



# LOOK ON THE FIELDS

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

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We hope to refresh the publication and recommence printing soon.*

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Job 1-2:10

### INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK Mumbai

It has been 8 months since Bethany Hospital started treating COVID patients and the journey has been tiring but rewarding. So far we have had more than 1,600 admissions suspected or positively confirmed to have the virus. Thankfully 91% have fully recovered and been discharged and 5% are still being treated. God is continuing to use Bethany Hospital for His glory! The number of positive cases seems to be coming down but it continues to fluctuate. Please continue to pray for our doctors, nursing staff and support staff, as the physical and mental stress has been heavy on everyone. We are continuously being assessed and audited by the authorities. By God's grace there has been no adverse comment made against the hospital. In fact, at the most recent meeting, the City administration remarked that if the honourable Prime Minister asked for a report on which hospitals in Mumbai were doing an excellent job in treating COVID patients, Bethany Hospital would stand-out in all aspects. We are grateful to God for such an appreciation. The pressure for making beds available is still a daily challenge. Please pray for wisdom in handling this situation. In all this, our God has been our Ebenezer.

27/11/20 STEPHEN ALFRED, BETHANY HOSPITAL

2<sup>ND</sup>

Job 2:11 to 3:26

### SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Cape Town

Lord willing I expect to fly to Zambia on 9<sup>th</sup> December and, after a few days in Lusaka, finish the isolation period required out at Zambezi. My new Visa has not been issued so please keep praying that it will be granted before I need to return from Zambia, probably late in January. Over Christmas and the New Year we normally hold conferences in the Zambezi area so I would be glad of your prayers for those. Here in Cape Town, we went back to the Strand beach and again had a great time witnessing to many young people. We were encouraged to find that most folks were happy to spend some time discussing the Gospel with us. This is good as there is so much ignorance. One young fellow with a puzzled look on his face asked me 'what do you mean by the word 'sinner'?' . We have had some precious times in the assembly at Ocean View since we restarted the Breaking of Bread meeting three weeks ago. However, the whole town is now so rife with increasing crime, that believers are finding it hard to get a good night's sleep as gangsters roam the streets at night. I would greatly value your prayers as I travel soon, Lord willing, that all will go well and that the Lord will lead me to some who need the Saviour.

C. 1958 (USA) 2/12/20 DAVID CROUDACE

3<sup>RD</sup>

Job 4 & 5

### BELGIUM Pop. 11.5 Mil. UK 1 Assebroek

Thank you to so many that have been praying for the work over many years. This Monday I met, via Zoom, with women in Uganda for the first time. We will meet for another 3 weeks, together with local missionaries, to talk about helping people who are victims

of abuse. I would appreciate prayer for these lessons and for the missionaries as they seek to help the families there. There is quite a bit of unrest in the area because of the political situation. Please pray for their safety as well. Thank you for praying for the women I meet with individually. All is online at the moment because of the restrictions. As well as the women in Belgium, I am meeting with women in Holland, Scandinavia, Ukraine and the US. Please pray for the work of the Lord in their hearts. When the restrictions came back about a month ago, I had to stop meeting with some women in Belgium who are in abusive situations. It is not possible to meet with them outside of their house or for them to meet online. This breaks my heart. Please pray for their mental, spiritual and physical safety. It truly is only the Lord who can change hearts.

C. 1999 2/12/20 ANNE DRYBURGH

4<sup>TH</sup>

Job 6 & 7

### BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Descalvado

We recently had the opportunity of preaching at the funeral service of a 97 year old man. Although it was hot, we were able to give a short message of comfort and preach the gospel. Pray for this family and his widow that they may trust the Saviour – only one brother is saved. We also had an experience that is very different from anything we have encountered in the past. An elderly lady passed away and the family asked the priest to visit them and give a word of comfort to the family. They were very involved in the Catholic Church, especially the oldest sister that asked the priest to come along. They are also a very rich family. The priest refused to attend their home, so this lady asked her sister (the only Christian in the family) if she could get a preacher to bring a message to the family. We readily accepted and had the opportunity to preach to nearly 60 unsaved. There are 5 brothers and 5 sisters all married and with around 44 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren. Everyone was present and they expressed their thanks to us for taking the time to share the message of the gospel with them. We were very encouraged when they asked if we would go back on other occasions. We trust and pray that this may bear fruit and result in salvation. We have also started having cottage meetings in Diamante. We have had 2 meetings so far and both had good numbers of unsaved listening. As it is our summer, we preach from the porch and everyone can sit around the yard and avoid close contact. We also still prepare weekly WhatsApp messages and use this to keep in touch with some who are unable to attend in person. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

