



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 Chronicles 31

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria

Many of God's people are storm tossed on life's sea. Herbertt, whom we have mentioned before, has received more serious news. Cancer has spread to other bones and to his brain. He resumed treatment today. We commend him, his wife Roberta and their two young children to your care and prayerful support. A teenager called 'E' was bright when she came to study in Vitoria. Something strange happened and she became morose and depressed. She stopped having her devotional time with the Lord, and has quickly descended a dangerous road. Over recent months she has tried to commit suicide. Her mother and father serve the Lord, but their health has also declined. Please pray for this family and their needs. Their medical bills have gone through the roof and they are so deserving of help. Finally, intensive care units in most hospitals in Vitoria are completely full of people infected by the virus as we experience the second wave. We do appreciate your prayers.

C.1966 2/11/20 WALTER/ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

2ND

2 Chronicles 32

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

How good to know that God's throne doesn't panic! Everything is still under control and nothing takes Him by surprise. We can hardly take in all that this year has brought us. But what the Lord's people miss the most, of course, are the meetings. The government of Venezuela has announced that in November, religious buildings may open every other week, permitting an attendance of only 40% of their seating capacity. This is welcome news for us, although some might still be slow to attend for fear of contagion. We were saddened by the home call of Aliro Guerrero, one of the Venezuelan full-time preachers, after a battle with the Coronavirus. He was used of the Lord to see two assemblies established in eastern Venezuela. We pray that the Lord will raise up others to take his place.

C. 2000 (Ven) 26/10/20 ANDREW/ELENA TURKINGTON

3RD

2 Chronicles 33

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

After many years of practically free gasoline, it has now become extremely difficult to obtain. To avoid spending several days in a line-up at the station to get only 30 litres, we prefer to buy it in bulk from others, even at a higher price. This allows us to continue travelling to other areas and assemblies to help local believers. Periodically we go to help the dear believers in the new assembly at El Baul. They were given a special permit to meet in October and it was a joy to be with them yesterday and notice progress in their spiritual lives. The Lord has also helped us to make some progress in building a hall for the believers there. We long to have liberty to continue preaching the gospel in villages further away, where some have previously shown interest in God's word.

C. 2000 (Ven) 26/10/20 ANDREW/ELENA TURKINGTON

4TH

2 Chronicles 34

ARGENTINA Pop. 45 Mil. UK 5 Buenos Aires

We have now been eight months in lockdown, one of the world's longest. Although easing up in metropolitan Buenos Aires, parts of the rest of the country are still going through severe restrictions. Due to our age and Isabel's diabetes, we are in the vulnerable category, so are still housebound. We thank God that Pablo is with us and can get all the shopping and medicines for us. We have been preparing some Bible teaching by video and also via Zoom where there is the opportunity for questions. We did four sessions on the Tabernacle and a further four sessions on the Tower of Babel, accompanied by models of each. These were shown to local assemblies in Buenos Aires. We have also prepared weekly teaching on the Sermon on the Mount (thirteen so far) for believers in Medellin in Colombia, where our daughter Debora and her husband Nilson are serving at the moment. We are also using the same material with the assembly in Andresito, North East Argentina. Thank you for your prayers at this stressful time.

C.1991 10/11/20

BOBBY/ISOBEL JACK

5TH

2 Chronicles 35

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

We have just come to the end of the dry season in Angola so there has been pressure to get houses, latrines and kitchens we were building for folks in the village and in the leprosaria finished and roofed before the rains come. We have also been able to build a house for an older couple in the assembly who have lived in abysmal conditions for as long as we can remember, with no ability to better their lot. They are thrilled to have this new house with roofing sheets, cemented walls, floors and a door that actually shuts – and locks! It is hard to describe the abject poverty that so many live in. The building work is done by a fantastic team, for which we are so thankful. We are indebted to the Lord for giving us the privilege of being able to work with and provide employment for these men and their families. Pray for Jone, Afonso, Horano, Zacarius, Manucho, Massone and Yakomba who are the backbone of all the work we are involved in. They all have their own responsibilities and areas of skill – water, plumbing, driving, ordering materials, organising the book and Bible store and many more! They are a big help and encouragement.

