



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

Note : Since the printers are still closed, the Look on the Fields is currently only available electronically. Hopefully this will change soon.

1ST

2 Kings 1

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Perth

In these unusual days, I have been able to preach to saints gathered around their computers in the five continents. Some of these have been series and some one-off 'meetings'. Many more have heard the Word than normally. However, we are all aware that these online ventures, while profitable, don't really compare with the physical gatherings of the Lord's people. As far as Gospel work is concerned, my activity has been in a supportive role. Gareth Edwards asked me to help with the weekly message that goes out as from Perth Gospel Hall. A three Lord's Day series went out as well as the single messages. Then Paul Jenkinson asked me to help in Drive-in meetings at the Ayr Cattle Market each Saturday and Sunday throughout July and August and either Blair Martin or I have preached with Paul. These meetings have also been live-streamed and Paul has had a little feedback from that. Finally, I have been helping Craig Munro in Drive-in meetings in the Lochore Meadows Country Park in Fife. These have been each Lord's Day August and September with Tuesdays and Wednesdays on some of the weeks as well. Good numbers from the area have heard the Gospel and we were encouraged after the first meeting when a 17 year-old girl from a believing family indicated that she had been saved. A Ballyngry man has subsequently indicated that he was saved at home after one of the meetings, and his daughter has been attending well too. God is good. The plan is to continue at the Meadows each Lord's Day of October at the earlier time of 4 o'clock, and probably thereafter changing the venue to the Halbeath Park and Ride with the additional facility of people being able to listen through their car radios. Prayer for guidance and help is valued.

21/9/20

JACK & LILLIAN HAY

2ND

2 Kings 2

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 (Writing from Northern Ireland)
Although things are slowly opening up business wise in the State of Sikkim – schools, colleges and churches remain closed. However, as of 21st September, we are supposed to be able to gather, provided we can maintain social distancing. To that end the assembly at Gangtok has been working on a renovation project at the assembly hall – this had been a longstanding plan even before Covid-19 but it seemed that much more necessary given the new restrictions that will be in place. The new hall will be almost double the size of the previous. It has been good timing for this project as the assembly hall was sitting empty and many local brethren were unemployed due to the lockdown. So it has met multiple needs. We are now trying very hard to have everything ready and in place for the first Sunday after reopening which will be on 27th September.

23/9/20

CHARLES DAVIDSON

3RD

2 Kings 3

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 (Writing from Northern Ireland)
The assembly in Gangtok, in the State of Sikkim, has continued to meet on Zoom and has enjoyed having a number of visitors from the UK, US and Canada. Hearing new voices has been refreshing for the saints. Some younger sisters have started an online children's class in Nepali that continues on a weekly basis. Online Gospel meetings are well attended and it is especially encouraging to see

many attending from remoter parts of Nepal and India who would not normally be able to attend. Several have professed salvation and we are very encouraged by this. We are praying for the possibility of an online gospel series in the second half of October after the annual Hindu festivals take place. So far, all the saints in Gangtok remain healthy but cases of Covid-19 are skyrocketing – both in the country and within the State of Sikkim. The believers would value your continued prayers.

23/9/20

CHARLES DAVIDSON

4TH

2 Kings 4

ENGLAND Pop. 6 Mil. Lancashire

Lockdown saw assembly halls closed, with many of us confined to our houses, yet the Word of the Lord is not bound. We were amazed during lockdown to receive a letter from a man called Paul in Northern Ireland asking for help. He had been out walking, read a tract that someone had pinned to a telegraph pole, been troubled and was now seeking help about the way of salvation. A believer at some point in the past had taken this tract from our Fleetwood market Bible stall and distributed it in this way. We now have weekly online Bible studies with Paul, and he is also in touch with believers from an assembly close to where he lives. It would appear that he is now saved, which is wonderful news. Pray for his spiritual growth and nurturing in the things of the Lord. Pray also for Dion, who says he is an atheist and not interested – but always asks good questions. Remember his girlfriend Bernadette, who has made a profession of salvation but has made little progress. Finally, please pray for Christine's mum who is now aged 98 and has dementia. Her daily care needs are understandably increasing.

