

THANK GOD FOR HIS SON – A GIFT TOO WONDERFUL FOR WORDS: 2 COR.9:15

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Dear Friends in the Lord,

As we near the end of 2020 we are certainly not going to forget this year very readily. It has been a difficult year for everyone in so many ways and it's not over yet.

FUNCTIONING THIS YEAR: It's fairly safe to say that we have been more functioning this year than actually being able to get on with the work full scale. Here in France we have been into confinement, out of it for a wee while, then back into it again. We have managed to keep main activities going through different means but mainly through zoom. The Alpha course is still running with three people attending at the moment. A couple is showing particular interest. The literacy classes with Arab women are continuing as well with most of the women being willing to do this through videoconference. Graham, like many other preachers, has discovered the experience of preaching through zoom – better than nothing but not that great either to be honest.

FRANCE: Really needs your prayers at the moment. It has always been a dark country spiritually but it seems worse than ever right now. There is real unrest and the divisions because of the covid-19 situation are amazing, mainly because of the decisions the government has taken to combat the pandemic problem. Recently there have been demonstrations which have become more and more violent and the amount of damage and destruction because of these demonstrations is quite incredible. France, like many other countries these days, needs a real movement of the Holy Spirit to sweep through the land bringing people to a realisation of their need for God in their lives.

FAMILY: We do praise God for His goodness to us. We have been preserved from catching the virus and we, Graham and Alison, keep very well in general. It is now just over four years since Graham had his operation for breast cancer and three and a half years since he finished all his treatments of chemotherapy and radio therapy. He continues with hormone treatment and sees the oncologist every six months but apart from that keeps remarkably well. Alison has a very strange thing – a heat in her foot and leg. While not painful it is most uncomfortable. To touch her leg feels normal on the outside but inside feels quite hot. She has seen several specialists, has had scans and so on, but the doctors don't really know what's wrong. The family continue to keep well too with Pamela and Fraser still in Dieppe with their three, Stephen and Sheila still in Leeds with their three. Stephen has made steady progress since his brain haemorrhage this time last year and we praise God that he has come through it unscathed. Suzanne and Eric are right beside us here with their three. We are a well balanced family!

We take this opportunity of wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a blessed new year for 2021. We join in thanking you again for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers.

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