

# LORD'S WORK TRUST

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## **South Africa**

Three weeks ago, in broad daylight at **Ocean View** where I am presently in fellowship, poor people were lined up to receive their money from the Government when gangsters drove past and shot a young mother with two children twice in the head: it seems that she was in the drug trade. Usually murders take place at night, so this incident in broad daylight and with so many people watching has shaken the whole community. Then, two weeks ago, while we were gathered for the "Breaking of Bread" another person was murdered. Incidents like these causes great fear in the town. Please pray that many will be caused to think about their eternal destiny and trust the Lord.

Peter who was backslidden for many years and on drugs was restored to the Lord some months ago: yesterday the believers rejoiced when he was received back into fellowship.

**Gospel Outreach** Accompanied by two of my coloured friends we recently visited Simonstown the port from which the South African Navy operate. We had a great time witnessing and distributing gospel literature to many Zimbabweans, Malawians and locals, all of whom were very receptive to the gospel. Please pray for the salvation of those contacted.

Last Friday I visited a place where there are almost 200 small "outlets" selling clothing etc. While there my nieces, visiting from Sakeji School in Zambia, were able to purchase a few things, but more importantly we were able to distribute many gospel leaflets and talk to people about the Lord: they too, need your prayers.

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**David Croudace**

## **Venezuela**

We are all keeping well, though the stress of life here takes its toll. The children are in good health and do well at school. Others comment on the great improvement and changes in them, which is encouraging, though as parents we often don't notice it as much!

It has been a source of joy to have my parents back in Venezuela since the end of last year. Dad (Uel) is keeping quite well, but tires easily, so I have been chauffeuring him to visit different assemblies and share responsibility with him at ministry meetings. We seek to help, encourage and strengthen the believers in the difficult circumstances we face: many are passing through deep waters but it's amazing to see the Lord at work, helping and supplying as only our God can and does.

Most know that Venezuela has gone through difficult times in the last few years. Sadly, conditions have deteriorated drastically since the start of this year, with the cost of living beyond what many can afford. Added to this, for most of March the country has been without electricity, sometimes for days at a time, which means that there is no running water in many cities as there is no power to run the pumps. Phone and mobile services are also affected, and internet communication is erratic. This affects every aspect of life, right down to shopping, as we cannot pay by debit/credit card if there is neither power nor internet services.

My parents return to N. Ireland next week, Lord willing. We are looking to the Lord for guidance as to where He would have us preach the gospel. While there are many "open doors" to preach we need to be and long to be in the centre of His will.

As we close, we ask for a place in your prayers, that we may be led and helped in His work, and be preserved along with the saints amidst many dangers. We need to be sustained by His grace in the midst of difficult circumstances.

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**Samuel and Sharon Ussher**

## **Ocean View**

## **Palo Negro**

## Scotland

## Perth

Allow me to briefly update you on some of my more recent activities. Both of our soup kitchens continue to provide great opportunities to share the gospel. Nearly 300 different people have been contacted over the last 18 months through the Monday evening soup kitchen in town: around 20 come each week. Also, over 100 have been contacted in the last 6 months through the Wednesday evening soup kitchen in the housing estate where Perth Assembly hall is located: around 15 come each week. Those who come generally give good attention to the short gospel message I present. There are plenty ups and downs in the work, but it is generally encouraging.

We've recently completed another short Bible study course which I compiled, entitled 'Considering Jesus'. It ran for 3 Tuesday evenings, and 20-25 non-believers and believers who aren't members of the assembly attended each week. We run study courses of this nature a couple of times each year and the people seem to benefit from them – we were encouraged that 6 or 7 new people came this time round. We're planning a day trip to Faskally House on Easter Friday for those who attended. Now that the course is finished, our outreach with young men will recommence on Tuesday evenings fairly soon – over the years we've been able to share the gospel with over 250 lads through this outreach.

I've also been distributing our latest Gospel Community Magazine in some other parts of the city and through this contact have had a couple of folk attend our gospel meeting, others to our toddlers group and a couple to the soup kitchen for the first time. A few have requested Bibles. I'm hoping to get the whole of Perth covered in the first half of the year – although, there's still a fair bit to do! There are lots of other things going on too, but I'll not weary you by going into all the details! Prayer for guidance and blessing is appreciated.

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**Gareth Edwards**

## Venezuela

## Tucupita

We began the year with prayer requesting "open doors" for the preaching of the gospel and for the Lord's blessing. So, on the 23rd January we commenced meetings in the area where we live. Attendance was encouraging and most nights we had over 50 unbelievers, including a number of children. Many came for the first time from La Manga, a neighbouring vicinity where there is the possibility of starting a children's class. After 5 weeks we concluded with the baptism of 2 women who had professed faith over a year ago and have given clear evidences of new life. Please pray that the good seed sown will bring forth fruit in salvation. Since the meetings ended, attendance has been maintained at the normal meetings.

Over the last weeks a few visits have been made to some Indigenous communities down river, where many live in extreme poverty and are very isolated. They have little means of getting medical help, (although presently this is very scarce in most of the country). We have been told that such trips have become very dangerous due to robberies. We would appreciate your prayers as we navigate these lonely rivers.

Four children's classes continue with increased attendance, including many adolescents and adults. Please pray for the few who try cope with groups of between 200 and 300 restless children. The word is being sown in their tender hearts, and we look to the Lord for blessing.

The political and economical situation remains very tense. We know Venezuela is in the news worldwide so we need not say much. In spite of the crisis, it's marvellous to see the planting of new assemblies in several parts of the country. Please continue to pray for Venezuela.

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**William and Veronica Turkington**

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