

Dear brother William,

Many thanks for the gift of £xxx received directly into my account. We appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of the saints in Barrhead. Please pass on our thanks.

I recently visited Australia and New Zealand for five weeks of conferences and Bible teaching. We had a very encouraging time.

On my return to the UK, I preached the gospel in a tent locally in Liverpool. People such as Emma and Paul (who are unrelated) came in to hear the gospel and have shown a reasonable interest. We would appreciate your prayers for their salvation.

As you know, life for Christians can be very tough in Pakistan. Things are quieter now, but this is a relative term as things can blow up quickly. The gospel continues to be preached in eight prisons and among the thirty-four assemblies that now exist. I checked the number of assemblies recently when online with Sohail and was thrilled to discover that many more assemblies have been planted over the last 12 months, and they were asked last week to visit two more prisons. There has been some persecution among converted Hindus, but nothing as life-threatening as in the past. It is such a complex country with many conversions and opportunities to spread the gospel and, at the same time, they experience severe persecution.

The work of the Lord in Uganda continues to grow, with Sanya and the other brothers going out to teach New Testament truth in about six locations -

Musoto - 38 (40), Sakiya - 12 (21), Kakora (Butebo) 23 (18), Kashebayi (Butebo) 33 (26), Lwanjushi, 46 (39) and Namayingo, 62 (31) - the first number is the numbers of believers in fellowship, the number in brackets is the number of children or young people that also attend.

Finally, the Lord has opened the door over the last year to work (online) with several brothers in Kenya, helping them understand New Testament Church principles. They have been very responsive to the teaching of the word of God. It is always difficult to know if things are changing on the ground, so I may visit them next year when I am in Uganda. Please pray for the saints in the region of Kisii and brothers Victor & Emily Makori, Vincent & Ruth Morara and Brother Shem (he is an evangelist) as they seek to teach the believers what I have taught them. I have an online Bible Study with them on Friday at 10 am (UK time/12 Kenyan time). I don't want them to solely change things to live within rules but to reflect the glory that God gets when His people love Him and delight in doing His will.

I am currently in Slovakia for two weeks of gospel and Bible teaching. The first weekend was a conference followed by a Bible Study week on evangelism for men (it was held in a forest retreat). I then worked with a number of assemblies in various locations. I fly home on Saturday the 13th. I am then back into local work and will assist Jonathan Black from Bicester with gospel meetings in Prestwich, Manchester. Carole and I have a week booked for a holiday in early August after our Holiday Bible Club in the assembly in Huyton, Liverpool.

We appreciate your fellowship in the work of the Lord - we could not do it without you. I don't just mean financially, but in terms of prayer support as well.

Yours with love and through Grace,

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