1/9/20

NEIL & CHRISTINE HARTRIDGE

5TH

2 Kings 5

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Pirassunga

We have been giving out tracts around the doors here in Pirassunga, mainly using letter-boxes to avoid unnecessary contact with people. We value your prayers for the seed being sown. Pray also for Toninho, a young man who has been coming to gospel meetings off and on for many years now, but is still not saved. Finally, pray that the Lord may preserve His people and His assemblies in this region during this crisis, and that soon we may be back to normal activities, according to His will.

C. 1998 1/9/20

BILLY & ELLEN WATTERSON

6TH

2 Kings 6:1-23

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

We recently were asked to visit Kamapanda, near Mwinilunga, about 6 hours drive from us. Some of the local believers there were keen for others to come and help them with some local gospel outreach. Pray for the many opportunities we enjoyed in sharing the gospel throughout that area. The wife of our dear brother Mr Sakutemba, the head teacher, passed away quite suddenly a few weeks ago, which has been a real shock to him and to all of us. She was diagnosed with pneumonia and then the Lord called her home a few days later. Mr Sakutemba has had his own health problems recently and the whole family would appreciate your prayers. Finally, we would value prayer for Dr Nkonde's 19 year old daughter Naomi, who was diagnosed with cancer in her lymph nodes and also her nasopharyngeal passage. Naomi is a lovely Christian and has a good attitude, knowing that the Lord is in control. She has been admitted to the cancer unit of the main hospital in Lusaka and has started chemotherapy. Dr Nkonde and his wife have been such a help and blessing at our hospital for about 7 years.

C. 1997 11/9/20

TIM & JOY BEER

7TH

2 Kings 6:24 to 7:20

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria

Brazil still continues to be very much affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. The number of those infected continues to be alarming. Domestic violence has risen considerably and makes daily headlines, as well as a sharp increase in deaths of women by husbands and partners. The moral climate is of equal concern as the health situation. Our own circumstances remain largely unchanged; we continue to

be housebound. Elizabeth's pain level has dropped and she is able to move a little around the flat. She has been advised that because of her osteoporosis, the hip fracture may not heal completely. We are so grateful for having each other and for the Lord's presence with us each day. When the world seems to be crumbling around us, we can testify to the fact that He is our Rock. On 16th August our home assembly resumed meeting in public while obeying the official restrictions. Forty met to celebrate the Lord's Supper and for Bible Study. Sadly we were not present. How we miss meeting with our friends and the Lord Himself. We can hardly believe it is also six months since we have been able to look with gratitude at the emblems but comfort our hearts in knowing that soon we will be able to look on the Saviour, face to face.

C. 1965 6/8/20 WALTER & ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

8TH

2 Kings 8

TANZANIA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 6 Dar es Salaam

After popping back to the UK mid-March for a few days for Gill's dad's funeral, we had been locked in (no flights) and locked down (no movement) for the past number of months, and also separated as we helped care and educate our grandchildren in Bracknell and Bognor. This opportunity, not of our making, was a gift from the Lord. However, we are now back in Tanzania! After urgently being asked to provide negative Covid-19 tests, we managed to meet all the health assessments and checkpoints and have arrived safely in Dar es Salaam. The city appears untouched by the pandemic. It is as if a little breeze blew by and has passed. Interestingly, Tanzania held three days of prayer for a miracle at the outset – maybe the Lord granted one. The Watota wa Thamani Day Care Centre restarted this week and it is lovely to see the children being so compliant with all the regulations and procedures. It is good to see them enjoying the care, education and spiritual input that the Lord has provided for them. The assembly is recently back meeting together, holding Sunday School and preaching the gospel, with some locals attending. There has been no luxury of Zoom meetings here due to a lack of smart phones and unreliable internet connections. So meeting once again with them in person has been a great blessing.