C. 1993 4/11/20

BRIAN/DEBBIE HOWDEN

6TH

2 Chronicles 36

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

Bigel grew up with our boys but moved to town with his parents. He is now married and continues to live in Saurimo. However, he came to us recently to say he would like to return to the village to live. We were so thrilled to hear this because we have been praying that this would be the case because he is a tremendous asset to the assembly in gospel preaching and Bible teaching – and commitment. He is also a good influence on the youngsters coming up. We are therefore repairing a house for him in the leprosaria and it's almost ready! Pray for Bigel and his family as they resettle here, that God may encourage and bless them and us. Brian has reconfigured the Bible study groups he has on a Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings so that the groups are more aligned to academic ability and spiritual desire. They are all restarting their next studies and hopefully in groups where each person is at a level where they can grow and mature. The two groups on Saturday continue unchanged, as does the Sunday group, who have a study afternoon and evening.

C. 1993 4/11/20

BRIAN/DEBBIE HOWDEN

7TH

Ezra 1 & 2

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Tupi Paulista

On Monday and Tuesday last week we were down at Jau for a return consultation with Claudete's specialist. He had the results of tests and biopsies and thankfully concluded that there is nothing of

concern. What a relief. While there we obtained entrance to the very large oncology hospital – the largest and most sought after in South America. There are over two thousand staff working there. Permission was given to leave some John's Gospels for the spiritual profit of those there. We are exercised to return with more. Patients and their relatives and friends are everywhere. Many people are on the streets outside and numerous coaches arrive from many different cities. What a challenge to take the gospel to them. Prayer is valued as we expect to return soon to distribute more literature in the hospital and the neighbouring streets. We also plan to deliver a thousand gospel calendars in Tupi during December.

C. 1974 5/11/20

JOHN/CLAUDETE AXFORD

8TH

Ezra 3 & 4

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Bouc-Bel-Air

We are now back into lockdown here. We recently had a few weeks of curfew of nine hours each day, but clearly this has not frightened off the virus so we are almost back to square one again! Although schools remain open and most people are going to work, we are back to having to have an attestation in order to go out for a walk – no more than a kilometre from the house and no more than an hour at a time! We are also now back to having all our meetings on zoom. In the assembly it is obvious that some people are just not coming back and have used the Covid situation as an excuse to move on. This seems quite widespread in many churches in France, as it appears there is a 'cleaning out' period. However, we press on with those who wish to press on and we have a lot to be thankful for. There is still some uncertainty over what we do with a particular property we are using at the moment for 'Voice of the Gospel' outreach. We are seeking the Lord's will as to the future of the work and would value your prayers for clear guidance on this matter.

C. 1973 5/11/20

GRAHAM/ALISON BLACK

9TH

Ezra 5

TANZANIA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 6 Dar-es-Salam

We are grateful to the Lord for His preservation over the two months since our return to Tanzania. There is currently negligible evidence, physical or anecdotal, of coronavirus and it is rarely raised in conversation. The Lord has been very gracious to the nation, for which we are very thankful. While we still maintain handwashing and mask wearing at Watota wa Thamani (WWT) and social distancing and avoiding crowds when out in public, life here goes on very much as normal. The children of WWT continue to be excited in attending school, with little absence. The parents are keen too, as was illustrated last month when some of the parents wishing to enrol their children to start in January 2021, slept outside the plot overnight two days before registration day! We know for sure that this opportunity of care, education and spiritual input provided by the Lord is appreciated by all. We are delighted that both Kid's Clubs are so well attended. Around 60 children on Thursdays and 450 on Fridays – forget social distancing! Hand sanitising on entry is all that is possible. The children are keen as mustard to answer questions, sing and listen to Bible stories, and this last week completed learning Romans 3:20-26. They receive prizes for reciting the verses and we are limited to 100 each week until we get through them all. This is the highlight of the week and leaves us tired but thrilled – and ensures we sleep well! We appreciate your continued interest and prayers.

C. 2002 6/11/20

STEPHEN/GILL DAVIES

10TH

Ezra 6

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Bangalore

It is a great joy to behold dear believers in many parts sharing the pain and agony of the people of God in India who are passing through untold miseries on account of financial difficulties due to the present Covid pandemic. We are really overwhelmed by the blessed gestures of generosity extended unto God's people in India. We are wholeheartedly thankful and grateful. You may not be able to imagine the number of hearts and mouths exalting the name of our mighty Lord who has once again proved to these multitudes that He is the Provider.

