

20TH

Genesis 26

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos
We thank the Lord for continued liberties in the Gospel despite the tremendous difficulties on every hand. Some have estimated that as many as 4 million people have fled the country. There are encouragements also. One highlight was the formation of a new assembly in Los Rastrojos with 5 couples and 8 other believers. The work has been going on for about 15 years.
C. 1995 (Ven) ALAN/SANDRA TURKINGTON

21ST

Genesis 27

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos
We have been very encouraged by the recent effort in the Gospel in Barrancas. The attendance grew steadily and during the last weeks about 100 unsaved were out most nights. We felt the Lord's presence and saw His hand in salvation. Please also remember the activities in our own home. With 5 of our own children, we continue to home 10 social orphans. Some sisters in the assembly help in all the necessary activities. As well as schooling, there are daily bible lessons.
C. 1995 (Ven) ALAN/SANDRA TURKINGTON

22ND

Genesis 28

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria
Several of our national workers are passing through deep waters. One brother has a daughter who is suicidal. Another faces brain surgery but has no health plan. He also has cardiac problems and doctors are concerned as to whether they go ahead with surgery. In our immediate area there are over 20 National Workers and all of them would value your prayerful support.
C. 1966 WALTER/ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

23RD

Genesis 29

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lviv
We would appreciate your prayers for a new outreach work commenced in November in Lviv. We arranged two Thursday evening meetings in a coffee shop beside the City Hall and invited people to come and engage in a question and answer session from the Bible. We were encouraged at the response, with a nice number of believers and unbelievers present to hear the Scriptures read and the Gospel shared.
C. 2010 EDMUND/AGNES JOHNSTON

24TH

Genesis 30

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Kabompo
The Lord continues to bless the work at Loloma. The assembly is meeting in a tent while the new roof is being put on our Gospel Hall. Last year a new assembly work was established from Loloma and recently nine people were baptised there. As Christmas approaches, we look forward to many conferences. Pray for safe travel on bad roads and for helpful and encouraging ministry. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness over another year.
C. 1972 WILMA GEDDES

25TH

Genesis 31

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Nantes
We had a special baptism in Nantes recently. Stacey was an English student in Nantes University. She applied to do a year abroad and was assigned a place in Chester. There she met our daughter Catrina, who was also at Nantes University studying English – but they had never met in France. Catrina invited Stacey to the CU at the University and within a year Stacey was saved. Now back in France, she has been baptised and her parents, who have been very suspicious of her newfound faith, attended. Please pray for them!
C. 1985/88 GERRY/DOROTHY SEED

26TH

Genesis 32 to 33:16

MALAWI Pop. 19 Mil. Writing from N Ireland
For the third successive year we had the opportunity to take the Gospel into prisons in Malawi. The conditions are very challenging but we had the joy of preaching to hundreds of prisoners in Dedza. For the first time we also were given access to Maula, the large maximum security prison in Lilongwe. We left several thousand texts with the Chaplain – sufficient for the entire jail. Please pray for Malawi and the ongoing outreach work in the prisons.
C. 2003 STEPHEN/GAIL HARPER

27TH

Genesis 33:17 to 34:31

EL SALVADOR Pop. 6.4 Mil. San Salvador
In the city of San Salvador I have a Christian home, Hogar Cristiano de Jovenes for young people. The Lord laid a burden on my heart to adopt some of them and two years ago I filed paperwork to adopt 10 young people. They have lived with me almost all their lives. Due to the gangs, violence, corruption and poverty, life is very difficult for young people. The Lord has granted 9 adoptions now, with only one young woman, Iris, remaining. Praise the Lord! We are also beginning the process for Canadian citizenship for them.
C. 1991 (BC) HELEN GRIFFIN