C. 2002 8/9/20 STEPHEN & GILL DAVIES

9TH

2 Kings 9

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Umtentweni

As the pandemic continues to wreak havoc around the world, our government has acted most responsibly in the strict guidelines set down. The level of new infections has eased considerably. This has given us encouragement to open up the assembly meetings slowly, maintaining the ongoing strict protocol. Our first meeting was held last Tuesday – a prayer meeting, followed by a short word of ministry. It was good to have 'proper' fellowship again, albeit with screening of each individual, social distancing, no singing and so on. We praise God for this glimmer of light at the end of a very long, dark tunnel. Many years ago we had input into the lives of a family who lived in a farming community not far from us. Both husband and wife professed faith in Christ and were baptized. They moved away and eventually went to live in England. We lost contact for some years and then, out of the blue, we received a video call from them a couple of weeks ago. It has been a real encouragement to hear that their two daughters are searching for the truth. Last night we had a video call from the two girls and had a profitable discussion about spiritual things. We would value prayer that these two young women, who live in London, might find the Saviour. Pray for ongoing wisdom in dealing with them.

C. 1968 11/9/20 PAUL & DOROTHY GRIEVE

10TH

2 Kings 10

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

After being virus free for some time, Covid-19 arrived in Los Altos in July. It may be the case that no family in the town escaped the virus, ours included. My mother-in-law, Mrs Anne McKeown was the most affected in our family but we are thankful to say that she is much better now. She is still weak but is now trying to go outside to her garden at least one hour each day to build up her strength. Among the first to die in the town was a dear brother called Chuo Ferrer, aged 66. He was an elder in the Assembly, with an excellent testimony. He will be greatly missed (A separate tribute is provided

by Pedro). The latest to die in the town was an older man, Mr Juan Perez who, despite knowing the gospel for many years and being friendly with the believers, kept himself distanced from the Saviour. In his final days, after understanding that he was not going to recover, asked to hear more about the Lord Jesus he had kept at a distance for so long. He professed to be saved, saying 'Now I can sleep in peace'. Two days later he was with the Lord. Although Covid-19 testing is not available in Los Altos and fuel to reach the city is nearly impossible to get, the Lord has provided a supply of medicines and medical help that has been a great blessing locally. In a country filled with needs, we have been reminded that 'the Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want'.

C. 2018 (Ven) 3/9/20 PEDRO & LOIS MALAVE

11TH

2 Kings 11 & 12

VENEZUELA TRIBUTE TO MR CHUO FERRER

As the virus began to spread through the town, our dear brother Chuo Ferrer was among the first of 28 people to die in Los Altos within a six week period. Chuo was one of the youngest of a large family. In May 1972, at the age of 17, he received Christ as his Saviour. During a series of gospel meetings, the town had been evangelized with new testaments. One night, Chuo's mother and sisters went to the gospel meeting but he stayed at home – and started to read the book of Acts. As he reached chapter 8 and the story of the Ethiopian's conversion, he understood that 'Jesus Christ is the Son of God' and believed this truth with all his heart. When his family returned home, his mother and a sister told him the good news that they had got saved during the meeting and Chuo also shared his good news. What joy in the household, in the assembly and in heaven itself! In December 1981 he married Claudia Figuera and were blessed with four sons and five granddaughters; the two eldest sons are saved and in fellowship. The younger two professed to be saved as children but sadly don't show much interest in spiritual matters. Mr Chuo was a meek and quiet man, a wise decision maker and a valued elder in guiding the Lord's people. In the assembly he led the hymns for many years and had advice and encouragement for all. He left a sweet fragrance behind and his faithfulness and love for the Lord are an example for us all to imitate. Please remember his dear wife Claudia in your prayers as well as the rest of the Ferrer family. Brother Chuo was a respected member in his wider family and in the town and we trust that his passing may speak to the hearts of many who knew our beloved brother and his faith.

