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Venezuela

Los Altos

We live in the north-east of Venezuela in a little town in the mountains called Los Altos, on the border between Anzoátegui and Sucre states. The gospel reached this town over 60 years ago; the McKeown (Noel and Anne) families have been here for nearly 40 years and before them the Walmsleys. We thank the Lord for having stirred hearts in the Emerald Isle of Ireland to come to this corner of the world.

This year we were encouraged by our brethren to dedicate our lives full time to the Lords work, we hope to be instruments of blessing in the hands of our God and for that, we ask for your continued prayers, not only for us, but also for our three children John (15), Alexa (14) and Bethany (9).

We are currently in the third week of open air gospel meetings in Los Altos. Last week, after the meeting, a 35-year-old lady called Romelia came to us and between tears said: "Every day I used worry about how I would feed my family, but these last few days my biggest burden has been 'I'm not right with God'. I haven't been able to sleep well for days but today, I received Christ, I'm saved, I have peace!" What joy to know that the Lord is still receiving sinners. There are others listening: please continue to pray for them.

This north-eastern region covers a little over 20,000 sq. miles and has a population of approximately 3 million. There are eight assemblies established here and each one has a number of outreach works. Even so, there are many places where the gospel has never been preached, we pray that the Lord will open doors to enable us to take the good news of salvation to many of these places.

Currently, the situation in our country is very complex; wages are low and inflation high, and as a result thousands have left the country looking for a better future, leaving everything behind. The Lord's people have not escaped this situation. Recently a sister told us "If I didn't have the Lord, I don't know what I would do" and truly, the Lord is Lord of all. Many of his people have been used by Him to help saints here, and they are very grateful.

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Pedro and Lois (née Mckeown) Malavé

Scotland/Indonesia

Bridge of Weir

I have just finished another block of school visits in Perth (Scotland). I was reminded this week that we started the school work in Perth in 2003 and it is great to see how the assembly there has developed the work to the point that twenty-seven schools are visited regularly in the city and surrounding area. Graeme Paterson, Gordon McCracken (both Scotland) and myself go for annual blocks of visits along with local brethren who regularly visit many of the schools. Prior to the Perth visits, I returned for another block of school visits in connection with Overtown Assembly in Lanarkshire. Gordon McCracken and I each do two annual visits to the schools in the area. The assembly at Overtown arrange for 4 visits to 14 Primary schools. Long may this opportunity be preserved in our land.

I am due to return to Indonesia in a couple of weeks. When I was there in the Summer I was taken aback to be informed that I have been visiting there since 2006, twelve years. It was a joy to see the progress and stability of the believers as they serve the Lord in quite a hostile environment. The assembly has grown over the years from 5 young men to about 100 people, which includes old and young, married and unmarried and lots of families. They face a lot of challenges as an assembly as they seek to guide their young people and help them stand for the Lord in their community.

The weekly prison work continues to be a source of great joy for me. I really love speaking to the prisoners in that environment where there is no pretense of righteousness. I will be there again on Sunday and it is a real privilege to share the gospel with these men.

I was in Cardy recently for a gospel effort. It was a real thrill to see so many people brought to hear the gospel, many were in the hall for the first time and were listening to the gospel for the first time.

Before going to Cardy we had another week of outreach at Bridge of Weir. We continue to plug away at the gospel in our community and long to see people trust the Saviour.

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Stephen and Sharon Grant

Brazil

Presently, Tommie Wright and I are in our sixth week of gospel meetings in Candelaria. We are encouraged by the numbers attending, and especially for some who have expressed an interest in the way of salvation. Please pay for a man of 65 years: his mother is presently in fellowship and his father was a great help in reaching out to the lost in this area - sadly, some years ago, he was taken home to heaven. It would be great to see this man and other delivered at this time. We had the joy of speaking at a baptism in Santa Cruz where seven believers were baptised and received into fellowship there. Please pray for the work and for us in Candelaria.

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Noel and Heather Fleck

Candelaria

Extract from a report of a visit to Angola (prior to Brian's recent illness)

Camundumbala School The big project in the village is the completion of the new school building. This is progressing well though still with much to do. Progress is largely driven by the visits from Brass Tacks, Jonathan Singleton and other craftsmen from the UK. A team of workers from Camundumbala Assembly are a great asset in assisting the visiting workmen.

The value of the school, started by Ruth Hadley in 2006, is very evident by the presence of groups of young people attending several Camundumbala Young People's Bible Study classes conducted by Brian Howden during the week. Two of the young men are now leading some of the studies and they and others are accompanying Brian on visits for Gospel preaching in other villages. As children, these young people would have otherwise had no education and would be illiterate, like many of their parents.

Many of these young men are now taking an active part in the assembly and making welcome and appropriate contributions at the Lord's Supper.

The school and the quality of education provided is a great legacy to the vision and hard work of Ruth Hadley and Brian and Debbie Howden over many years. Brian and Debbie continue to need much prayer as they have added to their work load the responsibility for the school in an effort to maintain its spiritual value. Brian currently takes the 2 oldest classes for one lesson each week using the PBS material.

A replacement vehicle was recently purchased to transport the teachers, morning and afternoon, to and from Saurimo. The school runs a morning school and afternoon school with different pupils and teachers for each, with a total of 600 pupils.

Building homes Within the Camundumbala and nearby leprosaria village (now just 8 lepers) there are a number of building projects always on the go in an effort to provide housing for some of the poor believers. Some 20 of the leper houses are currently uninhabitable: as they are renovated they will be made available to these believers.

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Victor Michael

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