nights and have ministry on the Feasts of Jehovah. This typical teaching was new to the believers there and they showed real interest. I visited nearly all the outreaches they have in the district, 9 in total. The interest in Alto de la Cruz is encouraging, with over 50 present when we had meetings at the side of the village road. Through the kindness of the Lord's people, they are moving forward with plans to purchase land there. Whilst their own hall in La Arena still needs a lot of work, the brethren recognise the work in Alto de la Cruz needs a hall in which to meet.

The assembly is isolated, being over 18 hours away from us and only 19 in fellowship. They are studying the book of Hebrews in their Bible Reading and so we have sent them a number of books to help and encourage them in their study of Scripture. It was a shock to realise how few resources they have, when we in the English-speaking world have so many. We have commenced a small library for the believers in the hall and will add to this over time.

Las Malvinas is another outreach in Piura where over 80 children and adults gather to hear the Word of God each Monday evening. It was encouraging to hear that some of the adults there have professed faith. Please pray for the province of Piura, which is presently suffering a severe drought. It will be disastrous for many farmers who have small holdings to see their crops fail.

Here in Lima, we have commenced a new children's work in the nearby neighbourhood of Amauta, bringing the total of places we have weekly meetings to seven. It is situated high up on one of the mountains looking down into the Príale valley where our hall is situated. One of the ladies who attends our Saturday afternoon meeting in Alto Príale had asked us if it was possible for us to visit the area as there are many children there. I



Rio Viejo Sur



Alto de la Cruz

was asked to submit a formal request to the Neighbourhood Committee, and they readily accepted our request, allowing us to use their Community Hall. Our first meeting was on Monday last when 11 children and 2 adults came.

We are presently in the middle of preparations for our end of year prize-givings and Michelle and Joy have been extremely busy preparing the prizes for the children. In the will of the Lord, we hope to visit the UK from early December until mid-February. Brethren pray for us.

C. 2017

CHRIS & MICHELLE BERESFORD

12/11/24

Friday 3rd

USA



Gen 9-12

Missouri

"For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" Phil.1:5

Sometimes it is hard to evaluate a Gospel series. This past weekend Mike preached five Gospel messages in the local assembly. We had 37 visitors attend throughout the weekend, some who were saved, others who were definitely unsaved. All heard the Gospel clearly preached. It was a joy to work together as an assembly for the purpose of making Christ known. We would value prayers that the Lord would indeed water the seed sown. Pray for the salvation of souls.

Mike heads to Canada for the seventh and final time this year. With the Lord's help, he plans on speaking this time in Southern Ontario. The trip will include ministry in Saint Catherine's, followed by a conference in Tavistock, and then a week of meetings with the Tavistock assembly. Squeezed in the mix will be an evangelistic men's breakfast. Your prayers are much appreciated, for freshness and power of the Holy Spirit in ministry and Gospel outreach.

Upon returning to Missouri, our son, James, and his two oldest boys will be arriving in from Norway to ship much of Mike's library back to Norway. James, recently commended to the work of the Lord in that needy land, plans to put the books to good use there. Don't worry, Mike will still be studying and will keep a remnant library for that purpose! Do pray for the establishment of a New Testament assembly in his location in Norway.

After James and the boys leave, our youngest son is arriving from Ireland for a family visit and will be with us for a few weeks. We of course look forward to these times with the family.

Mike has a conference coming up in early December in Guthrie, Oklahoma and then the Believers Bible Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina between Christmas and New Year.

We do appreciate your prayers and practical love shown to us over a very busy year of travels and preaching in many locations. We are thankful for open doors and good interest in the scriptures of truth. May your heart be filled with thanksgiving this Thanksgiving season. We are so thankful for you, and pray you are encouraged today.

MIKE & ANN- MARIE ATTWOOD

14/11/24

ZAMBIA



Chitokoloki

We arrived back in Zambia at the beginning of July after a few rather difficult and unsettled months spent travelling between Chitokoloki and the UK. My dear Mother went to be with the Lord at the end of March and we were thankful that in her final weeks all the family were able to be with her. She was 95 and had been crystal clear mentally and in relatively good health until her final illness. We thank God for her faithful walk with the Lord and for the tremendous influence she has been on all of our lives, seeing all four of her family saved as well as almost all her grandchildren. We will miss her prayerful intercession.



The little boy that suffered a severe injury in Angola

We thank God for his provision of several surgical brethren over recent months. We had Stuart Ferguson and his wife Jessica followed by Jonathan Hannay and then David Galloway. David was there as we returned in July, and it was good for me that he was able to handle much of the major surgery breaking me in again gently! We also had Hannah McKeown who was a great help in all aspects of the hospital work, especially eyes. Dr Rachel Deyermond gave help in anaesthesia especially for the paediatric surgical team.

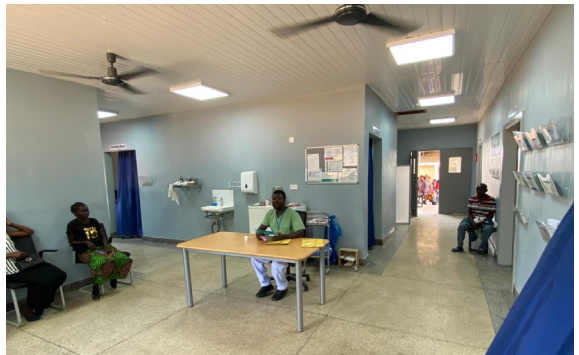
It was a joy to learn that a patient whom David Galloway had operated on to save his life had professed to trust the Lord after our sisters Rhoda Sakuwaha and Rebekah Heelham had personally talked to him on the ward about the Lord Jesus. Pray for our sister Rhoda who was saved many years ago through the witness of Wilma Geddes when she worked at Chitokoloki. Rhoda is just retiring from her nursing work but hopes to have more time to continue her personal visitation among the patients speaking to them about the Lord.



Lorraine assisting David with treatment

Another dear sister Jill Ngangula has just gone to be with the Lord. She worked for many years as a nurse at the hospital and was, like Rhoda, very faithful in speaking about the Lord to patients under her care. She saw many profess to come to the Lord over the years. She had a lot of illness in recent years. It was a privilege to speak at her funeral and the hall was packed for the service.

We had a very sad morning today when a young man in his twenties died following surgery almost two weeks ago. We had tried everything, but we could not keep him alive. Brother Richard, one of the Christian nurses, went over to speak and pray with the family in the operating theatre and when he came back to the clinic we were encouraged and comforted to hear that the man had trusted the Lord a few weeks ago during his time in the hospital. As I filled in the death certificate for the relatives it was good to find comfort in the knowledge that he is now with the Lord.



Patient Reception area of new clinic

A number of young brethren have been carrying out gospel outreach around the area and some folk are being saved. Recently five sisters were baptised and added to the assembly. The following week there was another baptism where a similar number of sisters were baptised, although they did not want to come into assembly fellowship at the present time.

The conference centre had a number of young people's camps in recent months and there was good attendance. Chris and Alison Brundage were kept busy caring for the young people.

At Chitokoloki it is good to have our new clinic fully operational and it makes seeing patients so much more pleasant. It is wonderful being in a building with a separate room for each clinician as opposed



Play areas for children

to the old one room with 4 clinicians and maybe 5 or 6 patients all at one time, in the middle of which you could be doing ultrasound scans and also pulling teeth! The new intercom system is now operational and I was able to preach on it in Lunda this week.

Joey and Kaitlin Speichenger have set up a nice play area for children close to the paediatric ward. We trust they will not go too high and fall and add to the broken bones in the ward! It is mango season here and the trees are heavily laden with lovely mangos. Often people will climb up to get the mangos and fall breaking a bone. So, mango season is always associated with an increase in broken bone admissions!



Lupita has made incredible advancements. She arrived with severe malnutrition, a 3-year-old weighing 8 kg. Now she weighs 12 kg! It was difficult to even get her to ingest more nutrients as she would only drink two ounces of bottle at a time and solid foods would induce vomiting. But with the help of different medicines and much perseverance she began eating more. She is also walking now! From not even being able to hold herself up to running around the kitchen and back again, we are impressed with what the Lord has wrought in her life.