3/9/20

(provided by Pedro Malave)

12TH

2 Kings 13:1 to 14:22

ROMANIA Pop. 19.5 Mil. UK 4

It has recently been particularly challenging in Casa Simeon. While one of our cooks was on holiday, another had to go into hospital for an operation – and then a third had to self isolate because her husband was showing signs of Covid-19. A laundry lady, who previously worked as a part time cook, willingly changed roles to help out and carers took on laundry duties to keep the home running smoothly. Please continue to pray for the home, its staff and the residents. Another prayer point is the autumn food distribution. Every October for over 20 years we have distributed non perishable food items to the saints in 24 assemblies in Botosani County which was sufficient for a basic meal once a day for about three months. The Covid pandemic has made this even more essential as there is effectively no state safety net or furlough scheme in Romania. It is also possible that many in the village assemblies will not be able to buy fuel for the winter to heat their homes or the assembly buildings. Please pray that the Lord will supply wisdom and the means to handle this anticipated problem.

C. 1995 7/9/20

RICHARD & RUTH McCLENAGHAN

13TH

2 Kings 14:23 to 15:31

ETHIOPIA Pop. 112 Mil. UK 4 (Writing from Scotland)

An overview of Ethiopia may be helpful and necessary to clarify the true situation in the country. First, a little history. From 1930 to 1973 Ethiopia was controlled by the Amharic tribe under Haile Selassie who ruled the country. He was then put under house arrest and a year later, it was announced that he had died. From 1973 to 1991 Ethiopia was ruled by a heavy handed communist government when thousands lost their lives. From 1993 to 2018 a small tribe from the Tigre province ruled the country and they

operated in a communistic style as well. So for 45 years the country was controlled and governed by communists. During this time the Oromo tribe, which is the biggest tribe in Ethiopia, had never ruled the country. They were in opposition, but were divided into many different groups. From 2015 to 2018 there was a lot of unrest and many were thrown into prison and many lost their lives. Around this time the Oromo tribe decided to become a united opposition party, and after much unrest, the existing Prime minister resigned and a new Prime minister was elected. His name is Dr Abiy Ahmed and he is a committed believer and is from the Oromo tribe. He tried to bring the country together and released many of the political prisoners. Much of what he did was commendable and he received the Nobel peace prize for bringing together Ethiopia and Eritrea, who had been enemies since 1993. Sadly some in the opposition did not like what he has done and unrest began to rise from the Muslim population and also some other political parties that had previously been illegal. This has resulted in a lot of looting, burning of buildings and sadly, a number of deaths. There has also been a lot of opposition from Egypt, who are angry that Ethiopia has built a large dam at the beginning of the Nile. As you will gather, Ethiopia is in much need of prayer. The Devil appears to be using these disasters to cause unrest, especially against a born again leader who has been trying to do his best for the country. Please pray that believers will continue to reach out with the Gospel.

C. 1969 3/9/20

ROBERT REVIE

14TH

2 Kings 15:32 to 16:20

CYPRUS Pop. 1.2 Mil. UK 6

Logos English School of Education, Limassol

We have resumed at the Logos School and the students have been relieved to come back and lessons are proceeding as normal as possible at this time. The school provides us with so much influence among so many young people. More than ever now we need to spread the Gospel. Much interest has been shown over the summer in the Gospel Hall with parents and students. Although we have not had any visitors from abroad due to the pandemic, we have had some locals coming to listen to the Word of God on Sundays. The school and Assembly have maintained a confident outlook over the last number of months and others see this and it makes them think and ask questions. We continue to teach in the school and our daughters are also employed there. As we speak the language and have dual nationality, our son was called up quite unexpectedly for 14 months of military service in July. He has found it quite challenging to date but has developed a good relationship with his leaders. He has been using opportunities to witness to other young recruits and we hope to see the Lord working there. We also hope to find an opportunity to distribute some Greek Testaments in the camp at a later date. Please pray for us.

11/9/20

JOHN & JENNIFER ROSS

15TH

2 Kings 17

N IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil.