28TH

Genesis 35

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from N Ireland
It was good to recently renew fellowship with so many dear believers in Zambia. We visited 5 different assemblies, including Livingstone, where we laboured for many years. We were encouraged to see the saints continuing in testimony, with a new generation rising up to serve the Master. We also visited a new assembly at Kazungula, near the border with Botswana. Poor rains have resulted in little water for hydroelectricity, and hence lengthy power cuts each day. However, the believers are warm and hospitable and we thank God for them all.
C. 1992 DAVID/PRISCILLA MCALLISTER

29TH

Genesis 36

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. New Cumnock, Ayrshire
It was a thrill to recently attend the commendation meeting for Craig and Christina MacKie. They are an enthusiastic young couple, with a little boy Daniel and another expected soon. Craig explained that they primarily plan to work locally, taking the Gospel to remote villages and towns in Ayrshire that may not have been evangelised for many years. This is a difficult but much needed work. Please pray that they will be encouraged, preserved and blessed as they serve the Lord full time.
C. 2019 CRAIG/CHRISTINA MACKIE

30TH

Genesis 37

ENGLAND Pop. 57 Mil. Birmingham
We recently had the encouragement of a baptism at our assembly. A young father, saved from a dark place a few years ago, has been attending for a while. It has been a joy to see his thirst for the Scriptures, but we pray earnestly for his wife, Holly, that she will get saved too. She also attends regularly and listens intently to the Gospel. We look to the Lord. I've started going door to door in Small Heath and plan to focus on this work over the next few months.
C. ANDREW/JANELLE MULLAN

31ST

Genesis 38

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Gaborone
For the last week we have had gospel meetings in an empty flat in the block where I live. We were delighted that 21 different adult neighbours came along. Some came twice, two came 4 times and three came every night. I will be busy following up each contact personally and would value your prayers that these connections will lead to further opportunities for the gospel. Your fellowship in prayer is a great joy to our hearts.
C. 1990 JOY GRIFFITHS

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Luke 24:27

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LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Genesis 1:1 to 2:3

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Writing from N Ireland
It was wonderful to return to this assembly in Sri Lanka which was planted just a few years ago. It is situated in a mainly Buddhist area. They have to be careful to keep a low profile so they do not bring suspicion as to where they meet, as there has been a major crackdown on groups coming together. The average age of the assembly members is very young, so they are in great need of our prayers for both physical and spiritual protection. The present circumstances are stressful.
CHARLES DAVIDSON (N Ireland)

2ND

Genesis 2:4-25

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma
Please continue praying for our daughter Kara who is 13. About 5 weeks ago she fell 7 feet from an exercise bar onto her neck, landing on a concrete floor. Initially it was diagnosed as only bruised. However, last Monday, scans confirmed that her neck vertebrae are misaligned and one is fractured. She has now been flown to Johannesburg where the doctors say it is a miracle she is alive and appears to have no neurological damage. We have much to thank the Lord for.
C. 1997 TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

3RD

Genesis 3

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma
Following the accident to our daughter Kara, doctors have confirmed that they need to put her neck in traction for a period of time and then operate to decompress one of the joints and fuse some of the vertebrae together to stabilise her neck. The first procedure has taken place and calipers have been fitted to allow the traction to commence. Pray that the traction will be successful. Visiting is restricted, which is hard for Kara. Also remember our boys David and Daniel who are back at Loloma, Zambia.
C. 1997 TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

4TH

Genesis 4 & 5

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria

Continue to pray for Hebert and his family. Initially, back and leg pain was thought to be a sciatic nerve problem. However, after further examination, an oncologist confirmed cancer in several areas. He has had 10 sessions of radiotherapy and has started chemotherapy. He has displayed wonderful confidence in God's plan for his life. His wife Roberta is seven months pregnant but is a tremendous support. Hebert's positive attitude is having a noticeable impact. The couple also have a three year old daughter.