22/11/20

RAJU KOSHY

11TH

Ezra 7

MIDDLE EAST Writing from Jordan

In Jordan, the government are allowing us to resume meeting together, but with fewer numbers. However, we also hold Bible study meetings via Zoom every Friday and Sunday for the local assembly. We also hold a weekly bible study meeting every Monday for Arabic speaking believers. The vision of Hope Mission in the Middle East (HMME) is to help plant biblical churches according to the principles of the New Testament, using local missionaries with the same tongue and culture. During the past three years, 3 new assemblies have been planted, one each in Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. Also, there are new opened doors in Egypt and Lebanon. In Sudan, the Lord has opened two doors, the first in Aljazirah state in the East Central region and the other in Darfur in the West of Sudan. Bible studies are being held in both areas via WhatsApp. Please pray for this work. While the devil is seeking to destroy and perish people, the Lord is seeking to save people there. The Bible lessons on Facebook are being followed by more than 85,000. Some lessons have been viewed by 45,000 people, with many questions ensuing. This is the Lord at work. Pray for the continued expansion and blessing of the work, the growing online opportunities and the significant and inherent dangers these people face daily.

8/11/20

MR & MRS Z

12TH

Ezra 8

ALBANIA Pop. 3 Mil. UK 4 Shkoder

The current situation here is that the assembly is not meeting due to Covid. There is an outbreak among some of the believers, through community life lived together. Personally, I am three weeks in, and recovering from the virus. Elida and Joel appear to have got it from me and Elida is still on medication, but we are all improving. Aron and Tomas are fine, but both had high temperatures and a cough back in February, so they may have had it then. There are more than 30 in the assembly who have either recently contracted the virus or are recovering from it. Elida's mum normally lives with us but is currently in Italy with Elida's brother. They all have the virus, which is worrying for Elida, as her mum is not too positive and does not want to take the medication. We have been able to help some of the local families by cooking meals and buying food, and also helping with medical costs. Our nursery is still open, and we are worried that the virus will hit the staff, which would force the nursery to close. God is good and we have once again seen His hand of love and care in recent months, especially as no one has had complications following the virus. We would appreciate continued prayer at this time

C. 1997 5/11/20

COLIN/ELIDA STEPHEN

13TH

Ezra 9

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Pirassununga

Last Lord's Day morning, I had the privilege of speaking at the funeral of brother Belmiro, from the neighbouring town of Leme. He was saved over 40 years ago and was 85 when he died. Before God saved him, Belmiro was a rough and rowdy character, a drunkard and a fighter. After a terrible accident, and not having anyone in the world he could really call 'family', Belmiro received care from a brother in the assembly in Descalvado. That led to him hearing the gospel and being saved. He always said that when he heard of the love of Christ for him and saw that love in the believers who spoke to him, he was attracted to the gospel and to Christ. The change in him was almost unbelievable. He served the Lord tirelessly and was eventually commended by the assembly to preach the gospel full-time. He had an artificial leg (due to his accident) but travelled around the region by bus, walking the streets to give out tracts and doing door-to-door work. The assembly in Leme and the whole surrounding region will miss him.

C. 1998 31/10/20

WILLIAM/ELEN WATTERSON

14TH

Ezra 10

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil

Philip has asked us to pray for his eldest brother Stephen. As part of a recent medical investigation it was discovered that he has a growth on his colon. Thankfully it appears not to be malignant. However, his consultant has advised that it is removed as soon as possible. So although relieved, this is still a major surgical procedure. Philip confirmed that Stephen walked with the Lord as a teen and young adult, but at present is far from the Lord. Ruth spent much time in her final months urging him to sort himself out spiritually and get back to the Lord. He struggled with Ruth's illness and subsequent death. As you pray for his health, please also pray for his spiritual restoration. Pray too for his four adult children, three of whom have young children, as none of them know the Lord.