As the threat of Covid-19 remains, we have no idea when we can use the Bible Exhibition again, but give thanks for the opportunities we did have earlier in the year. We were initially able to introduce 'Bible Time' lessons to a few schools for use in their remote teaching. Then we made a concentrated effort to supply them to all schools in our area. The response was extremely positive. Eleven schools have agreed to start using them this term, which will bring weekly Bible lessons to about 2,700 children. Some of the schools were also interested that we take assemblies and said we can come when restrictions ease. We give thanks that there is still great liberty to visit schools in Northern Ireland.

C. 1996 18/9/20

ROBERT & RUTH ARMSTRONG

16TH

2 Kings 18

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Aberdeenshire

All the schools are at present closed to external visitors of any kind. This has proved frustrating as the usual Scripture Union groups and other opportunities have been curtailed. However, I am encouraged by the opportunity to share the good news online with various children who are able to view our local assembly's 'Impact Club' on YouTube. Please pray that we will be given wisdom and help as I join others from the Assembly to present messages of salvation

online – a relatively new venture for me as I am more comfortable with the 'live' audience! During this month I have been familiarizing myself with some video editing software that will allow me to post Bible messages online. It has been a steep learning curve! It will be especially beneficial for those children in the Newmarcher Bible Explorers Club when it recommences after the October holidays, as it looks unlikely we will be able to meet in person for some time yet. I am also hoping to provide some online stories for the schools if visitors like myself are still not permitted entry. I feel it is better to communicate via technology to avoid the risk of becoming a 'super spreader'! Please pray for the Lord's clear direction as we continue to share His precious Word in different ways.

9/9/20

GRAEME & FIONA SMITH

17TH

2 Kings 19

TANZANIA Pop. 58 Mil. UK2 (Writing from N Ireland)

Our planned trip back to Tanzania was cancelled by the airline. There has been no official lockdown there, so the believers have continued their weekly breaking of bread and prayer meetings. Tanzania is changing and renewal permits for foreign workers and missionaries are being refused. We long that the believers there would have a greater zeal in the spread of the Gospel to their own people. Further visits to Tanzania may be restricted so we are looking at other ways to help the believers there to develop the work. We give thanks that with modern technology it is easier to keep in touch and we do that weekly. A Swahili language website for the Keko assembly has been neglected for some time, but with growing internet usage, we plan, God willing, to add gospel messages and Bible teaching for believers and hopefully, a question and answer page as well. Finally, Ailsa Iris Mairead was born in November 2019 to our youngest son Nathan and his wife Katie. As our first grandchild, she brings us great delight. Our oldest son Stephen is due to marry Libby on October 31st, with arrangements hard to finalise due to Covid-19 restrictions. Matthews still lives at home and has a desire to be active in the gospel locally. We give thanks to the Lord for His goodness.

C. 1996 18/9/20

ROBERT & RUTH ARMSTRONG

18TH

2 Kings 20:1 to 21:18

THAILAND Pop. 69 Mil. UK 8 Phuket

We thank the Lord that in Thailand life is back to a new normal. For the past month or more we have been able to meet again but with some restrictions. Everyone has to wear a face mask which means the sisters have both a head covering and a face covering. We also have to wash our hands and leave our mobile numbers. Singing is permitted and the preacher does not have to wear a mask. Recently we have had a baptism, but not in the sea as normal, since beaches are off limits. We also had a wedding when an immigration officer, a believer, was married to one of our young brothers. So life goes on, but with many changes. Also during the pandemic, work has been completed on a new assembly building in the next province. God willing the believers will meet in their new hall to break bread this coming Sunday. We can travel to other parts of the country and in October, brother Amnart will travel to north Thailand to minister the Word of God in a number of assemblies, some of which are among the Hill Tribes. Pray that these meetings will be a blessing. We thank the Lord that both Peggy and I keep good health, although Peggy cannot walk without assistance.