C. 1966 WALTER/ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

5TH

Genesis 6-7:10

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Santarem

The work here in Northern Brazil was started 70 years ago by a Brazilian couple, now with the Lord. The gospel continues to reach out from Santarem in all directions. There are 19 assemblies in the large state of Para, with some growing significantly; we give God the glory. Remember in prayer the Brazilian workers Germano, Jerson, Adilio, Jenair and Jair, and their families. Also Sergio and Debora are moving to Santarem to help with the work here. This is a real answer to prayer.

C. 1972 SAMUEL/ANN DAVIDSON

6TH

Genesis 7:11 to 8:19

ALBANIA Pop. 3 Mil. UK 4 Tirana

On 26th November, Albania was struck by an earthquake of 6.4 magnitude on the Richter Scale. It is the strongest to have hit the country in 40 years and the deadliest in over 100 years. The situation is disastrous. Over 50 people were killed and more than 2,000 injured, with 9,000 displaced from their homes. The cities of Durres and Thumane are most affected. Believers from our own assembly travelled to Durres, where we fed about 300 people. Pray for the physical and spiritual needs of Albania.

C. 2008 ENRIS/SYLVIA NASE

7TH

Genesis 8:20 to 9:29

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Descalvado

Last Sunday we had 6 baptised in Arame, including Romerito and Hernani, who we previously requested prayer for. We are delighted. Vanessa (Romerito's wife) is still not saved but shows some interest in the Gospel. Hernani's wife (Claudia) is very opposed to the Gospel and refused to attend. Pray for Vanessa and Claudia. One sister Joana has a husband (Gilmar) who would tear up her bible and beat her up. She was overjoyed when he recently attended with her. Pray that he might get God's salvation.

C. 1998 (Brazil) MARCO/JANICE GEBARA

8TH

Genesis 10:1 to 11:26

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

The assembly in Los Altos in the north-east of Venezuela has a little over 100 in fellowship. There are also two other large assemblies within an hour's distance, namely Puerto La Cruz and Sante Fe. There is a growing work in Cumana, the first city founded on the American Continent by the Spanish colonials in 1521. Although there is no assembly established yet, about 20 young believers live there and travel to Sante Fe. We are currently looking for a site to build a hall. Pray for this city and the ongoing work there.

C. 2018 (Ven) PEDRO/LOIS MALAVE

9TH

Genesis 11:27 to 12:20

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Cape Town

With my friends Eddie and Brenda from the local assembly we visit various beaches handing out Gospel literature, often leading to encouraging conversations. The Gospel meeting continues in Ocean View but the Thursday evening cottage meeting has been 'put on hold' due to the increasing violence. Today 5 armed men went into Eddie and Brenda's home. They ransacked the house while one held a gun to Eddie's head. Anything of value was stolen. Please pray for this needy area.

C. 1958 (USA) DAVID CROUDACE

10TH

Genesis 13 & 14

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Zambezi

God willing, I will travel to Zambia this week to initially help at Avondale, a new assembly in Lusaka. I will then travel to Sakeji and afterwards to Zambezi. I have also been asked to speak at the launching of the new Luvale New Testament in the Chavuma district later in the month. Pray for safe travel and the furtherance of the Gospel.

C. 1958 (USA) DAVID CROUDACE

11TH

Genesis 15 & 16

THAILAND Pop. 69 Mil. UK 8 Bangkok

We were recently encouraged when 3 were baptised. The daughter of a believer was one of those baptised. She is getting married to a young brother in the assembly in February 2020. Pray for this young couple. An older man was also baptized. He became a believer in prison where he was serving a sentence for drug trafficking. He got out earlier this year and immediately started attending the meetings. His wife and 30 year old son attend every week but are not yet saved. We would value prayer for them.

C. 1973/77 TOM/NUI HILL

12TH

Genesis 17

CYPRUS Pop. 1.2 Mil. UK 6**Logos English School of Education**

God willing this will be a year of big change for the kindergarten. The authorities require that we close or relocate these classes off the school site. The Lord has been faithful and allowed us to secure a disused bakery, almost opposite the school, that we can use. Much work is needed to renovate the building and we are looking to Him to be up and running without having to close the class. Your prayers will be appreciated.