14/11/20 PHILIP HADLEY (brother of the late Ruth Hadley)

15TH

Nehemiah 1 & 2

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Cancun Qta. Roo

As most will know, Cancun is a tourist destination and many depend on tourism for their daily income. When the hotels were shut for several months it was a difficult time for many. However, this has also been an encouraging time for us as several unique opportunities have opened up for the testimony of the gospel. One of them is the Lord providing for us to be able to distribute food boxes to the families of our Sunday school children, gospel contacts, believers and neighbours around the hall. Another interesting opportunity has been virtual meetings via Zoom. We have had a good number attend over the past few months and we know of two women who have professed to be saved. They had been attending before the pandemic and have continued attending via Zoom.

C. 2019 (Ven) 8/11/20 TIMOTHY/AMY TURKINGTON

16TH

Nehemiah 3

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Cancun Qta. Roo

At the beginning of October we were able to start meetings again in the hall, with a number of restrictions in place. It has been a joy to meet with the believers again after seven months. We continue to live stream the meetings via Zoom for those who are choosing to stay at home due to the virus. Pray for Alma, Anita and Marialens, three gospel contacts who are all sick with cancer. Pray also for the salvation of Krystal, Karen, Lourdes, Luis, Victor and Eduardo, family members of the believers who have attended in the hall or via Zoom. Pray also for safety from violence in the city and the spiritual preservation of the local believers. Finally, we are thankful for the Lord's hand preserving us and keeping us safe here during two recent hurricanes, Delta and Zeta, that passed through Cancun. All of the believers and their properties were unharmed.

C. 2019 (Ven) 8/11/20 TIMOTHY/AMY TURKINGTON

17TH

Nehemiah 4

PAKISTAN Pop. 216 Mil. UK 3 Writing from England

I have been producing twice-weekly Bible Devotional Videos which have taken up quite a bit of my time, as do the online Bible studies with believers in Pakistan, China and Uganda. I am able to meet two of the men saved in recent years for a weekly Bible study. 'C' meets me outdoors, weather permitting, and 'P' is in 'our bubble' and so I can meet him anywhere. The work of the Lord continues to prosper in Pakistan, where our dear fellow servant Sohail lives and works for the Lord. Many have been infected by COVID-19 and there have been deaths among the believers. Having said that, souls are saved regularly, new assemblies are being planted and doors of opportunity to preach the gospel continue to open. Sohail has recently been invited to visit and preach in his fourth prison. Please pray for Sohail as he travels and preaches. A few months ago I pre-recorded 10 gospel talks for the assembly in Wythenshawe, Manchester. These went out through various social media channels. Leaflets were also distributed in the area and also posted online, encouraging people

to access the talks. A good number watched and the seed was sown. Since these things are online permanently, the Lord can still use His word to speak to souls. These are strange and uncertain times but the Lord is still working.

C. 2006 7/11/20

STEPHEN/CAROLE BAKER

18TH

Nehemiah 5

NORWAY Pop. 5.4 Mil. UK 5 Skien

Our prison ministry has been affected by the current pandemic restrictions in place. However, we are thankful that the prison chaplain keeps us regularly updated about the inmates, and we are touched when told that a number pray for Jennifer regularly! We are also encouraged by many non-Christians who have contacted us also to reassure us of their love and best wishes at this time. It reminded us of a conference Dr John Lennox spoke at in Norway. He noted that it is truly wonderful to have Christian friends, the family of God. However, he wondered how many non-Christian friends we have, those we invite home for a cuppa when we can really get to know them and live Christ before them! Thank you for your continued prayerful support, especially for Jennifer. She was recently notified with two days notice that she would need to be transferred to the main cancer hospital in Oslo for 12 further sessions of radiotherapy. Unfortunately, no visitation would be allowed! She was allocated a single room as a covid precaution and has now been there 11 days! As I write, she is now out of isolation and I can visit her tonight. This is really an answer to prayer! Jennifer's father, who will be 100 years of age at the end of December this year, was rewarded yesterday in Ballymena, Northern Ireland with a silver poppy in recognition of his involvement in the Second World War in Burma. Jennifer's siblings were able to attend but she would love to have been there. Not possible, although understandably her heart and thoughts undoubtedly were in Ballymena.