C. 1998 (Brazil) 1/12/20 MARCO/JANICE GEBARA

5<sup>TH</sup>

Job 8

### ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from Belgium

Difficult to believe that we have been in Belgium for ten months due to the pandemic and will most likely finish the year here. Thankfully, the web has enabled us to keep in touch with our mission staff at Eliya from a distance. Not so long ago in Zambia, that would not have been possible. We are thankful to the Lord for the possibilities we now have through the technology made available for us to use. There was the problem of our Work Permits expiring on 15<sup>th</sup> November. We applied for an extension due to the exceptional situation of the pandemic. We are pleased that the application has now been granted and all is in order. We praise the Lord for His intervention. We get regular news that things are almost back to normal. There are some basic restrictions, but believers in Zambia are saying we would be safer there than in Belgium. I believe them too! However, it is more difficult to convince our loved ones! The work at Eliya still carries on at a slow pace. To collect funds for the upkeep of the mission and bookshop, the caretaker has to travel to Mansa, a round trip of 450 miles. There is nothing closer! People here in Belgium often do not realise the distances needing to be travelled just for simple things. We are now thinking about a possible return towards the end of January, God willing. Prayer is one of our most powerful tools and is one of the most important ways you can support us overseas. We appreciate your continued interest in the work in Zambia.

C. 1993 2/12/20 JEAN-LUC/RITA HAINAUT

6<sup>TH</sup>

Job 9 &amp; 10

**JAPAN Pop. 127 Mil. Koshigaya**

When the pandemic restrictions were lifted in June, the Koshigaya and Matsubushi assemblies resumed meeting again. We had much joy personally when the Breaking of Bread and ministry recommenced in Koshigaya and this has continued ever since. More recently we have restarted more activities, including the Sunday afternoon Gospel Hour and the renamed English Café Outreach. Two weeks ago we had 12 people in the Café, including 6 unsaved. A few weeks ago just before I started speaking at the Matsubushi assembly, a young man who had been attending both assemblies confessed salvation. He also asked to be baptised 'as soon as possible'. This was quite a moment for us all. As many will know I have had a number of health issues, some as yet unresolved. Thankfully however, after 12 sessions of radiotherapy, my oncologist has told me that my prostate cancer has gone, with no tumours remaining! All praise to the Lord Jesus, our wonderful Healer. As some will be aware, Mark, Hannah and the children returned home two months ago to attend to baby Ellis' medical needs. That has proven to be a wise and prudent decision. After much prayer, I have also decided to return home to Northern Ireland in the New Year after my teaching schedule ends. The Lord's ways are always perfect, as are His timings. Eileen and I will soon begin the process of packing up the apartment, with all the red tape that will entail. Your prayer for this significant change in circumstances would be appreciated. Please pray also for baby Ellis' ongoing treatment and future surgeries. Finally, please remember the believers and assemblies in Koshigaya and Matsubushi as we prepare to leave.

C. 1988 5/12/20 NOEL/EILEEN HAMILTON

7<sup>TH</sup>

Job 11 &amp; 12

**ITALY Pop. 60 Mil. UK 16 Naples**

The first wave of Covid in the Spring didn't really have much impact down here in Naples, but this time things are different. Many people we have known have been infected. Just this past week we had the funeral of a dear brother and friend who was an elder in the neighbouring assembly at Fuorigrotta. He was 70 years of age and we have known him for more than 30 years. He died suddenly with Covid and his own brother also died of the virus recently. All our meetings are currently held on Zoom. We are thankful, however, that this has been a good opportunity to reach out with the Gospel to people who normally do not come to our services. Over the next few weeks I will be recording two series of Bible teaching, one on eldership which will be used in two local assemblies, and another series for a Christian radio station. Our eldest son Nathan has finished his engineering studies in Aberdeen and has just started working here in Naples. Micael is in Bath and seems to be happy enough with his studies, although he will not manage home for Christmas. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

C. 1987/88 4/12/2020 ROD/DEBBIE JONES

8<sup>TH</sup>

Job 13 &amp; 14

**N. IRELAND Pop. 1.8 Mil. Faith House, Belfast**

Faith House was opened as a residential home in 1960. Its objective is to provide comfortable accommodation with a Christian atmosphere for older believers. Its aim is to brighten their latter years in a way that would be glorifying to God and comforting to His ageing children. It currently provides accommodation for 67 residents. In 2016 the Trustees commenced a comprehensive refurbishment programme to improve facilities. Bedrooms have been combined to create new rooms with en-suite facilities and a new suite comprising 11 bedrooms has also been constructed. This work is necessary to meet the latest standards of nursing care and provide a modern, convenient environment. The lounges and dining rooms have also been refurbished. The next phase of improvements has just started when some further rooms on the ground and first floor will be reconfigured. The feedback from families, residents and staff to the improvements has been enormously positive. Your prayers for the residents, staff and management of Faith House will continue to be greatly appreciated.

