



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Deuteronomy 12

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria

Less transport and empty streets have made the acquisition and selling of drugs more difficult. This 'good news' has however resulted in more tension and warring between factions. Families living day after day at close quarters has also resulted in increasing domestic tension and violence, making life very difficult, especially for women. The reports of women suffering violence at the hands of their husbands has risen to alarming heights. In one weekend, 10 murders took place not too far from where we live. Please pray for restraint and a turning to God.
C. 1966 7/5/20 WALTER/ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

2ND

Deuteronomy 13:1 to 14:21

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria

For almost seven weeks we have not set a foot outside the flat. Due to previous heart surgery and other ailments, we have not been allowed any contact. It is so difficult not to have family and friends in our home. However, the Lord has been so caring and our family so attentive to our needs. A group of young believers have been making sure that those in fellowship in the Goiabeiras assembly have been able to hear hymn singing and a message from the Bible each Sunday and Thursday evenings. We are so thankful for the courage and sacrifice of these youngsters.

C. 1966 7/5/20 WALTER/ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

3RD

Deuteronomy 14:22 to 15:23

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Gaborone

Botswana is easing its lockdown restrictions. We have just been given permission to meet as believers once during the weekend and once mid-week. There are a lot of adjustments and regulations for such gatherings. A limited number, temperatures taken with an infra-red thermometer, hand sanitizers provided, a book of who attends with their contact details etc. Botswana is doing a thorough job on tracing anyone who is exposed to the virus. There are opportunities for the gospel and for care and love to be shown. To God be the glory.
C. 1990 23/5/20 JOY GRIFFITHS

4TH

Deuteronomy 16

ALBANIA Pop. 3 Mil. UK 4 Writing from England

I would value your prayers as I regularly preach and teach via Zoom to companies of the Lord's people both here and abroad.

Marijan Nijhof, our Dutch sister who began the orphanage in Gjrokaster, Albania, had her operation to remove cancer in Amsterdam last Friday. She is now recovering there in hospital. We pray that the surgeons may have removed all the cancer tissue and that her recovery to full health and strength is underway. Pray for Marijan and the work of the Lord she is involved in.

C. 1968/72 11/5/20 PETER/RIITTA HEDLEY

5TH

Deuteronomy 17:1 to 18:8

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Luthermuir

Even although we are in lockdown, we strangely don't seem to find enough hours in the day! Just before lockdown, Craig, a drug addict and his friend attended the Gospel meeting. We hadn't seen him at a meeting for months. They were due to come back the following Lord's Day with the friend's sister – but, off course, the meeting was cancelled. They requested bibles, which we have given to them. We trust that in their present isolation they will read them and find salvation.

C. 14/4/20 DAN/GWEN GILLIES

6TH

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Palapye

We are in lockdown like so many other countries of the world but are in daily contact with our believers. Only 2 or 3 of them have access to Wi-Fi so they cannot get any online meetings via the various channels that assemblies and servants of the Lord are using during this pandemic. We are trying to encourage them, passing on messages, giving words of encouragement and contacting some by phone who don't have a smart phone and can't take advantage of the Palapye Gospel Hall WhatsApp group chat. All the believers are finding lockdown a very difficult experience because they really miss the meetings, just like other saints across the globe. We would value prayer for those who were regularly attending our gospel meetings that the Spirit of God will continue to speak to them as well as the Sunday School children and Bible Class students. One lady in particular has been in touch by phone expressing concern about salvation.

C. 1991 19/4/20 COLIN/CHRISTINE RAGGETT

7TH

Deuteronomy 20 & 21

DEM. REP. OF CONGO 86 Mil. UK 3 Lubumbashi

Due to local Covid-19 restrictions, food prices have soared and poverty is a significant issue. Pray for this need.

Primary education became free recently where teachers are paid by the State. This magnanimous decision, although welcomed by parents, had a mixed reaction among teachers. One teacher who struggled with 60 grade 1 pupils due to insufficient desks and benches, suddenly found herself having to cope with 180 children! These changes do not affect privately run primary schools, so I am very thankful to friends who continue to support the education of Restawhile workers' children. The security situation in Lubumbashi remains a great concern. Some believers have recently been broken into, with others confronted by bandits while out travelling. We value your continued prayers.

C. 1985 7/5/20 RACHEL NEWBY

8TH

Deuteronomy 22:1 to 23:8

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Tyne & Wear

Prior to the constraints introduced due to Coronavirus, we had been managing to preach in four local town centres every week – Sunderland, Durham, Newcastle and South Shields. It's an exciting work that has become a real labour of love. I value so much the fellowship of local saints in the work – some of them are in their eighties! Remember Army, a retired sheep farmer. Sadly, his youngest son committed suicide and then five years later, his other son died of a brain tumour. He wasn't bitter and was happy to accept a tract after our discussion. He said he enjoyed our conversation. Pray that God will bless him.