C. 1982 6/11/20

NAT/JENNIFER RODGERS

19TH

Nehemiah 6

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

The Lord has greatly protected many parts of Zambia from the impact of Covid-19. We are very thankful to confirm that in our immediate area of Manyinga, there have still been no reported cases of the virus. Consequently, the government has eased some of the restrictions, enabling us to get back to some of our normal spiritual activities. Tim and the local brothers that he works with have visited two large areas with the gospel, being Kamapanda and Kashinakaji. Kamapanda is 7 hours drive from Loloma, and so fairly remote. The 5 days that they spent there were a great blessing. Hundreds of people were reached with the gospel. The early mornings were spent in prayer and Bible study with the local believers. Village visitation took place during the remainder of the morning and in the afternoons. In the evening large crowds came to see the Jesus Film, hear a gospel message and have any questions answered. The 'Two Roads, Two Destinies' chart in their own language also prompted much discussion. A few weeks later we spent 3 days in Kashinakaji, which is a 3 hour drive from our home. Equally, the time was very beneficial. Please pray for these two areas, that many may be brought to faith in the Lord Jesus.

C. 1997 12/11/20

TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

20TH

Nehemiah 7

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

We continue to thank the Lord for the great opportunities at the boarding school at Kayombo, about two and a half hours drive from Loloma. Mr Sakutemba, who has been the Headmaster for the 6 years that the school has been running, has decided to retire next year. He sadly and suddenly lost his wife a couple of months ago and is himself suffering from some health issues. We are so thankful for the great work he has done. God willing, the current deputy will take up his position and someone else in the school has been suggested for the deputy position. Please continue to pray for the school management along with the 348 pupils currently at the school who are exposed to the word of God throughout the week.

C. 1997 12/11/20

TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

21ST

Nehemiah 8

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Foz du Iguacu

Last Sunday evening we had the pleasure for the first time since our lockdown of being able to have children and young people present at the meeting. It was great to see the younger ones singing 'wide wide as the ocean' with all the actions. It made such a difference having them there and brought joy to all. God's love is wider than we can measure, deeper than the deepest sea. We give thanks that we have the privilege of meeting under restrictions, but these are relaxing slowly. The joy of meeting more than compensates for the masks and other changes required to meet the regulations. Now with the children coming, our hearts give thanks to our God for keeping us preserved. In looking back, we cannot understand why this has happened, and why some have gone, but it is good to remember that our God knows and cares. He is still in control and souls are being reached in Brazil.

C. 1980 5/11/20

JEFF/DENISE WATSON

22ND

Nehemiah 9

ROMANIA Pop 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Writing from England

'Operation Brotherly Love' seeks to provide spiritual and practical aid to assemblies in Romania. Having visited Romania for over 30 years, we increasingly saw the needs of the elderly saints and were moved of God to do something about their plight. Casa Simeon is the result of that, and it has been such a blessing to many since opening in 2015. Recently, the staff of Casa Simeon have been under huge pressure due to Covid regulations. Staff have been tested for the virus every three weeks. Anyone testing positive was immediately hospitalised for at least two weeks, whether they had symptoms or not. Conditions were so terrible in the hospital and staff under so much pressure that medical care was minimal and the ward doors were locked 24 hours a day! People reported that it was like being in jail. Thankfully, prayers have been answered and that from May until now, only one member of staff has tested positive. Since the 19th October the regulations changed and people cannot be forced to go into hospital, but the testing has been increased to weekly. Please continue to pray that these tests will be negative. The winter food distribution has also been completed this year. We were able to supply a larger amount of food to over 670 believers in 24 assemblies around Botosani. In addition to the food, we have provided winter fuel to 7 families so far. Your prayers are appreciated for this work.

C. 1995 6/11/20

RICHARD/RUTH McCLENAGHAN

23RD

Nehemiah 10 & 11

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Sakeji School

Thank you for all who have prayed for Zango and his family at this difficult time. After losing his house and all his possessions, he did not feel able to return to Katoka because of ongoing threats from his brothers family. He decided to go to Dilolo, a town on the border with Angola, where he is now reunited with his family. He has also put the children back in school when they reopened at the beginning of this month. He was due annual leave from the hospital and so he is taking that, and God willing we will review the situation at the beginning of next year. He rang me this week and sounded amazingly bright. He had lost some study books and was keen to have them replaced – which I felt was a good sign. Please pray for Zango and his family – and especially for Kaji his wife. Someone saw her recently and mentioned that she has lost a lot of weight. Remember the children also, that this will not adversely affect them and their faith. Pray also for the local elders in the assembly here, that they may take a stand regarding the witchcraft accusations.