At the start of September, another little girl was brought into our care. Mairelys turned 3 shortly after arriving. She appeared to be in good physical condition except for a hair and skin condition which we were able to treat. Her mother is only a young girl and was not able to economically provide for the child nor care for her as she had to work all day on a farm.

We are also grateful that, despite many obstacles, the two new schoolrooms were finished on time for the start of classes this month. Once again, we greatly felt the absence of our engineer as we had to search for someone to give us the technical answers for the construction. The schoolrooms were built with the purpose to construct a second floor as the need grows in the future. Classes started with 90 students enrolled. Along with all the teachers, workers and those in the house, breakfast is made for 130 people daily. The Lord also brought the two new teachers that we needed for the school year. Even though there is a shortage of professionals in education, we are grateful that all our teachers are believers in fellowship in the surrounding assemblies.

The great majority in the country are still struggling to make ends meet and put food on the table for their families. We feel humbled that the Lord has provided for 15 Christians from the local assemblies to have a full-time job with us in the different areas of the ministries that are carried out with the children's home and the school. Five additional brethren were also here working full-time on the construction during the three months of school vacation.

In Barrancas assembly three young couples obeyed the Lord in baptism and were received into assembly fellowship. It was encouraging for the assembly to see these additions after so many attacks from the enemy that sadly resulted in some going out.

In relation to the political situation that we mentioned in our last letter, without sharing too many details: we still need your prayers. The ones who were taken captive have still not been released despite many empty promises and postponements of hearing dates. It has been extremely difficult for their parents and other family members as the authorities would also move the prisoners to other places without disclosing the information. Days pass without their families knowing anything of their whereabouts or even if they are alive.

We trust these lines will serve to keep us in your continued prayers for all our tomorrows as well as praise for all our yesterdays.

Monday 6th

NICARAGUA



Gen 21-23

Correos Managua

Masaya/El Valle Marriage Studies

It was thrilling to see these couples come every Friday evening for eight weeks to learn how they can love and respect each other more. We were able to touch on the meaning of marriage, communication, honour, finances, and raising children for the Lord. Please pray for these couples! There are several individuals that need to be saved, others who need to grow and learn how to overcome negative thought patterns and unhelpful behavioural cycles. Also, please pray that the seed sown during



Studies on marriage

the Gospel meetings in these two assemblies during the month of November will bring forth much fruit for the Master of the Vineyard.

Chicago

Brenda and I, along with our oldest son Matthew, were able to travel at the end of September to the Spring Creek annual conference. We enjoyed fellowship with the Christians, many of whom drove a long distance to be there, and were encouraged as well by messages by Dr Sandy Higgins, Dr Lindsay Parks and Mike Knox. I was burdened to share messages from James ch 1. The message on our trials was for our own lives, as we have faced various trials in the last months, and we were reminded to count them as all joy! We visited two couples who immigrated two years ago to the Chicago area and who fellowship at Spring Creek GH. We enjoyed hearing about the lives they are building in a new country and the community that they are forming. Please pray for Cindy, one of the women, who had surgery to remove a brain tumour. She will need follow-up checkups in the months to come to be sure it hasn't grown back.

Managua

Since returning in August, we have been encouraged with the stability in the Managua assembly. We are praying earnestly for a group of older men that come who are not clear on Salvation. We are meeting with them and some of the brothers on Monday evenings going through the book of Mark, emphasising the Gospel. On Thursday evenings, I have been teaching about evangelism. We challenged each believer to be able to share how God saved them in two minutes or less to someone in their work, on the bus, or wherever they might be. Please pray for the older men, several couples, and our young people, that they would find Christ, and that their lives would be transformed by the grace of God.

Family

We appreciate your prayers for God's protection on our family as we seek to do what He has called us to do. Please pray for our oldest son Matthew as he makes choices about post-secondary education. Please pray for Micah, Elisabeth and Elena as they work hard in school, enjoy some time playing sports, and continue to grow in the Word of God. Brenda and I also value your prayers for us; that we would "rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer." Romans 12:12

MARK & BRENDA BACHERT

14/11/24

Tuesday 7th



Gen 24-25

ALBANIA

Shkoder

With the restart of the university, Joel and Tomas are down in Tirana which means most of the week we are alone in the apartment. It is good to see Tomas active in the Christian Union and this weekend both he and Joel will be at a Christian Union weekend away. Please continue to pray that they commit to following the Lord and to baptism.

We are just back from a conference in Poland which was a blessing. Colin was giving teaching on John ch 8, where Jesus says "If you remain in My word, then you are truly My disciples. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." We were thinking about the importance of understanding who Jesus really is. These words follow on from a statement that many believed in Jesus, but a few verses later they take stones to try to stone Him to death. This was due to Jesus revealing that He is God come down to the earth to save us and going back to the glory He always had with His Father. If we miss who Jesus is, we will never really be His disciple, but if we can understand who He really is, it will change our lives forever.

We are getting ready for December which is always a busy period. We have a craft day, and numerous meetings for kids and parents for Christmas. Recently we had a very good turnout of grandparents at the nursery - we pray that these events create friendships and conversations that lead to gospel witness.

Elida continues to be busy with a number of discipleship groups, but two of the girls have recently gone to Tirana with their cousin, who is also in our assembly. The cousin has gone to work and they for their master's study at university. We also heard that one of the girls in her other study group, who is only 16, will be going to Vienna with her mum to study. Her brother and cousin are already there. It is frustrating to work with these youth, only to see them leave Albania with no desire to return.

Please continue to pray for the schoolteacher's group. We have two groups running and two of the teachers (Stela and Diana) show great interest and are reading the bible. Stela is one of the nursery teachers at our building.

We continue to be encouraged with the teenager group which has around 20 attending regularly, most from non-Christian families and with little interest in the gospel, but are happy to attend the youth group. Please pray for their salvation.

C. 1997

COLIN & ELIDA STEPHEN

13/11/24

BRAZIL



Estancia Velha

I have recently helped national worker Roberto Ploia in a series of gospel meetings in the town of São Gabriel RS. The meetings continued for six weeks, and we were encouraged with a number of people that attended, a few for the first time. We gave out over 3,000 invitations and made numerous visits to families connected to the assembly.



Meeting in Sao Gabriel

A man called Enor, in his early fifties, told us he got saved at the start of the second week – his is an interesting story and one that encourages us to never give up hope on those that have turned their back on the gospel. He was brought up coming to meetings in São Gabriel, indeed his father helped our late brother Wilfred Glenn preaching in gospel meetings. Like so many children brought up in privileged circumstances in Brazil, Enor went to the world and wasted his life in the pleasures of sin. He often said in conversation that it was nothing short of the Lord's hand upon him that preserved his life during those years. In January this year, his father passed away. This was a loud voice to Enor and he thought that perhaps he would be the next member of the family to die. They were a family of five and now only three are alive. He came back to meetings and was seeking for salvation. It was tremendous to hear him telling us that in the early hours of the morning he was reading Acts 16, when he realised as never before that the Lord Jesus Christ had died for him, and that all he had to do was believe in Him. Pray that he will be preserved and that his life will be lived for the glory of God.

Another man in his sixties called Eni attended the meetings well, some nights going out in tears, so concerned about dying in his sins. Pray that we will yet hear of his salvation. Others came showing a measure of interest, and we continue to pray for the seed that has been sown that it will result in blessing.



Enor on the left and Roberto on the right

Thursday 9th

ENGLAND



Gen 29-30

London

Over the summer it was a joy and privilege to spend time with several of our contacts and their families. We invited them to our home, and were able to share a meal with them, play games with the children and spend time listening to the accounts of the struggles and difficult situations that confront so many. For some, life is certainly very difficult, and it is good to be able to point them to One who knows, who loves and who cares!

The literature table continues to give much encouragement as we freely distribute the scriptures and other Christian literature. Numerous Bibles and New Testaments have been given freely to those who have requested them, along with gospel tracts and other literature. This will often open the way for spiritual conversations.

Just recently 'M' one of the drug dealers outside the hall asked for a New Testament. Please pray that he will read it and be convicted by what he reads. When we have the literature table on the High Road in front of the hall, the drug dealers are operating within two to three feet of where we are! It is not surprising that it is known locally as 'the Devil's corner'!