C. 13/4/20 IAN/ BITTEN CAMPBELL

9TH

Deuteronomy 23:9 to 24:22

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. London

The Coronavirus restrictions meant we had to shelve our plans for the annual week of Children's meetings at Easter in South Norwood, London. This has taken place for many years, with good attendance. We were sorry to lose the continuity. Pray for these local families. There are encouragements in the current difficulties. Some contacts of local believers have accessed the link to the Gospel meeting we now have online each week. These contacts have never previously come to the Hall. Although we are in 'lockdown', Paul reminds us that 'the word of God is not bound'.

C. 22/4/20 RICHARD CATCHPOLE

10TH

Deuteronomy 25:1 to 26:15

TURKEY Pop. 83 Mil. Writing from Scotland

Please pray for the believers in Turkey. The population is now over 83 million and there are estimated to be around 7,000 believers, that is, Turks coming to faith from Islam. The coronavirus has impacted Turkey and there is great fear in the general population. Believers who are involved in internet evangelism are finding a sharp increase in enquiries about the Christian faith. Please pray for the believers who will answer these enquiries and who will follow up requests for more information.

14/5/20

D&H M

11TH

Deuteronomy 26:16 to 27:26

TURKEY Pop. 83 Mil. Writing from Scotland

Our Christian publishing ministry continues despite the restrictions imposed by the virus. We would appreciate prayer for our colleague in Istanbul who runs the distribution depot and office. He and his family are currently self-isolating due to his heart surgery some years ago. He plays a key role in the publishing ministry and continues to work from home. We were very encouraged recently when a student studying at the Islamic Theology faculty at Istanbul University requested a book on Christian theology. Pray he would come to know Christ.

14/5/20

D&H M

12TH

Deuteronomy 28:1-37

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Nantes

Our lockdown period in France officially ended at the start of this week, although we must be careful in our contact with others. The bookshop opened yesterday after eight weeks. We would value your prayers that customers will come back. Another blessing is the increased sense of belonging and fellowship among us as local believers, even although we cannot meet physically. The weekly services put out on YouTube have been a blessing to many and it is amazing how we can enjoy close fellowship even in front of a computer screen!

C. 1985/88 13/5/20

GERRY/DOROTHY SEED

13TH

Deuteronomy 28:38-68

IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill

The Prizegivings were an encouraging season insofar as we were able to get through two-thirds of the 40 schools before Covid-19 restrictions were imposed. The opportunity on each occasion to share God's plan of Salvation for mankind is so valuable. Now in lockdown, we have attempted a few interactions with our children's and teenager's work by means of technology. We have 'recruited' quite a few new students to do the lessons at home with their parents during this enforced isolation. Some schools are also arranging either paper or digital Bible lessons to be sent to the children's homes directly. We look to the Lord for help in developing this and other plans further.

C. 2018

GARETH/MARGARET McMEEKIN

14TH

Deuteronomy 29

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

The new school year had hardly started when COVID brought it to a sudden halt on 20 March. Since then the place has been eerily quiet and it looks like we could lose the whole school year. There are no reported cases of the virus in Saurimo and not too many in the capital, Luanda. However, the state of emergency has resulted in a dramatically quick return to real hunger in the population. Prices have rocketed and people are no longer able to buy even the most basic items. Please pray for the needy believers caught up in the devastating effects of the lockdown. Please also pray that the staff at the school will keep well and be ready to re-start when required. Finally, keep praying that lives will be transformed by the Gospel and that the basic education provided here will be a real blessing in the lives of many.

C. 1993 30/4/20

BRIAN/DEBBIE HOWDEN

15TH

Deuteronomy 30:1 to 31:13

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4

Social networks during these days have been used to continue imparting the Word of God. Several messages are posted each week. Timothy Turkington and David Cadenas, with some help from others, have had three weeks of virtual Bible classes for children, with about 90 families joining each day. Through these, the Gospel has reached into 10 other countries as well. Please pray for these children and this growing opportunity.

C. 2014

ANDERSON/MARIA HENRANDEZ

16TH

Deuteronomy 31:14 to 32:14

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Writing from Scotland

We have been able to preach the Word of God several times in India during lockdown. The printing of the Indian dialect editions of the Present Truth has ceased until the postal workers return. Lockdown has been very trying for believers who are paid daily. A major exercise by various brethren in India to support the hungry saints and the assemblies, largely in the northern parts of India, has been instrumental in helping to alleviate this problem. Thousands of hungry families have been helped and a number have been in touch with us directly to let us know how important the gifts of God's people have been to them.