C. 1965 3/11/20

MARY RATTER

24TH

Nehemiah 12

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Palo Negro

Over the past two months, many in the State of Aragua where we live have taken ill with Covid, and quite a few believers too, though we are glad almost all are better now. Through the goodness of the Lord,

basic medication was put within the reach of most assemblies to help believers in the early stages of the disease. So far, 117 believers have been helped in our area, though sadly, four dear believers have been called home and we feel it. Although religious gathering have been possible from 1st November, it has been bitter sweet, because the rules are so strict that it's almost impossible to have them at all. No one over 60 is allowed to attend, no one with 'ailments', no children – so mothers have to stay in with them, and the Breaking of Bread is expressly forbidden. This means over half the assembly cannot attend, never mind many assembly elders. We feel it's not the time as the pandemic is at its peak here. We are keeping well as a family. Richard started High School, German is in his last grade at Primary and Aisney is starting Primary. They are growing fast and we look to the Lord for wisdom to bring them up in His fear. We would ask you to make their salvation a matter of earnest prayer.

C. 1999 13/11/20

SAMUEL/SHARON USSHER

25TH

Nehemiah 13

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Meyzieu

Within the last few days, an orthodox priest was shot on leaving his church, a thirty-minute drive from our home. Ten minutes from where we stay, there was gang warfare between groups of young Armenians and Turks. Despite 7,000 armed soldiers walking around the streets, shopping centres and train stations, there is still a lot of danger. Thank you for your prayers. May the Lord protect us from all the evil around us. Pray for our son Gavin, who is a history teacher in a High School in the north of France. There is a lot of tension, especially since another history teacher was beheaded two weeks ago after a lesson on freedom of speech. Our daughter Meryl, who teaches in a High School in Marseille with 2,800 pupils, also needs prayer for protection. There is a high percentage of Muslims in her classes and a lot of tension and pressure. Freedom – Liberte – is a 'god' that the French adore. But in a country where the real God is ignored and His Law rejected, so many crimes can be committed in the name of 'freedom'. Please pray for this desperate situation.

C. 1980/84 3/11/20

DAVID/BRIGITTE SUTHERLAND

26TH

Esther 1

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Barrancas

Although in many parts of the world things have almost come to a standstill because of the virus, thankfully not God's work. Although we may be curtailed in our liberties like Paul was, 'the word of God is not bound' and we pray that it might 'have free course and be glorified'. Here in Venezuela we feel that the main wave is beginning to subside. With the Lord's help we have been able to help about 2,000 dear believers who developed the initial symptoms of the virus. Other workers were able to help many more in their areas. In most assemblies in this area, house meetings with the saints of each specific area are common for prayer and bible readings. In our own home we have been able to have daily meetings for prayer and bible teaching, with usually 20 to 25 in number. Of course, this includes our family, the dozen orphans and four or five Christians who come to help. How we miss the assembly gatherings and enjoying full fellowship with all the believers. We ask for your continued prayers.

C. 1995 (Ven) 9/11/20

ALAN/SANDRA TURKINGTON

27TH

Esther 2

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Writing from Canada

Our family returned to Canada at the end of June as we had been planning for some time. For the time being (while our children are school aged and in their teens) our family will be located in Vancouver. Samuel is planning to make trips back and forth to Angola two or three times a year to encourage and minister to the believers in our area and support the medical works at Biula and Luma Cassai. These trips will likely be four to six weeks in length. Depending on the pandemic travel restrictions, he was hoping to be back in Angola in January and February of 2021, but this is uncertain. In the meantime, he was able to renew his Canadian medical license and has started working full time at a local family practice clinic. It has

been a gift from the Lord as all the physicians and office staff are committed Christians. It is a very busy clinic, so he sees the overflow of patients from other practices, and is booked solid every day. From the outset, they were very supportive of his desire to travel back to Angola regularly.