'A' was delighted to receive a Chinese New Testament. As a teenager living in mainland China about 25 years ago, he listened to Christian radio programmes broadcast from Hong Kong. He wrote to the programme requesting a Bible that was being freely offered, but he never received it because his letter had been intercepted by the authorities and destroyed! He is very willing to speak about the Christian faith, and we are in regular contact with him.

In early October we were invited to take the literature table into the local 'Peoples Day Event'. This is a day aimed particularly at the over 50's, offering advice, health checks etc. It was well attended and gave excellent opportunities for distributing the scriptures and Christian literature. Numerous people commented on how delighted they were to see some spiritual input in the event. Twelve Bibles and twelve New Testaments were requested. Many copies of the Gospel of John were taken, as well as 'Faith Matters', the Hope Magazine (The Psalms & Gospel of John), framed Bible verses and John 3:16 bags, lavender bags, and plants in mugs with scripture texts. Once again there were opportunities for good spiritual conversations. We are still in contact with one elderly lady contacted at this event in 2023 and can read the scriptures and pray with her when we visit.

Later in the month of October we hosted a Ladies Brunch in our home. Believers, unbelievers and backsliders were invited. Fourteen ladies attended, enjoyed a meal together, and listened to testimonies and a simple presentation of the gospel. We understand that some were challenged and encouraged by what they heard. Also, in October there was the recommencement of the Ladies Bible Study that Janice holds in our home. There is good interest amongst the ladies who come as they study the book of Ruth together.

Last week we recommenced the Friends and Neighbours Coffee Morning that is held in our home. Both the Ladies Bible Study and the Coffee Morning are primarily outreach

orientated for those who have been contacted over past months, and in some cases years! John has been sharing some of the titles given to the Lord Jesus in the Gospel of John and bringing out the message of the gospel.

We have been organising literature to be used during the month of December, including Gospel calendars, Hope Magazines, John 3:16 bags, tracts, etc. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will bless His Word to all who receive it this Christmastime.

We do value your ongoing prayer support, and trust that as we have been encouraged by what the Lord is doing, you too will rejoice in the encouragement given.

C. 1977

JOHN & JANICE FROST

25/11/24

Friday 10th

FRANCE



Gen 31-33

Hanches

We feel very privileged to experience the Lord's blessing in our work in fellowship with the Rambouillet assembly. In God's goodness our premises are filled to overflowing every Sunday. The challenge is to be able to adapt in order to meet the needs of all attending. This includes, non-Christians, Christians young in the faith, and experienced believers. Added to this are the vast cultural differences in the audience, with around 30 nationalities represented. Every age group is present, from babies to the elderly.

We have been pleased to again put in place a discovery group for those wanting to know more about the gospel. The fortnightly studies are in the gospel of John. Most participants at the group are present on Sundays. It was also good to see them attending the last fellowship meal. A number already have a good grasp of the gospel message whereas others don't seem as yet to understand. We ask for prayer, that the Holy Spirit will give them understanding of the meaning of the Lord's death on the cross, and that they might experience forgiveness of sins and new birth.

As numbers have grown in the fellowship, the number of those serving has not grown in proportion. This has put a number of ministries under pressure. We value prayer that the Lord would give brothers and sisters a heart to be actively involved in the service of others.

Growth also means that pastoral needs have increased. We are grateful for several brethren who have agreed to be more involved in this important area of local church life and pray that this may lead, in time, to recognising more elders. We value prayer.

We look forward to various outreach activities in the run up to Christmas. The assembly has again been invited to a senior citizens home where we will present a short programme of Christmas carols. After the more formal part of our visit, we will speak individually with the residents and give them a gospel calendar. The members of staff, who are extremely welcoming to us, will also receive a calendar.

We are very grateful for the prayer support of the Lord's people.

C. 1982

ALAN & VALERIE KYLE

15/11/24

Saturday 11th

ST. LUCIA



Gen 34-36

Ciceron / Castries

In the past months, we have been occupied with individuals and home Bible studies. Trena is teaching weekly three young women who God saved about 18 months ago. Two are single mothers and so her teaching is not only the basics of God's character but also aspects of the home and parenting as a Christian. In needing to juggle their work schedules, and also the interruptions from babies and toddlers, it can often be more of an adventure than planned. I am working weekly with a young man to develop his ability to study the Bible and learn further truths of gathering to the name of the Lord.

10-15 young believers came together in September and again in November for the Saturday Bible classes. The sessions in September taught Personal Evangelism and in November the book of Philemon was considered while teaching methods of Bible study. There was good engagement through the sessions, and thankfully some are continuing to practice what they have learned in seeking to share the gospel in one-to-one conversations.

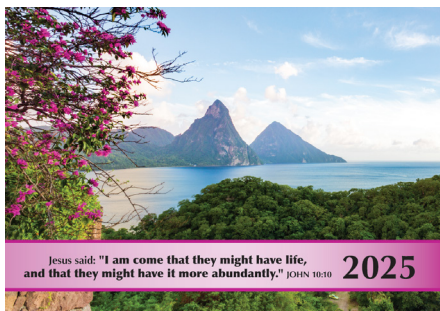
The local printing of 32,000 booklet calendars was completed in November. This is the fourth year that International Bible House calendars will be distributed around the island. Please pray for believers in the seven local assemblies as we work together through the month of December. With an invitation to gospel meetings and the contact information of each assembly on the calendar back page, we trust that once again the scattering of the seed of the Word of God will bear much fruit in souls being saved. We have already lost count of the number of people from street vendors to workers at the National Park, to government employees who have approached one of the believers or ourselves to inquire when the calendar will be available. While the majority of the islanders are very 'religious' and the gospel calendars are very rarely refused, we desire that many will truly come to know Christ as Saviour through grace alone.



Local printing company



Group of young believers



Calendar

Future plans, Lord willing, are to be with the assembly in Micoud, on the island's east coast, for a week of teaching in January and then to join the assembly in Soufriere, on the island's west coast for a series of gospel meetings in February. Your prayers that God would work according to His timing and will are much appreciated.

For Prayer:

- The salvation of individuals in the town of Anse la Raye as we continue to meet weekly with those who attended gospel meetings earlier in 2024.
- Continued effect of the message of God's Word through the monthly calendar Scripture.

C. 2017 (Can)

PHIL & TRENA GOULD

25/11/24

Sunday 12th

VENEZUELA



Gen 37-39

Palo Negro/ N. Ireland

This year we have spent over half our time in Aragua state where there are 11 Assemblies that are glad to receive help. The centre of the country including Puerto Cabello, Valencia and Caracas is where the majority of the 207 assemblies are and yet there are only 3 full-time workers, including one Venezuelan brother who will be 80 years old next month. We greatly miss my father-in-law Mr Uel Ussher who had a tremendous influence for good among the assemblies here and is now unable to return due to his health condition. The work in the centre of the country suffered a big loss in May this year with the homecall of the national Worker Bernardo Chirinos (63) after a battle with Cancer. So, there is a vast need in the country and we pray that the Lord of the Harvest will continue to direct His Work in accordance with His Will.

Over 50 children and 18 parents attended the annual prize-giving in July for the 3 Bible Classes in Valle de la Pascua. Quite a few of these came for the first time. The brethren had already held a week of prayer meetings beforehand and so we were able to commence a series of Gospel meetings the next night. Thankfully there are 3 younger brethren in the assembly that are capable Gospel preachers and so they each took their turn to help me each night. The meetings continued for six weeks with help from the Lord to make known the Way of Salvation. A lot of good seed was sown and the day after the meetings finished a young lady of 21 professed to be saved. Her mother is in assembly fellowship, and she had been brought up in the Sunday School. It is good to see her attending the assembly meetings now and taking an interest.

Two weeks ago, I was at the Elders Conference in Salom (Yaracuy State), where the responsible brethren from all over the country came together for Bible Readings on the theme of shepherding the saints according to the New Testament. Around 20 of the full-time workers were present and it was considered a very profitable time.

At present I am engaged in a series of Gospel meetings with the Mariara assembly. Fairly good numbers of unsaved are attending and we appreciate your prayers.