C. 27/5/20

CRAIG/HANNAH MUNRO

17TH

Deuteronomy 32:15-52

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Fife

We stopped gospel meetings in Lochore due to Covid-19. The day after we stopped a local man was saved. He used to be the local publican. Praise God. The last Sunday night we could gather in Glencraig a young man was baptised who was recently saved reading John's Gospel. Pray for them. Another man requested a Bible via Royal Mail after a mailing of one of our Scotland Needs the Gospel tracts. He came to gospel meetings we had at that time in Galston (March 2018) and has attended regularly the Galston gospel meeting ever since. He professed faith in his home a fortnight ago – alone with his bible. Let us keep sowing the seed. The Word of God is not bound.

C. 27/5/20

CRAIG/HANNAH MUNRO

18TH

Deuteronomy 33

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

In relation to the situation in Venezuela, the propagation of the virus has been notably limited due to the scarcity of fuel. However, no public gatherings are yet allowed. My brother William's three boys have been with us now for two months while their mum Veronica gets her treatment in Mexico. Her progress has been very slow. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please also pray for our enlarged family circle (23 now live here!). Besides our own five with us at present, we have taken in ten more children, all under 8 years of age. Each case has been practically dropped into our care and we feel that every time circumstances pointed to heaven's approval. In particular, please remember the health and schooling challenges this presents.

Our mango trees are in full crop and we pick about 2,000 mangoes a day. This gives me liberty (food distribution!) to visit most of the believers with a supply of mangoes and a word of encouragement.

C. 1995 (Ven) 14/5/20

ALAN/SANDRA TURKINGTON

19TH

Deuteronomy 34

MALAWI Pop. 19 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

Having visited Malawi in February, I am not sure when we will be able to return. We are grateful that there are only a few known cases of Covid-19 in the country. However, many are worried that the health of the nation is being sacrificed by political brinksmanship. Please pray. We praise the Lord that hundred of thousands of calendars and other literature were distributed ahead of lockdown. This means many have the Word of God in their homes at a time when world events cause them to think about eternity. What a blessing.

C. 2003 12/5/20

STEPHEN/GAIL HARPER

20TH

Joshua 1

MALAWI Pop. 19 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

I have been live-streaming short gospel messages in Chichewa, which are then later released individually on social media. Our 'Uthenga Wabwino' (Good News) page was seen by over 100,000 and now has over 2,600 followers. A short Gospel message is released every day. The Lord has opened this door of service and I can envisage it becoming a major part of our activities going forward. May we emerge from this crisis stronger in faith, more fervent in love and determined to re-centre our attention upon Christ and His revealed purpose for his people.

C. 2003 12/5/20

STEPHEN/GAIL HARPER

21ST

Joshua 2

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Narsapur

The hospital here has come to an effective standstill due to the current lockdown, with very few patients coming along. However, once restrictions are eased, we expect a rush of leprosy and HIV patients. Hostel children, including 22 in the George Muller Home are presently back in their villages. We know most of them do not have proper houses. We try to keep in touch with them. Pray that they will be able to come back to Bethesda soon. Two sisters with HIV came to us some time ago very ill. Prasanthi has recovered well and is now in the George Muller Home with her sister. Pray that Prasanthi, who is now 19, will be strengthened in her Christian faith. Pray also that her sister Varalaksmi, age 17, may come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

27/4/20

BETHESDA (LEPROSY) HOSPITAL

22ND

Joshua 3

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Lagoa Dourada

We are still under many restrictions due to the escalating effects of the virus. However, we have been using different means of reaching out to people. Every Monday we are grateful for the opportunity to preach the Gospel on our local radio station. We also offer literature and further opportunities to listen to the Gospel using WhatsApp. The assembly in Arame is also making use of Zoom and so we are having our meetings using this means – Ministry every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, a Bible Reading on a Saturday and Gospel preaching on Sunday. We have enjoyed good fellowship with the believers throughout. Pray for this very needy country.

C. 1998 (Brazil) 2/5/20 MARCO/JANICE GEBARA

23RD

Joshua 4:1 to 5:12

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Inverness

The last number of weeks have been unusual to say the least. With the turbulence in the world over COVID, we had an exercise to have a short series of online gospel meetings, entitled 'Hope Talks'. We looked at some of the key scenes in Revelation. Good numbers 'viewed' and we leave it with the Lord. An 'Easter Explained' series of three gospel messages due to be held in our local Community Hall in Croy were also broadcast, with an encouraging number 'tuning in'. We trust that the Word of God, as He has promised, will not return to Him void.