C. 1959/62 17/9/20

PETER & PEGGY FERRY

19TH

2 Kings 21:19 to 22:20

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

It is quite amazing how many people have been saved locally during lockdown, which continues here. Anita Lugo is aged 42. Her mother has been in fellowship for many years; however, her father is unsaved. From adolescence Anita has had soul trouble. At times she would speak to us with tears in her eyes, but did not take the vital step. This went on for many years. Then, to our surprise, she turned away and became very antagonistic, avoiding the believers. However, recently the Spirit of God was working in her life and we saw a further change. As people in the town were dying, Anita would think: If that was me, where would my soul be? Then she took ill herself, with severe

pain. She was allergic to the medication given and went into cardiac arrest. By God's mercy Dorelis Torres, Anita's cousin, and a highly qualified and experienced nurse knew exactly what to do. Terrified, Anita recognized how near eternity she was. When finally recovered, Dorelis visited her and had a good chat with her about the Lord. Shortly afterwards, Anita trusted the Saviour. We are all delighted!
C. 1977 15/9/20 NOEL & ANNE McKEOWN

20TH

2 Kings 23

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

There is no fuel here so on Saturday nine of us walked a few miles down the mountain to El Chaparro, visited with tracts, held a meeting and then walked the two-hour uphill journey to our home. The reception was excellent and we hope to return next Saturday, if the Lord will. Please pray for sister Damaris Villegas who is struggling to recover from Covid-19. She is so weak that Anne and I, with Pedro, Lois and the children decided to visit Damaris and have our Sunday meeting there. We also had another exercise in our hearts – Damaris has an unsaved son called Israel, whose wife is Ana and they have two small children. As we had hoped, they joined us for a casual family meeting; we looked at John 4 and there were many questions. Ana is from a catholic background but has been attending our meetings for some time. We gave her a Bible and she is reading it every day. Pray for them as God is working in their hearts.

C. 1977 15/9/20

NOEL & ANNE McKEOWN

21ST

2 Kings 24

SPAIN Pop. 46.5 Mil. UK 8 Soria

Although we have been out of lockdown since mid-June, the number of positive cases of the virus here in Soria is increasing daily and two villages are back into confinement. The smell of disinfectant and gel permeates all areas of life and older people live in fear of contracting the disease. We have been enjoying face to face meetings in the assembly for some time, and it has been good to meet up and sing praise to the Lord 'in situ' and not through a screen. However, we are anticipating a return to virtual meetings via Zoom at any time. Our autumn activities are up in the air at present. My work with foreign students is uncertain as many will not want to come to Spain due to a high risk of infection. We are also wondering what is going to happen with our usual outreach and calendar distribution in the villages and residential homes for the elderly. Please pray with us for wisdom and opportunity to continue. We are grateful too for the privilege of using our wee farm for open-air events associated with the assembly, together with fellowship suppers. The benefit of providing personal pastoral care on a neutral venue where folks feel relaxed and happy to discuss spiritual matters is so worthwhile. Please also pray for our contacts in the village and the literature that has been given to them recently that it might be a means of bringing them to Christ.

C. 1983 14/9/20

JESUS & HELEN ORTIZ

22ND

2 Kings 25

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil UK 40 Sakeji School

We are grateful that here at Katoka there have been no Covid-19 cases, which is a great blessing. However, we do seem to be seeing so many more cases of hunger and malnutrition. We have been able to buy extra rice and soya beans for the nutrition centre. The border between Zambia and Angola is still closed so that makes it more difficult for local people to buy protein rich foods such as fish and chicken. We have been making cornmeal porridge each morning for the children's wards and I think the mums and dads have been grateful for that too. We are still continuing very slowly with the work on the secondary school building. At present they are completing the plastering of all the classrooms. We are still unable to get the roofing irons across from Angola so that is a matter for prayer. God is so good and we appreciate having the ability to help out in the community at this time.

C. 1965 1/9/20

MARY RATTER

We have just received news that a fire has effectively destroyed most of the contents of a container at Sakeji which housed their building supplies.