9<sup>TH</sup>

Job 15

**FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 440 Hanches**

The assembly at Rambouillet has been meeting on Zoom since March. We had a few opportunities to see each other in the summer when we had two picnics (keeping a distance from one another) and when we did work in small groups in the new premises (again being careful to keep our distance!). By the grace of God, our Zoom meetings are very well attended on Sunday mornings. A Friday evening Bible study brings together about 40 people, and various other Zoom gatherings take place throughout the week. The conversion of the new premises in Rambouillet is near to completion. The new building has been a journey of faith that the believers here have admirably supported. We are busy as ever despite being confined mainly to the house. Restrictions were relaxed a little last Saturday. We can now leave the house to exercise for up to three hours (instead of one) and within a distance of 20 kilometres (instead of one).

C. 1982 30/11/20 ALAN/VALERIE KYLE

10<sup>TH</sup>

Job 16 &amp; 17

**MIDDLE EAST Emmaus Courses, Nazareth**

At the end of a year that has been so tough for all of us, what a difference it is to know that our Heavenly Father is in control and that we are safe under His wings. His ways are not our ways. What a comfort to know that! We had a bad second wave in Nazareth which meant another lockdown. It is being relaxed slightly but Nazareth is still a 'red' zone. In the office here we have been working on the course videos, learning how to improve them and developing them as we go. Progress is also being made on the building here in Nazareth. We hope to have the permit ready by February so that we can complete the parking, lift and stairs. Please pray for this. We are thankful that the shipment of books from the UK to Egypt and Lebanon all arrived and were cleared through customs without any problems. However, all non-essential shipments between Middle Eastern countries have been stopped due to Covid so we are not able to forward the books to Jordan, South Sudan, Israel and other countries. Please pray for this situation also. The world has changed in the face of this pandemic but our mighty God has not!

30/11/20 GEORGE/ROS KHALIL

11<sup>TH</sup>

Job 18 &amp; 19

**VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos**

God's work in Venezuela is passing through difficulties. After about 140 years of assembly testimony in the country, there are now about 200 assemblies throughout Venezuela. Many are spread far apart. Due to dreadful infrastructure, many do not have access to wi-fi or do not have a house phone. Many elders do not even have a mobile phone. Since there has been unbroken lockdown since 13<sup>th</sup> March and fuel is almost impossible to get, travel is almost impossible. Many local churches are quite isolated, a few completely. Locally, please pray for Anais and her husband Israel. They attend our house meeting each Sunday morning but are not saved. A little update on two dear sisters who have serious health problems. Veronica Turkington is hospitalised in Valencia, Carabobo State and is really quite ill. Her husband William is with her, but her three boys are not. Then our dear young sister Lucimer Carrasquel who was left paralysed after a fall in the southern jungle, has been operated on and is recovering very slowly, having regained some feeling in her lower limbs. She needs a lot of therapy. We appreciate your prayers for these and many other needy ones.

C. 1977 1/12/20 NOEL/ANN McKEOWN

12<sup>TH</sup>

Job 20

**IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill**

Despite the challenges we all face during the current times, we find much reason to give God thanks. During the year we compiled and published a daily devotional book entitled 'Staying Connected'. This is a book of daily readings to encourage young believers in their walk

with the Lord. We have been encouraged by reports of those using the book to assist them in their daily quiet time. We praise God for an excellent attendance at our latest 'Sharing Truth, Encouraging Practice – (STEP)' teaching weekend, when over 50 young people joined us virtually to study the early chapters of Romans. We are very thankful for the help of Kathryn and Nicola but they have now gone on to Canada and Germany respectively to serve the Lord there. Please pray for both of them in their new spheres of service. We are delighted that Nischal Abraham is joining us to help in the office for 6 months. Nischal came to Ireland to study for an MSC in Computer Science in 2019. He has now finished his course and moved to join us at Cootehill. We look forward to his fellowship in the work.