C. 2003

STEPHEN & HELEN REDPATH

13/11/24



It is a real joy to report on a (relatively short) visit to some of the assemblies in North Carolina and Virginia, USA. The saints at Hickory Gospel Hall convened a 'conference style' weekend of Bible teaching on Future Events. Interest was excellent, many young believers attended all the meetings, as well as the Lord's supper. Quite a few saints from the Denver assembly, NC, came through for the day on the Sunday, coming early to 'break bread' and to continue all day. A 'question and answer' session did not exhaust the interest, and further discussion was held in smaller groups and other family gatherings in the evenings. It was encouraging to see such an appetite about these topics; there seems to be an obvious awareness of the fragility of 'world peace' and the threat of 'global war'. Some of the conversations were very sobering, but it was a very enjoyable time with the saints there.



Hickory Gospel Hall, Hickory, North Carolina, USA

This was followed by a visit to a relatively new assembly in Crandon VA. The original members, and others who have come into the fellowship, are from an Amish background. They were greatly opposed at their original confessions of salvation through 'faith alone' and the scriptural assurance of 'eternal security'. It was needful to leave their 'communal community' in Pennsylvania and move to a different community in Virginia, where each family could own their own land and home, yet still witness to Amish neighbours. The Lord provided in a wonderful way for a disused church building to be purchased (just outside the community) and for renovations to be done. The Lord has since added to the company, and there are many couples with young families. During the Friday to Monday short series, a visiting family also came with 11 children. Possibly more than 20 unsaved were present at the Sunday midday gospel meeting. The saints here are local to the community where they wish to have a testimony, but – in our terms – not very close to other assemblies. (They are not far from the area where the late Robert E Surgenor laboured in the Virginian hills). Do remember these saints and their witness to their own culture in your prayers. It was a privilege to gather with them.



Crandon Assembly, Crandon, Virginia, USA

Tuesday 14th



Gen 42-44

SEEDSOWERS UK

The vision of Seed Sowers continues to be to place a John 3v16 text into every home in the UK. This year eight large-scale distributions have taken place with close to 150,000 texts distributed in total. Each distribution is generally followed up by some form of outreach work:



Rugby – Three Gospel meetings followed up with an Easter Gospel tea.

Ayrshire – A series of Gospel drive-in meetings in Eglinton County Park on various dates between May and August.

Witney – Five Gospel talks held in a local coffee shop.

Northampton – A week of Gospel meetings.

Coventry – Four weeks of Gospel meetings taken by local brethren.

Exeter – Free dinner with a Gospel message on the Lord's Day following the distribution.

South Belfast – Origin Bible Exhibition Monday to Friday inclusive.

Bath – this was Manvers 6th Seed Sowers event and largely aimed at encouraging young people to become involved in sowing the seed.



Rugby Seed Sowers

Known Outcomes

- 19 Bibles were requested with a handful coming into the meetings at Rugby. Please pray for Luigi and his mother who have come and shown interest.
- There was encouragement with 28 contacts made via Bible requests in Ayrshire.
- In Witney during the weeknights, 16 unbelievers attended, including a group of teenagers from a local private school. One young man, Sam, showed much interest. Another man, Joel, came to the Gospel meetings in the hall bringing his Bible that he had been given, but has not been seen for some time.
- In Northampton 19 Bibles were requested, but few came to the meetings. Pray for Joseph and family who attended. Also pray for the continuing witness in Blackthorn where 4 more Bibles and literature were taken recently.
- Praise the Lord for Lauren's conversion in the 4th week of meetings in Coventry. After receiving a text, she attended the meetings consistently and on reading through John's gospel herself realised her need of salvation. Pray also for Robert, Karen, David and Andrew who attended regularly.
- The evening in Exeter was a great encouragement to the assembly and to Seed Sowers as 45 responded to the invitation! Two took a Bible, one a Hebrew Bible and a young Muslim lady requested a Bible. Several took Ultimate Questions and Valerie, Tony, Anne and Kelly were keen to have further study (Christianity Explored).
- 37 Bibles were requested and delivered around the area tracted in Belfast, including a Spanish Bible and two for a 6-year-old and 4-year-old. Pray for a lady who has attended the gospel meetings since receiving a text and attending the Bible Exhibition. Pray also for a man who brought his two children to Sunday School. He was the first to request a Bible.



We are very thankful to have had many volunteers helping sow the seed from across the UK this year, a large number for the first time which has been very encouraging.

As we look to future distributions, we pray for guidance and direction. We have a calendar set for 2025 in the will of the Lord. See www.seedsowersuk.org for details. If any assembly is exercised about having a distribution, or would like to discuss using Seed Sower texts, please email info@seedsowersuk.org or contact one of the trustees.

S HARPER, J McMASTER, A MULLAN, SEED SOWERS UK 25/11/24

Wednesday 15th

CANADA



Gen 45-47

Steinbach, Manitoba

We're thankful to the Lord for each opportunity we have to share His Word, either in person or over the airwaves or through the Postal Bible Studies.

This summer it was a joy to hold three one-week series of children's meetings here in Manitoba. One was with our former assembly in Portage la Prairie, while another was in Eli again, where we help a young couple in their exercise to reach the friends



Kleefeld Summer Tent Work

of their children. In both of these it was a joy to see the enthusiasm of the young people who were assisting. The other was a personal exercise, following a special Saturday event that was held in the community of Kleefeld, when our assembly had a Seed Sowers Outreach in August 2023. We amazingly got permission from the School Division to erect a tent on the school grounds and were thrilled to see over 130 different children attend. We then spoke with the very helpful principal about whether there was a suitable room in the school to hold a monthly meeting from October to April. He showed me their Music Room and so on the first Tuesday each month we meet there for Treasure Seekers. Last month we began with 28 kids and 2 parents and tonight disappointingly our numbers dropped to 18 plus 1 mum. Please pray for more interest from the community.

We currently have around 1600 students receiving free monthly Postal Bible Studies. Since our move to Steinbach, 14 months ago, Elaine has not had the same level of office help she had before. Some months she has had to carry a heavy workload, but thankfully two of our granddaughters have kindly helped her out, besides the weekly help of a sister in a nearby assembly and the monthly visits of our youngest daughter. We would value prayer that the need for more weekly help will be met soon. December's mailout will include a Gospel calendar, Christmas tract and newsletter, so please pray these will speak to each family. We are now in our 25th year of PBS work in Canada and thank the Lord for His faithfulness.

Next week, God willing, I will be in St. Lucia for a brief yet busy seven days. Back in October another delivery of over 9000 BibleTime booklets were safely delivered to the island for distribution to 37 schools. So, in the daytime, I'll be sorting out and delivering these orders, while in the evenings I shall be having several ministry meetings in 5 assemblies. Please pray that the schools will continue to make good use of these booklets in their R.E. lessons and that God's Word will have an impact on many young lives. God willing, Elaine and I are booked to return to St. Lucia for a three week visit in February 2025. Prayer would be appreciated as we plan to take a number of school assemblies, help our brother John Honore with his cruise ships' ministry and spend time seeking to encourage the local assemblies.

C. 2000

PETE & ELAINE SMITH

11/11/24

Thursday 16th

SCOTLAND



Gen 48-50

Inverness

We are gearing up for some outreach events over the Christmas period. Last weekend there was a Christmas market in the Inverness leisure centre and a few of us manned a stall at the market with gospel tracts. Tomek and Aga, a brother and sister with a particular burden for street work, set up the stall and were there all day, while some others and I helped at various points.

I had a good chat with a man named Andy, who had been to the Celt St assembly for some gospel

Bible studies several years ago and was really interested in Christianity - he indicated that what had put him off attending a church was that the rest of his family wasn't interested. I was able to speak to him about coming judgement, my own conversion and our Saviour - I told him to read John's Gospel (which he readily received) over the next 3 weeks, a chapter a day. Please pray that he might do this. How wonderful if we could see Andy snatched as a 'brand from the burning'!

Tomek and Aga, have also planned a Polish carol service, after many attended last year. We are also planning to have a Carol service in our own village of Croy, and in Culloden Gospel Hall. We have arranged a Carol sing in Inverness city centre, which is a good opportunity to engage with passers-by about our wonderful Saviour.

In the last couple of months, I have visited Celt St, Luthermuir and Cullen assemblies for some teaching and gospel preaching. We have also just finished a couple of Wednesdays with the Avoch assembly, looking at "the Kingdom of God". Locally, we continue to work our way through 1 Peter on Lord's Days in Culloden. There are a number of personal contacts and pastoral engagements at this time also. Please pray for an expansion of the gospel outreach in the new year.