23RD

1 Chronicles 1

MIDDLE EAST Emmaus Courses

Throughout the summer we have been able to start developing our programme to put the Emmaus courses on video and post on the website and social media. This will transform the courses into visual lessons that can be uploaded to the internet and seen by more people who are seeking the Lord. We ask you to pray for Abu Salam in Palestine, who makes our olivewood Bible covers, as he has been diagnosed with a serious cancer and will need treatment. He has heard the gospel when we held some Bible studies with his family. Pray for his salvation. The situation in Lebanon is very difficult, with the collapse of the economy, Corona restrictions and then the awful explosion in Beirut. Our Emmaus colleague who lives there, Karim, has informed us that thankfully the believers known to him are all safe and well.

25/9/20

GEORGE & ROS KHALIL

24TH

1 Chronicles 2

MIDDLE EAST Emmaus Courses

Karim has been doing a study course with a group of Kurds in Turkey via Zoom. One Muslim man has come to faith and has been baptized. Others are very interested. Another Zoom Bible study group of 10 in 'Abra Lebanon has seen a few trust the Saviour. Pray for them and other Muslim background believers who have recently come to faith in the Middle East, as they are all likely to face persecution. Our director in Jordan met some believers from Sudan while on his last trip to Egypt. They were enthusiastic to start up a ministry using the Emmaus courses in Sudan. We have now provided them with material to commence their exercise. It is exciting to hear of people in different countries getting the vision to use and distribute the courses.

25/9/20

GEORGE & ROS KHALIL

25TH

1 Chronicles 3:1 to 4:23

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

We are glad to say that the gospel has continued to go forth in many different ways during these unusual times. Patients at our hospital are hearing the gospel over the public address system daily. A young brother from our assembly was also given permission by the police to travel to different areas and preach the gospel from his vehicle using a loud speaker. This proved very worthwhile and blessing was seen. Prayer would be valued for him as Satan is very active and his vehicle is currently off the road. Please also pray that soon our Sunday School children, numbering about 6000, will be able to meet again. Pray that the good seed sown over the years and all the memory verses learned will bear fruit and that souls will be saved. I have just returned from Lusaka having had surgery in one eye. The operation went well but the doctor said he will not know the final result until I go back for my review in 6 weeks time. There has been a remarkable change for the better so pray that healing will continue. We give thanks to God for His leading so far and trust Him for the future.

C. 1972 21/9/20

WILMA GEDDIS

26TH

1 Chronicles 4:24 to 5:26

ROMANIA Pop. 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Cluj

It was a great joy to have two baptisms at the Cluj assembly on 6th September; Mihai, the father of Radu and Tomotei, the son of brother Daniel. So we had a son baptizing his father, and a father baptizing his son! Please continue to pray for Jenny as she has had her medicine for diabetes changed and has been suffering some unpleasant side effects. She has a really rough day each week following her injection for diabetes control. At Casa Luca our clients come and go on a regular basis, but we have had a full house now for almost 4 weeks. Currently we have all the rooms occupied with 3 couples, 2 ladies and 1 man. We are having to drive several times a day with the clients to the Amethyst Clinic in Cluj as it is difficult to coordinate all their treatment times. Most of them are having daily radiotherapy treatment, but some also have chemotherapy once a week, which takes several hours of infusion. The driving and waiting with them

presents many opportunities to talk about spiritual things, for which we thank the Lord. Please pray for Dumitriu, who has been having several interesting conversations about our faith and is now asking about attending a church service. Please also remember Losif, who was with us for almost 8 weeks. He said that he didn't really want to go home!

C. 2002 18/9/20

TIM & JENNY GOODING

27TH

1 Chronicles 6

THAILAND Pop. 69 Mil. UK 8 Bangkok

Thailand is a Buddhist country and this year is the year 2563 because they count from the enlightenment of Buddha and not the birth of Christ. Every street in this city of Bangkok where we live, a city of 8 million people, is full of Buddhist idols. Few Thais would walk past any of them without putting their hands together in 'worship'! yet over the last 10 years or more, many Thais have come to know the Lord Jesus and gatherings of His people can be found all over the nation. There are about 20 assemblies at the moment, two in Bangkok, one in Phuket, and the rest up north among the Chinese Thais and the Tribal communities. There are also about 10 full-time workers. We would value your prayer that the Lord would continue to bless His word, and that many more of the Thai people will come to know Him, the one true and living God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. Nui and I are well even though we are still in lockdown due to the virus.