C. 1992 1/12/20 NOEL/LIZA McMEEKIN

13<sup>TH</sup>

Job 21

**IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill**

Prizegivings are a huge part of the annual routine with us. We would usually spend 3-4 months of the year in classrooms sharing the word of God, as well as rewarding the children for their work. Although we recognised that we would not have the privilege of these visits during this school year, we did not want to let the opportunity of presenting a Bible message in the schools to stop altogether. Since classes in schools are not able to mix and the normal routine of school assemblies is not possible, we thought that schools might appreciate the compilation of a video format school assembly. Thanks to the enthusiasm of some young believers with educational and digital skills, we have been able to produce a couple of these as an effective resource. Pray for these young people who are freely giving of their time and energy to help us. Pray especially that these resources may be used in schools and that there may even be a take-up in schools that have not used the Bible lessons to date.

C. 1992 1/12/20 NOEL/LIZA McMEEKIN

14<sup>TH</sup>

Job 22

**ETHIOPIA Pop. 112 Mil. UK 4 Writing from Scotland**

This has been a very difficult year and it is good to see perhaps a light at the end of the dark tunnel. I would plan to return to Ethiopia as soon as I can get the vaccine and possibly stay for a three-month period, God willing. The Covid situation in Ethiopia is a bit easier. Compared to the UK, the death toll of 1,500 is quite low. Sadly though, there is war going on in the north of Ethiopia. The province of Tigray was in power from 1991 until 2017 when they controlled the country with communistic ideology and authority. Since the Tigray leaders lost all their power a few years ago, they have been very antagonistic towards the government. A lot of money has disappeared and they began to wage war against the government. Pray that it will not be long before this is corrected. Last year when I was in Ethiopia I had the joy of meeting a young man who was a converted Muslim from a strongly militant area. He had been an Iman in control of 5 mosques. He came to Christ through the testimony of another believer and was baptised in Addis. I heard just three days ago that his wife has now been converted also. Her family have followed Islam for 400 years so this is a big thing for them. In an underground way, he has had the joy of seeing another two important Muslims trusting Christ as well. What a thrill that God is still working in salvation. We greatly value your continued prayers.

C. 1969 1/12/20 ROBERT REVIE

15<sup>TH</sup>

Job 23 & 24

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

The aim of Scripture Text Posters is to display the Word of God across the Republic of Ireland and encourage the study of the Scriptures. As a result of a public transport campaign earlier this year we received 44 requests for New Testaments and Bible study courses. Praise the Lord for those who have been in contact. These posters continue to be displayed and new responses are received each week. Pray that the Lord will use the current situation and the uncertainty of life to turn people towards Himself. We recently considered a new poster

campaign for November but due to the continued feedback from those texts already displayed and the current restrictions on the public transport system, we decided to hold off until later. Pray for guidance on what time would be most beneficial to go ahead. Five hundred calendars will be distributed to known contacts. Pray that the Scriptures presented in these calendars will bring readers 'out of darkness into His marvellous light'.

5/12/20

FRANK/GRACE CAROLAN

16<sup>TH</sup>

Job 25, 26 & 27

**SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Update from Colombo**

We are greatly encouraged that over the last fifteen years in Sri Lanka, many souls have been saved, new assemblies have been established and believers continue to be strengthened in the faith. Please continue to pray for the work of the Lord here. The believers in Hatton have suffered tremendously during the last few months. Most are labourers that work in the tea plantations. Most live in adject poverty in small houses in densely packed communities. This proved to be fertile ground for the virus to spread very quickly. They have been in lockdown for several months, with the assembly not able to meet and the nursery unable to function. Even although food is available, the lack of work and the slow-down in trade means that many people do not have the resources to purchase food for their families.

4/12/20

17<sup>TH</sup>

Job 28

**SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Update from Colombo**

One of the assembly members in Colombo works in the Air Force. When the second wave of the virus began, he was instructed to undergo two weeks of quarantine at a school near his workplace. Due to someone testing positive, he had to quarantine for a further two weeks. He then had to move location and quarantine for a further three weeks! It has now been six weeks since he left home, unprepared for such a long time away and staying in the most basic of conditions, including sleeping on the floor. When this quarantine is over, he has been told that he will have to work for five weeks without going home until relief staff are available. This has been a very difficult time for his wife and their young family. This was compounded last week when some people entered and robbed his house during the night. His wife and children were badly shaken. This is one example of a family badly impacted by the pandemic.