As mentioned in the past, please remember a contact, S, who I have been working with for a long time. His interest is still encouraging, after his profession of faith last year, and he is witnessing to his relatives, but his life remains quite chaotic due to a difficult family situation and relationship issues, from unconverted days. He is deeply thankful that he has been able to find regular work for the first time in his adult life (he's about 40). I hope this will lead to a more settled pattern of life and enable him to regularly meet with other believers.



Co-workers Tomek & Aga in the Christmas Market at Inverness Leisure Centre

As a family, life has changed quite significantly in the last few months, with all three of our children (Isaac (9), Hannah (8), and Hope (5)) in school for the first time. A new Christian school has started near Alness, which now has 20 pupils. We are so thankful for this. Lindsey especially has prayed for a Christian school in the area for several years. Although Lindsey no longer has the burden of home-educating the children, she now has to transport them (no short distance!), and also volunteers as a part-time classroom assistant. The children have really taken to the school and are enjoying every day. Please thank the Lord for the provision of the school and godly staff members, and please pray for preservation in the travelling to and from school.

C. 2017

ANDREW & LINDSEY WILLIAMSON

20/11/24

Friday 17th

FRANCE



Exod 1-4

Nantes

Last month we enjoyed our one-week visit to Scotland to see our daughter Naomi, Samuel and their two children in their new environment at Tilsley College. We were greatly reassured to find them thriving and enjoying their new student life in an English-speaking context. The children are starting to speak some English and seem happy to be where they are. It was a time of memories for both of us, especially for Gerry who did the GLO course when he was eighteen, one of GLO's first students! A highlight of our visit was a day trip on the train to Edinburgh with several of the students.

This month our assembly building will be used for a Young People's leaders' weekend, bringing together folks from a wide area, basically everywhere west of Paris. There will be three speakers developing three different themes which are of particular interest to those who work among youth. Seeing we are 'local', we are involved with the practical details of the weekend, such as hosting in our home those who attend, providing food etc. Events like these remind us what a blessing it is to have a good sized building. We are thankful it is being used to God's glory on a larger scale than the immediate area of Nantes.

One more detail is that we will have a bookstand from the bookshop at this event. Most of those attending have no Christian bookshop near where they live, so it's a good opportunity for them to stock up on good books!

Between September and Christmas, the elders are preaching about the values that they want to see developed among us. It's a case of going through the basics once more, such as the importance of the Word of God, prayer, worship, testimony, to name but a few. This Sunday Gerry's theme will be 'how we welcome newcomers'. This is very pertinent, because every Sunday we have folks come through the door whom we don't know. Some are believers, others are seekers. It is most important that each individual feels welcomed in the same way as Christ has welcomed us. Please pray with us that Gerry will present this teaching in a way that helps every believer to see how they personally can help welcome others.

C. 1985/88

GERRY & DOROTHY SEED

11/11/24

Saturday 18th

BOTSWANA

At the end of September, the Francistown assembly convened the 3-day Boipuso conference, with very helpful ministry from Rodney Brown, South Africa and Evaristo Yamboto, Zambia. We received news of blessing in salvation amongst the young people, as well as positive responses to progress in the things of the Lord.

During October the sisters engaged in the time-consuming task of preparing all the prizes for the children of the various Sunday Schools. The prizes are made up for each individual child in terms of age, size and attendance. Those who recite memory verses receive an additional prize of a book or stationery items.

We are so thankful for the boxes of assorted clothing and toiletries, stationary, literature etc that we received via the container from Northern Ireland in August. These items really are a huge help in making up the prizes. We much appreciate all who so generously help in knitting or making, buying, packing and transporting the prize material, as well as those who help with storage, packing the container and shipping from Ballymena all the way to Gaborone. We thank our Lord for this fellowship in the work for the benefit of the children.

The 8 prize givings were held in their various locations around Francistown over 2 weeks. We were also able to supply prizes for 3 Sunday Schools at Selebi Phikwe. The children were delighted with their prizes and serve as a stimulus to attend well throughout the year. Some parents attended the prize givings and John was able to use the opportunity to share a word in the Gospel at 6 of them. We look to the Lord to bless the precious seed sown throughout the year in the salvation of precious souls.



Exod 5-7

Francistown



Conference lunchtime and book-table ready



A month ago, one of the two vehicles used in the literature work at Serowe, was involved in an accident in which it overturned and became a write off. It was a small 7-seater vehicle, once owned by Mrs Irene Legge. Our other vehicle, a small car, was also involved in an accident, but has been repaired. One brother sustained some whiplash and related injuries. A younger brother, Michael, possibly sustained a bump on his head, but the check-up revealed that he has a very concerning brain tumour, requiring urgent and very expensive private treatment in South Africa. The loss of the vehicles seriously affected some of the literature distribution at the end of the academic year. The roads in Botswana are increasingly busy and dangerous with not all drivers driving carefully.



Mr Magapa & Michael

Last Thursday, Mothusi, our son in law, called to say that his father had been knocked down by a car whilst visiting his neighbour. A small car, driven by a drunk man at around 4:30pm, entered the yard and collided with Mothusi's father, pushing him from where he was sitting into the front wall of the house. He sustained head and leg injuries. The neighbours took him to hospital where he was attended to, but sadly not long after passed away. We were all in a state of shock by the nature of the accident and his sudden death 5 hours later.

His funeral is planned for early Saturday morning at his home at Donga, not far from the Gospel Hall. Evening prayers have been held each evening since Saturday. This afternoon there is a memorial service at his home. John has been asked to share a verse, and has spoken 3 times in the evenings, with others also sharing from the Scriptures to comfort and encourage. Such gatherings are a great opportunity to share the Gospel. Mothusi's father was not a member of any church and, as far as we know, never professed faith in Christ. Mothusi's mother was a believer, but sadly she passed away 12 years ago.

The general election held here in Botswana on 30 October resulted in a shock win for the UDC party, the main opposition party. The BDP party has been in power since independence in 1966. This means that there is going to be some changes.

As we conclude we thank you for your continued prayerful interest in us all, for the work of the Lord in Botswana and for the nation itself as it begins this new phase of governance.

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Thankfully, we are both well which enables us to remain busy. Beth, however, lost her sister Joy just over 2 weeks ago. She had a rare disease (Shogrens) which left her practically paralysed. Happily, as a young girl, she received Christ as her personal Saviour and was in fellowship with the saints in the assembly in Omagh.

Presently, a local young brother of the assembly in Porto Alegre named Gabriel, and I are in our 4th week of gospel meetings in Sarandi, Porto Alegre in the room where the brethren have one of their Sunday Schools. The effort is going fairly well. Almost every night we have local people in to hear the good news, but that is not to say that numbers are very big. Some nights we have 20/25, but on several occasions we have had 45 or more. There is a young mother, Kelly, coming most nights who listens very well. Please pray for her. Her father comes most nights as well.

Previous to this series, brother David Wilson and I had a good 6 week series in Cachoeirinha. One lady professed, but we have hopes that further blessing will yet appear in the near future.

We continue with our efforts in Sapucaia each Saturday. Numbers are small, but new folks continue to appear from time to time, while others drift away realising that the salvation of their soul involves a big change in their way of life – a price that they are not prepared to pay.

Last Saturday, we were at the annual conference in Osório. About 250 people gathered for the various meetings. The next conference will be in Santa Maria on the 15th of November DV. Please pray that we will have a profitable day. Of course we are also looking forward to the annual Bible Readings in Porto Alegre during the last week of the year. Six Readings are arranged to study Acts 8, 9 and 10 as well as the three chapters of 2 Thessalonians. Please remember us in prayer.

We continue with the work of printing tracts and invitations for gospel meetings etc along with the quarterly magazine for believers. We are presently working on the 154th edition which is due to be distributed at the end of the year, God-willing.

In our home assembly in São Leopoldo, we are very upset due to the illness of Seu Urivaldo, who for years has carried a very large portion of the responsibilities of an overseer. Thankfully, there are signs that the treatment is having the desired effect as he suffers less pain. However, there is a long road ahead as he continues with his chemo. Please remember him in prayer.

Our boys, daughter in law and grandchildren are all well, but please continue to pray for their salvation. Stephen plans to visit us for the month of December D.V.