C. 2017 24/4/20 ANDREW/LINDSEY WILLIAMSON

24TH

Joshua 5:13 to 6:27

NEPAL Pop. 29 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

During this period of isolation and lockdown we, like many others, have been using the internet and social media to try and reach others. The next part of our 'More to Life' prophecy series is concerning the Great White Throne. We all look to find ways to reach the lost and our prayer is that many will engage and come to the Lord Jesus. It has been interesting to note that the interest in Asia has been much greater than Europe. The age profile tells a story as well as it appears to be mainly 65 years and above engaging in the UK/Europe and the USA. In contrast, the greatest interest in Asia is among the 18-25 year age group, with more men than women listening and engaging. How shall they hear without a preacher?

10/5/20 CHARLES DAVIDSON

25TH

Joshua 7

DEM. REP. OF CONGO 86 Mil. UK 3 Writing from England

We had been due to return to DRC this week! However, we cannot make any firm plans about going back due to the worldwide restrictions on travel – and the fact that all borders to DRC are currently closed. Our exit visas expire on 23 July this year, meaning if we do not return to the country before then, our 5-year missionary visa's will be nullified. In a situation that we cannot control and that seems almost impossible, we know that 'He is able'.

C. 2016 15/5/20 JOSH/KERI KAYE

26TH

Joshua 8

DEM. REP. OF CONGO 86 Mil. UK 3 Writing from England

Although there are relatively few Coronavirus cases, the main concern is that the preventative measures which have been put in place are currently more damaging than the virus itself! There are significant food shortages due to the closed borders and restricted travel. Also, since health organisations are understandably focusing most of their time and efforts towards dealing with Covid-19, the usual responses to other diseases such as malaria and typhoid fever are greatly reduced. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we make decisions about the timing of our return.

C. 2016 15/5/20 JOSH/KERI KAYE

27TH

Joshua 9

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Meyzieu

This is a big day in France as lockdown officially ended at midnight. From the outset we have organised Sunday and mid-week meetings thanks to Zoom. It is not the same as face-to-face but it did allow us to continue meeting. Brigitte and I were grateful that we were able to continue our one-to-one Bible studies with different people. Also, our Friday Bible study broke all attendance records! This is very encouraging. Please pray for Mr and Mrs R. We have been meeting them via Zoom twice a week. They have a real hunger for the Word of God.

C. 1980/84 11/5/20 DAVID/BRIGITTE SUTHERLAND

28TH

Joshua 10

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from South Africa

I was due to fly back to Zambia for the conference season but all planes are grounded and borders closed. Lockdown has been relaxed here a little so some 'socially distanced' opportunities while out walking are now possible. In my apartment complex it has been easier to chat with folks. On Monday I went to the lounge for mid-morning coffee and found a 93 year old lady sitting on her own. I got her a coffee and then sat and chatted to her about the Lord. She is a catholic and has been worried about not getting to her church for 'confession'. Please pray for Arlette that the Lord will help her understand her need and come to appreciate that the Saviour alone can forgive her personally.

C. 1958 (USA) 9/5/20 DAVID CROUDACE

29TH

Joshua 11 & 12

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

We are doing well, and likely privileged to be in an environment where we still have freedom to go outside. Lockdown has not been implemented in Zambia yet. However, social distancing and wearing face masks is the new normal. Although there are no confirmed cases of Covid-19 in our area, we also do not have any testing kits if there is a suspected case. Since bed to bed visitation at the hospital is no longer possible, we have increased the presentation of the Gospel on the PA system to twice a day. This is an ideal way of sharing the greatest message from a safe distance. We are also doing the same for staff devotions. We would value your prayers for these opportunities.

C. 1997 30/4/20 TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

30TH

Joshua 13

NORWAY Pop. 5.4 Mil. UK 5 Skien

In our limitation of reaching out to the masses, God still gives opportunities to witness. We are only able to shop once a week for essential items. While doing this, Nat had a very interesting conversation with a man called Yngve. The gentleman remembered talking to Jennifer when she was in the cancer hospital in Skien. Her confidence and assurance regarding her faith had struck him. He told Nat that he wished he had that kind of faith! The shopping list was forgotten and a good conversation ensued. Please pray for Yngve. A follow up meeting over a cuppa has been arranged. Thank you for upholding us in prayer, especially Jennifer. It has been decided that all treatment and scans will stop soon. Then after a period of time she will be called in to assess her condition. What lies ahead is and always has been in the Master's hand, the safest place to entrust our lives.

C. 1982 3/5/20 NAT/JENNIFER RODGERS

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