C. 2012 (Can) 30/10/20 SAM/ELIZABETH SIMONE-GINDELE

28TH

Esther 3 & 4

PHILIPPINES Pop. 107 Mil. Manila

Prayed is valued for Jonathan and Jingle. They flew back to Manila on Monday and were quarantined in a hotel while they waited for Covid test results, which thankfully came back negative. They were then able to go to their home but as they arrived back, a huge typhoon hit Manila. They had just unpacked as the water levels began to rise around the house. In the end Jonathan decided to evacuate Jingle's mum and her brother to her sister's house. Jonathan was able to wade out with the dog. He went back to see the situation today and the water has stopped rising, for which they are grateful to the Lord. The water has entered the kitchen but stopped short of the living area. They must now clean up as the water always leaves an awful smell and large amounts of dirt and debris. Praise the Lord they are all safe but remember the many extremely poor people in Manila who may have lost everything. Also, remember Jingle's mum in particular, who recently had surgery to try and remove a large tumour. Unfortunately the cancer has spread and she will require treatment to shrink the growth before any further operations could be considered. She has just turned 80 and continued prayer would be valued.

C.2000 12/11/20 JONATHAN/JINGLE BRADFORD

29TH

Esther 5 & 6

HONG KONG Pop. 7.5 Mil.

China, the world's most populous nation, remains a great civilizational power. Its ancient culture is still its proud possession. Chinese life has for more than 2,000 years been rooted in the excellent moral teachings of Confucius and Mencius. These are deeply embedded here and are passed on from cradle to grave. It is also a country of immense beauty, with the abundance of God's majestic creation so apparent. Crucially though, all that is missing from today's China (as in every nation) is Christ. The gospel is not welcome here and for this we covet and value your prayers. We do praise God however, that many of today's Chinese have personally and willingly trusted Christ as their Saviour. In October we locally completed 8 weeks of what 'New Testament Discipleship' really means with 12 individuals. A great spiritual harvest is anticipated. We have also prepared and printed 5,000 copies of 'Beautiful Grace' by G C Willis and 10,000 copies of 'Marriage and the Family' by A J Higgins. We trust these will be a blessing to many.

C. 1975 (Aust) 7/11/20 JOHN/KAREN SHORT

30TH

Esther 7 & 8

ARGENTINA Pop. 45 Mil. UK 6 Parana

Despite Lockdown, the Lord's work still continues in new, inventive and creative ways. Since no travel is involved, I believe I have been able to give help in more assemblies than ever. This month we have a Gospel campaign called 'Getting to know the Eternal One' under the banner of 'Evandemia', a play on words of epidemia. So we have 'Gospel epidemic'! Everyone in the Parana assemblies has a prayer partner and together they select 5 people they wish to pray for. After a week they try to contact them and introduce them to the messages on radio and YouTube. I have prepared some of the introductory messages which were recorded in the hall. Pray that God will bless this work. I have connected with the assembly in Oran where Dick and Irene Robertson lived and worked. No 800 mile journey involved! I also 'visited' the assembly in Tucuman where their son George meets. I was impressed in both places by the number of young people who connected. Irene, aged 87, is now living with George and Priscilla but she is very poorly, both physically and mentally with Alzheimer's disease. Irene was a happy woman with a real go-ahead character. She was a driving force in the work for so many years. She and the family need your prayers.

C. 1974 18/11/20 JIM BURNETT

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Esther 9 & 10

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Pretoria

A month ago we began our move from the farm which for the past 24 years was our base for mission work. We have moved to the city of Pretoria to be close to the Assembly that commended us to the Lord's work in 1968. The move has entailed more than we imagined, but it went well, and we are enjoying our new home. We plan to bring some heavy printing equipment from the farm next week and are busy temporarily enclosing the carport for it. We are glad that Sunday services have begun again at our local assembly, and at a number of the African assemblies. It has been a great joy to preach the gospel and to have real fellowship with people. Jill and I are now in our mid 70's and grateful for our health. We look forward to being fully settled and established and engaged in a support ministry to the Zulu speaking assemblies we are associated with. There is so much good Biblical material now available in Zulu online, which is a great help to believers.

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