AUSTRALIA

Angle Vale, South Australia

The transition to Australia after 60 years in China and Hong Kong has been a test, but a blessing for us. The ongoing test is the requests and invites to return, as they tug at the heart. We are appreciating the distinct Australian seasons of summer, autumn, winter and spring. This has given us great enjoyment, being so very different to the climate of China and Hong Kong.

We continue with others in Gospel witness here in Virginia on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Saturdays we witness in Chinatown, and then Wednesday evening and Lord's Day we are in our 'home' assembly at Unley.

At the Grote Street Chinatown entrance, we found our first indigenous, First Nation brother James Love, who has given us great joy in the bonds of Christ. Another, Getahun Zhigta, an Ethiopian, has come by on three occasions for prayer and fellowship. The two Ting Taiwanese brothers, Caleb and James, continue weekly with us at Unley. We believe they are very near to individual commitment to Christ as they continue in confessed personal reading of the Scriptures.

Our brother and sister Edwin and Sylvia Cheung from the Austin Avenue assembly, China Hong Kong, visited and stayed with us, bringing us news of the current issues in China.

Our Australian co-workers Arnold and Johanna Long of Queensland were also with us recently in Adelaide. We rejoice that since the first published edition of Bushman's Guide in 1953 by A.I.M. Missionary Arnold Long senior, together with Arnold Long junior, we have completed 100,000 copies in addition to the originally published 100,000.

Invitations continue weekly to visit China, especially from the capital Beijing. If the Lord will permit, we are willing to return for the Lunar New Year (February 2025) and attend the annual co-workers conference there. (There remains, however, some very adverse causes for caution.) We therefore value your prayer to know the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

We continue the production of CBR literature material in Shandong, China, Hong Kong and Australia. The blessed prayer and fellowship of others has made it possible to maintain the two warehouses, one in Hong Kong and the other here in Adelaide, South Australia.

Tuesday 21st

N. IRELAND



Exod 14-16

Newtownabbey

The past few months have afforded many opportunities to teach God's Word, for which I am very thankful. I travelled with Paul McCauley to Poland in September to visit several assemblies to teach the Word of God. This was an encouraging time, and our prayers are that the Word shared will have benefited the saints there. We continue to join with other teaching brothers in ongoing Zoom meetings with the Bytom assembly on Monday evenings, translated into Polish by brother Marek. I also enjoyed sharing in ministry at the Donemana Conference, and a week of Bible teaching in Limavady Gospel Hall.



Enjoying the hospitality of saints near Bytom, Poland

In October, Paul McClarty and I recommenced the Truth for Today Bible teaching in Kingsmoss Gospel Hall. This is a fortnightly Ministry meeting held from 8-9.30pm on Sunday evenings. This year we are studying 1 Peter with the believers. A good number attend and prayer is valued for the Lord's blessing on His Word.

Other trips abroad for teaching over this period have included ministry in Crawley assembly in the South of England and Galt assembly in California. The Lord's help was experienced on both of these trips for which we thank God. The assembly in Galt, California, is small, but they held a conference with about 85 people attending, the majority being young believers. I shared with Stephen Harper in the Bible readings, Ministry, Gospel and Q&A sessions, and do trust all has been to the profit of the Lord's people.



With the believers in Galt, California

Paul McCauley and I continue our regular door-to-door work in West Belfast. We have been encouraged recently by a local young brother from Ebenezer assembly, Belfast joining us. He has shown interest in door-to-door work and the Lord is giving him good opportunities to share the Gospel in this way. Prayer is always valued for the Lord's blessing upon this ongoing effort to reach the lost. Over the next few weeks, along with a number of ministry commitments, my focus will be on the annual Gospel calendar distribution. Prayer is therefore valued for the Word of God being placed into many homes in Belfast.

Thanks once again to you all for your care and kind fellowship over the years. May the Lord continue to bless you with His presence and necessary wisdom for the days ahead. He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3.20).

C. 2011

DAVID & JENNIE WILLIAMSON

19/11/24

Wednesday 22nd

BRAZIL



Exod 17-20

Santa Maria

It is a joy to be back here in Santa Maria. The effects of the flooding left my journey complicated. I had to face a ten-hour journey overnight by car from Florianopolis since the Porto Alegre airport is still not fully functional. Some of the highways have temporary bridges and this can entail long queues of traffic. However, we thank God that I found our home intact and the believers happy to have us back.



The believers have worked hard in our absence, especially in bringing children to the Sunday School, and in interesting a number of outsiders who attend well the two weekly Gospel Meetings in the hall. Just a few weeks ago, a girl of 18, a granddaughter of one of the brethren in fellowship, professed salvation and is showing good interest. This has been a great encouragement to all.

The weekend after I arrived, the Osorio Assembly hosted their annual conference. Around 390 people were present and we all felt the Lord gave help. Just today, I was encouraged to hear of a young married man, who has now told of his salvation, on the way home from that conference. He lives in Praia Rei do Peixe, where a new work is being established by a national worker Sr Joel Matos. His wife and father are now showing an interest. They have four children.

Last Friday, was the day of our annual conference in Santa Maria. This is held in our hall and is likely the smallest conference held each year. However, believers from all the small assemblies located here in the centre of the state were present. Last year, the reading was on the first 21 verses of Psalm 22, so this year we decided to study the last section and include Psalm 23. This proved most precious, and one felt a real sense of joy as Christ in His exaltation was studied, along with His present shepherd care for His own. Four brethren shared the ministry session and we felt that God's voice was heard.

This coming Wednesday is another public holiday here and the believers are planning to have a Gospel Meeting in the afternoon in one of the believer's homes. Another young man who professes salvation, although is not in fellowship, has offered his home for a weekly Gospel meeting. We tried meetings there last year, and a few neighbours attended well. These neighbours have assured me that they will come again another time. This young man's wife is unsaved and seldom comes to a meeting in the hall. Please pray that we may see God working at this time.

The last week of December, I hope to help in the end of year Bible Readings hosted by the Porto Alegre assembly. There will be six readings in all and these normally are most enjoyable. I plan to travel back to the UK the following weekend, as Christine will not be coming out during this visit. Prayer for the work here in the south of Brazil is always highly valued.

Thursday 23rd



Exod 21-23

MEXICO

Cancun Qta. Roo

We deeply value your prayers and appreciate your interest in the work in Cancun. In July we enjoyed a trip to Northern Ireland, where we were warmly welcomed by all, and were able to meet many believers and visit several assemblies.

In August the assembly had a week of Children's Meetings. It was an uplifting week with many children and young people in attendance. The local believers helped in all the details, which brought encouragement to our hearts to see their interest and involvement. A number of believers went out door-to-door with tracts and invitations to these meetings. The children were divided up into two classes - ages 4-11 and ages 12 and up. It worked well as everyone sang together and then went to their class for the age-appropriate lesson and activity. At the end of each class, they had a snack. At the end of the week, each one was given a bag of school supplies and a meal. There were several new contacts made, and some returned from the week of children's meetings last August.

We continue with the regular meetings here. It has been a cheer to have the participation of the local brethren in prayer, giving out hymns, teaching and preaching in the gospel. The newly saved brethren have each given their testimony. There are several adults who attend the meetings but still are not saved. There has been an interest expressed in salvation by several of them recently and we pray that they will soon see the truth of the gospel.

We have been praying for some time regarding having a weekly Bible reading. Up until recently, we had two midweek meetings - both for prayer with a word of ministry at the end. At the end of September, we replaced one with a weekly Bible Reading and we are studying the book of Colossians. The first Bible Readings that the assembly ever had were in June when we had a week on the book of 1 Timothy.

Paul & Barb Thiessen (Guadalajara, Mexico) were with the assembly on September 29th. He helped in ministry and gospel and their visit was appreciated by all.

As we look ahead to the next couple of months, there will be continued home visits with both saved and unsaved. There is a series of Gospel Meetings scheduled for late October, where I will be joined in the preaching by my brother David Cadenas, who labours here in Cancun with his wife Saly. We are specifically praying for regular contacts who attend but are still not saved, as well as the children of the believers.