COLIN CLARKE (Chairman)

Genesis 18

13TH**ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Chitokoloki**

Pray for 'labourers' to join us in the work here. There is a great opportunity to meet people in hospital and talk to them about the Lord. Pray for the challenges with medical resources and the lack of blood. Local transfusions are completely banned. Remember the Christian couple who run the missionary guest house in Lusaka. Their nine year old boy was hit by a car and killed last week. The accident was witnessed by their 14 year old boy. It is a traumatic time for the family.

C. 2009 JULIE-RACHEL ELWOOD

Genesis 19

14TH**IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Dublin**

We plan to distribute 1500 Gospel calendars to homes around the assembly and to local contacts during December. Please pray for this and other outreach opportunities at this time of the year. We praise the Lord for the ongoing opportunities in schools. We currently visit 19 schools, presenting 'Bible Explorer' to boys and girls aged 10 to 12. This involves about 330 hours of teaching! However, it is wonderful to see children get excited about the Bible.

C. 1974 (Canada) COLIN/ROSEMARY SHELDON

15TH

Genesis 20 & 21

TRINIDAD Pop. 1.39 Mil. UK 4 Writing from N Ireland

I recently returned to Trinidad and Tobago with my son Andrew, daughter Eleanor and her daughter Megan. Andrew and Eleanor were born there so it was good to renew many friendships. It was encouraging to see the local assemblies going on well. Andrew had some gospel meetings while we were in Trinidad. A couple of brethren who had backslidden have been restored to the Lord and this was an answer to prayer. Two unsaved men who were drug addicts have been rehabilitated and are now attending the meetings again. Please pray for their salvation.

C. AUDREY USSHER

16TH

Genesis 22

JAPAN Pop. 128 Mil. Koshigaya

After a lengthy wait, Noel is due to have surgery which will include placing 80 radioactive isotopes inside him. After getting out of hospital, radiotherapy will continue 3 days each week for another month. Please pray for Noel and the rest of the family at this difficult time. Noel continues to teach English part time 2 days a week at Dokkyo University. There is an English Bible Class each Monday lunchtime, plus interaction with students on Campus to tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. 1988

NOEL/EILEEN HAMILTON

17TH

Genesis 23

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Serowe

Remember brother Jim as he has needed to be taken to Francistown and hospitalised for specialist treatment, under the expert care of Dr Mompoti of the Francistown Assembly. His beloved wife Irene, who laboured so faithfully with Jim for many years, was called home almost 12 months ago. It has been a difficult year in many ways and now he is facing significant health challenges. Please pray for Jim and the ongoing work of the Lord in Botswana.

C. 1968

JIM LEGGE

18TH

Genesis 24

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Ragama

The believers in the east coast of Sri Lanka continue to face lots of problems and restrictions after the bomb blast. We meet with them from time to time to pray together and encourage one another. I also visited Vavuniya and went to a few neighbourhood villages to help spread the Gospel and invite them to the assembly. We were delighted that some responded. Pray for their salvation. In Vavuniya the water contains high levels of calcium which, when drunk, causes kidney failure. This is a significant problem. Please pray for a resolution.

C. S RAVISHANKER (local evangelist)

19TH

Genesis 25

IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Kilmeedy

We had the joy and privilege to start a new work in Newcastle West just over 2 years ago running a weekly food bank from the assembly building. This has provided many good opportunities in the Gospel. Since we started we have distributed over 6,000 food parcels in total. We have appreciated the help of many believers in this demanding work. Due to increased regulation by the Charity Commission and the government, combined with a decrease in food donations from local stores, we plan to close the food bank at the end of the year. This has been a difficult decision to make after much prayer. Pray for the many contacts already made.

C. 2006

ANDREW/GILLIAN SHANKS