C. 1973 24/9/20

TOM & NUI HILL

28TH

1 Chronicles 7

HONG KONG Pop. 7.5 Mil.

We continue to stand weekly at the busy thoroughfares with our six foot high John 3:16 texts. The police watch us but nab the protesters shouting 'Free Hong Kong'. So far we are not considered subversive and a danger to the State. Our call to gospel witness can be enhanced in these difficult days and is all the more needed today for neighbours, near or distant, friends or enemies of God and the gospel. Often our neighbours conclude that we appear to think we have a religious duty to champion the cause of moral justice! Such a self-righteous attitude is highly offensive. Micah's summary of God's required attitude is so apt - 'to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'. I am not to think of myself as the sword of divine justice, but rather, a real disciple of Jesus Christ. May the believers in Hong Kong and the rest of China display such characteristics and may the impact of such lives help reach many others for the Saviour. We value your continued prayer for us.

C 1975 (Aust) 18/9/20

JOHN & KAREN SHORT

29TH

1 Chronicles 8 & 9

ARGENTINA Pop. 45 Mil. UK 6 Parana

I have recently made two 'visits' to help the dear saints in Encarnacion, Paraguay, where I have visited physically several times in the past. These recent times have been via Zoom. The work has grown considerably there and the assembly is now building a simple but practical meeting place. Pictures look a bit like Nehemiah chapter three, with the women and children involved too. This weekend I will be returning to our roots in Argentina in Posadas for their conferences; this time no 10 hour bus journeys each way are needed! However, I would gladly do it, as nothing can replace the warmth and the wealth of the gathering of the Lord's people and off the platform fellowship. So often we have proven that over a long weekend, the biggest needs have been met privately or with local elders. My grandson Ivan has a weekly two hour secular programme on a highly rated FM radio station. He was able to include his dad, my son-in-law Heber, with a 5 minute spot in which he presents a hymn, its author and background story, with a gospel application. The owner of the Radio station was impressed and offered Heber a 5 minute spot at 9pm every night that will be paid for. It will be called 'Yesterdays Hymns with Echoes of Eternity'. Pray for this good opportunity to reach out in the gospel.

C. 1974 15/9/20

JIM BURNETT

30TH

1 Chronicles 10 & 11

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Narsapur

The Sovereign Lord has been faithful to Bethesda throughout the month of August. There are two staff members who have tested positive for Covid-19. Please pray for them. Please also remember the outpatients who are coming to Bethesda in spite of difficulties. We are grateful that we now have two new doctors, Dr John Roy and Dr Martin. They are both doing well. Schools may reopen soon. Please pray that all the children may return to Bethesda. One hundred home based HIV/AIDS patients received their monthly rations for August, which is a big help to them. There are around 20 very needy AIDS patients who are requesting that they be admitted to Bethesda. Please pray for wisdom and guidance, as well as help in spiritually influencing these individuals.

2/9/20

BETHESDA LEPROSY HOSPITAL

31ST

1 Chronicles 12

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Durbanville

Two weeks ago I was able to pick up the reins again at Wamakers (meaning Wagon Makers) that have reopened post Covid and where we have ministered for the last ten or so years. Wamakers is a training centre that brings folks from the poorer communities to train them in home-based care, cooking, baking, cleaning, book keeping etc. As a nurse I have been able to do some of the health slots but I can do some from a biblical standpoint. One student thanked me for the session, saying 'especially for the spiritual input, I really needed that'. So it is refreshing to sense the spiritual hunger that exists. The prisons remain closed for now to our visits. The 'new normal' of living without my dear husband is slowly settling on life. Our wedding verses were Proverbs 3: 5&6 and so I am trying to continue to trust Him with my whole heart that He will direct my paths.

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