We are also looking forward to a visit from our brother Marcus Cain (Halifax, Nova Scotia) at the end of November, DV, when he will spend a week with us in ministry. There is a conference scheduled for November 15th-17th in the city of Veracruz. There are a number of believers from Cancun who have expressed an interest in attending. We are praying about taking several vehicles and making the 17-hour drive together. It would be uplifting to spend time with other believers from other parts of Mexico and hear the ministry messages. We are praying for the Lord's guidance in this tentative plan.

Prayer Requests

- Gospel meetings planned for October 20th - November 1st, God willing
- Salvation of those who consistently attend the regular meetings but are still not saved

- Rodrigo, Luis, Vidal, Jacinto, Ramón, José - unsaved husbands of sisters in the assembly
- Further open doors for the gospel in the city of Cancun
- Safety and preservation from violence in the city

C. 2013 (Venezuela) TIMOTHY & AMY TURKINGTON

9/10/24

Friday 24th



Exod 24-26

NEW ZEALAND

Tauranga

We have received a few messages in the last few days asking about our grandson, Owen (5). That tells us it is time we sent out an update to let people know how he is progressing with the treatment for his cancer, and we praise and thank the Lord for his good progress so far.

In mid-October CT scans were done and they revealed that Owen's tumours have shrunk. That means they have responded well to chemo and radiotherapy. Since then, he has been on some heavy doses of chemo and radiotherapy and there have been ups and downs in his response. He has had good days and bad days. This is the season of marathons and his dad, Jon, was running in the London half-marathon. The day before there was a one mile "marathon" for children so Owen ran beside his dad in that race and did OK. So, there are days when Owen is very active along with his brothers. Owen's chemo will finish at the end of December and then he will be reassessed to see whether or not surgery is necessary to remove the last remains of the tumours. Hopefully, the tumours will have turned into scar tissue or will have completely disappeared. Keep on praying for the Lord to heal him completely.

You can imagine the hospitalisations for the chemo treatment have been disruptive for the family. The other boys, Tolkien (11), Lewis (9) and Wills (7), along with Jon and Tina also need our prayers.

We have been blessed this year with visits from other members of our family. Les and Debbie and all their family came in May for three weeks. Angela and Cedric (13) visited with us for a month in September. Bill was not able to come having responsibilities back in Colombia. We enjoyed hearing about Colombia and what a lot of our old friends are doing. Just this past week the church from La Calera (town near Bogota) where Bill and Angela are working held a camp with eighty in attendance. Among other activities there was a baptism of eight believers and one of them was Cedric.

Meanwhile here in Tauranga preaching and Bible studies keeps us busy. As well, we have visited places like Queenstown, Timaru, Palmerston North, Foxton, Auckland, Wellington, Rotorua, and Gisborne where Richard has had opportunities to preach the Word.

We have been encouraged by the prayers of so many people around the world for Owen, his parents, Jon and Tina, and his family. Where would we be without the Lord and the family of God? Paul says, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thess 4:18, and David says, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name" Psalm 100:4.

C. 1970 (New Zealand) RICHARD & NANCYE YARRELL

19/11/24

Saturday 25th

BRAZIL



Exod 27-29

Sao Joaquim da Barra

At the beginning of November, we had the conference at the first hall in São Joaquim. Our Swiss brother, Theodor Hahlen, was the speaker and on the Saturday, there was a big turnout, probably the biggest since lockdown. The place was full. The meetings were excellent and his theme was "Getting to know the Lord Jesus better".

Please give thanks for:

- The lovely rain that we have had since the last week in October and still going on. Lovely soft rain, although sometimes heavier and sometimes lightening due to the excessive heat that we had.
- For local elections in October. All went peacefully here in town.
- Opportunities that arise with Elaine at school as more children are wanting to come to Sunday School. As they spend time in the reading room where she stays, they tell her their woes and then she invites them to Sunday School. Yesterday she said: I will soon need a bus to collect all the children!



*Myself, D. Katharina and
Sr. Theodor Hahlen*

Please pray for:

- The salvation for Sr. Carlos and Lucimara (Jackson's parents) and some siblings who are still not saved.
- (September 7th) Young people's event – We had a good time; the speaker challenged the young folks.
- For D. Geni, an elderly lady who broke her leg in May – she is still in bed and just cries saying that she would love to go the meetings, but now with the rain, it is not easy to take her out. The other day the sisters went and spent some time with her and cheered her up.
- For D. Geni's family who take care of her, now the doctor's have said she has Alzheimer's.
- For the children at Sunday School – that the teachers may be sensitive to their situations yet at the same time tell the Good News to them.
- Debora had some setbacks with her medication, but seems to be getting it back into control now. This week it seems she has the beginnings of pneumonia.

Please continue to pray for this vast land which presents vast challenges and opportunities and that I may have the wisdom for advancing the spreading of the Gospel. May the Lord continue to bless you as you are part of the work here and thank you for your prayerful support in this vast land of Brazil.

MARGARET CRAWFORD

11/11/24

Sunday 26th

SCOTLAND



Exod 30-32

Aberdeen

Our winter timetable is off to a great start with the recommencement of the **Newmachar Bible Explorers club** and the **Woodside School Scripture Union** group. We are focusing on building the numbers back up at the Newmachar club as the uptake has been low since covid. Last year 2 children attended, but already this year the numbers are up to 6 regular attenders! We printed leaflets advertising the club which I have distributed round the village, and we have seen some coming along as a result of receiving one of these. We are praying in God's will for an increase in the numbers. In both clubs we have gone back to basics with them with the amazing, but logical creation account of Genesis Ch 1. We also focused on 'loving your neighbour' through the story of the Good Samaritan.



The weekly **Inverurie Academy SU** group continues to be regularly attended by around 10 pupils. We have commenced a series considering the general subject of 'friendship' and we are introducing the concept of how to be friends with God. They are discovering that the heart of Christianity is a relationship with the living God and not keeping a set of rules! Through the kindness of the Christians, we are able to provide small snacks for the pupils which are greatly appreciated. The **Dyce Academy SU** group has followed a similar curriculum, and although the numbers are small, the attendance is regular.

It has been a blessing to be invited to a couple of new schools. **Cultercullen Primary** asked for the infant class visit which was a great success. I was able to visit the 3 classes (whole school!) a few weeks later with other visits already planned for December and next year D.V. I was also invited to **Logie Durno Primary** where I have been able to share the message of Jesus with more upcoming dates organised.

The rest of the infant visits are going well with 14 primary schools and 2 secondary schools being regularly visited in the local area.

At present I am preparing for the upcoming Christmas events in Inverurie Gospel Hall and will be contacting the schools this week to arrange the Bible Alive programme for 2025 D.V.

Thank you all once again for your prayerful support. Trust the Lord will fill you with His unspeakable joy and peace.

GRAEME & FIONA SMITH

14/11/24

Monday 27th

ANGOLA



Exod 33-35

Camundambala Writing from England

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. Eph. 3: 20-21

Felizardo the young brother who is keen to become a doctor, has now started a nursing degree in Malange (about 8 hours away). Regular support promised from the UK is covering his university fees, and we have been able to help purchase his little cooker and cover his house rent and bottled drinking water bills so far. The University in Malange say they will offer a medical degree next year and if this happens, he will transfer over to that course God willing. He has become very aware of the privilege he has had being taught both in Camundambala mission station school and in the assembly there. He has asked for prayer that the Lord will give him help and wisdom when he seeks to teach the younger brethren in the assembly in Malange the things of God which he has learnt, as he feels they are limited in their knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. He appreciates the blanket he received in the past for memory verse learning, and also a 2nd hand laptop we have been able to purchase with gifts from the UK.

Jaime (Poverty and Parkinsons)

Recently we introduced you to an elderly gentleman believer, who with his wife and 6 children, desperately needed a new home. Praise God the home is nearly finished. They had to move in early (despite not being near ready) as their previous one collapsed with the commencement of the first rains. Praise God that even though unfinished, it had safe walls and a roof over their heads (albeit 2nd hand roofing sheets). Jaime is very debilitated with Parkinsons and praise God, Irene's sister has been able to help by



Brick Kilns



Jaime's old home



Jaime's new home

sourcing the correct medication in Luanda for him, which he commenced in the Spring. The medication has made such a marked improvement in his walking and talking that he was able to dance a thank you to the saints in the UK, who have helped with their giving towards his new home and improved conditions in living and health.

Polytunnel, Camundambala

Claudio, a young man in the Camundambala assembly, has been given the opportunity to use the polytunnel for cultivation of vegetables, alongside his already established family water garden (1 ½ hours walk away). He is making good use of it, to support his mother and family in the absence of a father to provide. We praise God for such a spiritually bright and hard-working sacrificial lad in providing for his family. He has grasped this 'unique opportunity' (his words) to be able to stay more local in helping his subsistence farming.



***Polytunnel,
Camundambala***

Matters for prayer

- Request that everything done and said, both past and future, will be to the honour and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Thanks for past and present health, safety and preservation and prayer for continued blessings.
- Thanks for the willingness of Brass Tacks once again to offer us the practical help of Phil Kennedy. Without him life would have been more difficult, with less work achieved.
- Thanks for the exercise of Ben, and the help he gave in the painting which has made a marked difference for Irene in her home, as she seeks to continue to use it to the glory of God.
- Request that our residency card applications will be successful and granted if the Lord will.
- Request for wisdom in helping with the spiritual needs, health needs and poverty requests of all.
- Request for the Lord's clear guidance as to the future path for Felizardo as he seeks the Lord's wisdom in how to help the young men in the assembly in Malange with Bible study.
- Request that the Angolans whom we continue to seek to reach with the gospel through our lives and compassion, will come to the knowledge of the Salvation of the Lord, and those we seek to help to guide spiritually in our home will progress and deepen in their walk with the Lord.



Cavungo Gospel Hall foundations

Tuesday 28th

ENGLAND



Exod 36-38

Tyne & Wear

As you know, in fellowship with other local Christians, I continue to preach four times weekly in nearby town centres, and we have some wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel with all sorts of folk. Durham is exceptional for the number of contacts it throws up: this is no doubt due to the high number of students in the city. There is an incredibly large number of Chinese students in the north-east and John Blanchard's booklet *Ultimate Questions* (in Chinese) has been a great tool for witnessing.

Durham

I spoke to Ted, a Masters student from China. He had no concept of the Gospel. He informed me his Chinese girlfriend was a Christian, but he felt this was because her mother and grandmother were Christians. She never spoke to him about Christianity, an indicator perhaps that she is not a genuine believer. I was able to pass on to him a copy of *Ultimate Questions* in Chinese. He also took a Gospel of John.

Michael (70s) the photographer from South Shields whom I met in September, was back on the bridge today and he was hovering around the board. Several of the brethren spoke to him. When we took our coffee in the market square at the end of the preaching, who should be sat on our bench – Michael. David spoke to him for a good while.

I had my second encounter with Robert (59) from Stanley. He'd been brought up in Catholicism but had many questions about its doctrine and practices. His wife was a Methodist minister, but he was convinced in his own mind, women should not preach in the church gatherings! He'd read about William Booth the founder of the Salvation Army, so decided to attend one of their meetings. He was put off when he saw the 'pride flag' on the tract table. He seems to be searching, and when I asked what sort of church he was looking for, he said "I'm looking for a Biblical church". I directed him to the Gospel Hall, Consett. He took a copy of my booklet *Amazing Grace*.

Ooh, a Chinese Ph.D. student (philosophy) took a tract from Bitten before heading my way. When I offered her another of the 'Good News' tracts she gladly accepted and was even more delighted when I showed her *Ultimate Questions* booklet in Chinese. She spoke excellent English and knew a little bit about Christianity.

Sunderland

A lovely time speaking with Betty and Iris (late 60s). Iris told me she'd been re-baptised recently. I was able to speak to them about being 'born again' and it unsettled them somewhat when they heard, 'Except a man be born again, he (or she) cannot see the kingdom of God.' Like old Nicodemus, they were puzzled about how to be 'born again'. We were able to share with them the great truth of 'justification by faith'.

Mary Jane (63) approached me and told me of an abortion her mother had made her have 45 years ago. "My child would have been 45 years old if it had lived! I have such a dreadful feeling of guilt. Is forgiveness possible?" This gave me the opportunity to speak of the forgiveness that is available exclusively in Christ. "Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." – Acts 13:38

Josinda, an Indian student who had just recently been saved, heard David preaching as they were walking down Silver Street. She persuaded her friends to come and listen to the preaching, and suddenly David was surrounded by Josinda and her three friends. A great opportunity to share the Gospel.

I do hope there's something to encourage you from this report.

IAN & BITTEN CAMPBELL

13/11/24

Wednesday 29th

SOUTH AFRICA



Exod 39-40

Umtentweni

During this past year the assembly here has had the privilege of running two Sunday Schools. They are not large, one having around 15 children and the other about twice that number. The larger Sunday School consists of African children from one of the Senior Primary Schools in the town. The children board at the school and each Friday afternoon a brother and sister from the assembly have a Bible class with them. Early in the year, the headmaster requested that the assembly would organise a Sunday School for these boarders, and we happily complied. The interesting thing is that this headmaster has an uncle who is a Roman Catholic Bishop! During the course of the year, the behaviour of the children gradually deteriorated to such an extent that, both on the Friday afternoons and also on the Lord's Days at the assembly, it was almost impossible to carry on the work. The assembly were informed about the problem and much prayer was raised to the Lord, Who graciously answered almost immediately. Since then, there has been no issue with misbehaviour, for which we praise the Lord. Please pray for these young ones as they return to their homes (it is the end of the school year here in South Africa) and will doubtless be influenced by ungodly family members.

We would also value prayer for a 'Carol Service' that is scheduled for December 16th, in the will of the Lord. We find that each year we have unsaved visitors who come to such a meeting, but who do not attend any other meetings. We always make sure that there is a clear gospel message for those who come.

In our monthly Bible class, we have been dealing with some "Why?" questions. Why do we not have a Pastor? Why do we break bread every week? Why do the ladies cover their heads? Why do we not speak in tongues? We have a large number of Indian believers in the assembly and they are exposed to folk from other groups, where such topics can cause confusion. Please pray as we seek to build up the saints in their faith, that they will be preserved from being led astray by such issues.

In recent weeks, a new family has started to attend most gospel meetings. They are an Indian family and usually march up to the front, rather than sneaking into a back row! They are clearly not familiar with the gospel, but they listen carefully to the Word of God. Please pray that they will continue to attend the gospel meetings and that they would come under conviction of sin by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your faithfulness in remembering us before the throne of grace. Please keep praying for us.

C. 1968

PAUL & DOROTHY GRIEVE

6/11/24

Thursday 30th

BRAZIL



Lev 1-4

Pirassununga

We have finally sent another volume of the Ritchie commentary to the printer: volume 12, Psalms. It took longer than expected, as we were adapting to the change in health and other situations. But we are glad for another milestone reached. We have already started translating Isaiah.

Please continue praying for the nine assemblies in the region around Pirassununga, and for weekly gospel meetings in three other localities close at hand. These towns are between 20 and 140 kilometres from Pirassununga.

On Tuesday, in the neighbouring town of Porto Ferreira, we were glad to see a young couple at the meeting after many years. The wife was brought up hearing the gospel (her parents have been in the assembly for over 20 years), and she and her husband came relatively frequently in the past. However, since the pandemic, they have never been back. The assembly there is small (only eight in fellowship), and we normally help them out in their midweek meeting. It's normally a ministry meeting, but the Gospel was preached that night. Please pray for the seed sown.

Remember also the short daily Meditations sent through WhatsApp since March of 2020. The number of believers receiving these Meditations is now over one thousand — pray for wisdom in preparing these little messages.

Thank you for your prayers. May God bless you as you seek to serve Him in your region.

C. 1998

WILLIAM & ELEN WATTERSON

31/10/24

Friday 31st

ANGOLA



Lev 5-7

Camundambala

Praise the Lord that the next container (which arrived in Angola 5 months ago) has now reached Camundambala!

Many thanks for all your prayers and the team in Angola for diligently following up with the authorities over the last few months to ensure this was released.

We are now resupplied in Angola with Bibles, literature, paper, chairs, materials and other items for the Lord's work with the Lord's people. Brian Howden has let us know that 'The container is out of the Port (in Luanda). The journey to Saurimo starts later today. Thank you for your prayers.'

Praise the Lord that this container is on the move after so many weeks stuck in Port. Many thanks for your continuing prayer support and kindness.



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