4/12/20

18<sup>TH</sup>

Job 29 & 30

**SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Update from Colombo**

The believers in Jaffna decided to renovate their Hall as the building needed a new roof and some other repairs. Several brethren were out of work and decided during lockdown to personally work on the Hall. Very quickly the roof and some walls were removed, new foundations put in and good progress was being made. However, a local outbreak of the virus in the vicinity of the Hall resulted in government officials isolating this area and stopping all work. Last week a cyclone entered northern Sri Lanka. There was widespread flooding in Jaffna and the assembly premises were under two feet of water. They have still not been allowed back into the area. However, some brothers in the assembly have been diligently spreading the gospel in small house meetings. They have also organised Bible studies in people's homes in various villages. Pray for this work. The Valaichchenai assembly have not been able to meet since September. Some of the families live on a large farm. Within the premises of the farm they have been able to establish a children's work over the last three months. Children were entering the farm to enjoy a daily game of cricket or football. The believers decided to start a daily Bible study. Numbers have increased from ten to forty-five. Schools have been closed and these children are fed up staying at home and are happy to enter the farm for a time of games and Bible study every day. Pray that the seed planted in these children will bear fruit.

4/12/20

19<sup>TH</sup>

Job 31

**VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos**

When there is so much trouble and turmoil around us, and unexpected changes in our daily circumstances, how comforting it is to be able to resort to that sure foundation. He is immovable and unchangeable, the firm and unshakeable rock upon which we can rely. Our activities this year have been very limited due to Veronica's illness. Although it has already been over a year since we departed from the dear saints in Tucupita, we are glad that they are going on well and at least two young lads have professed salvation since we left. Our esteemed brother David Perez from the assembly here in San Carlos has been helping the believers over there. The present condition of Veronica's health gives us concern, but the Lord has sustained her and to Him we continue to look. A scan has shown that the leukaemia has advanced considerably so the doctors are considering further treatment. Despite the crises in the country, the Lord has permitted her to receive numerous blood and platelet transfusions both at home and in several clinics. We are so thankful for the support and encouragement from believers in many countries. We haven't felt alone in the trial.

C. 2014 (Ven) 3/12/20 WILLIAM/VERONICA TURKINGTON

20<sup>TH</sup>

Job 32 &amp; 33

**BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Porto Alegre**

The series of Gospel meetings with Lindsay Carswell and Roberta Ploia continues with good numbers listening. We usually have Bible readings at the end of the year, but this year we plan, God willing, to have some ministry meetings on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> January. This is also the time for the distribution of calendars. As there are no Sunday Schools at present due to the pandemic, we will have to try and make sure that each family gets one. Drive-in Gospel meetings have been held in a couple of places. We are both thankful to keep so well overall. I have been having a little problem with my back and left leg, for which I am having physiotherapy.

C. 1952/58 3/12/20 HARRY/BETH WILSON

21<sup>ST</sup>

Job 34 &amp; 35

**SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil Fife**

In Cowdenbeath, pre-recorded Zoom Gospel messages continue to go out each Wednesday on Facebook and YouTube for public viewing. Over the last few months I have been posting some studies on the seven 'I Am's' of the Lord Jesus in John's Gospel. I am currently working on the fifth in this series. Due to the present Covid restrictions, I have not been doing village evangelism with Gospel tracts and Via magazines. However, when the opportunity arises, some can be given or offered to an individual even when shopping. They are usually accepted with a promise to read it. We are sometimes asked about commended workers who continue to serve the Lord in Trinidad and Tobago. Learie Telesford is not so physically able now owing to advanced age and bad eyesight. However, Cleophas and Gilma Caines, and Rodney and Lydia Brown are to the fore. We commend our West Indian brethren and sisters to your prayers and the assemblies in Trinidad and Tobago and the rest of the West Indies. We value your prayer intercession too.

C. 1967 24/11/20 JOHN/MARGARET WRIGHT

22<sup>ND</sup>

Job 36 &amp; 37

**ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Kitwe**

The work here continues to be busy. We thank God for the many opportunities we have to serve Him and the people here, and also the wonderful freedom to proclaim the Gospel. We recently had visits from two important governmental delegations. The Permanent Secretary for health came along with some of the most senior doctors in the land. They arrived at night in a convoy of four vehicles. Then we had a visit from the head of what is the equivalent of the General Medical Council in Zambia. This time a convoy of three vehicles! It was gratifying to hear all these senior figures speak highly of the work that was being done by the hospital and we felt that in some

measure this brought glory to the Lord. It is also a challenge to us to maintain and improve standards here. As we showed them around the hospital, there were gospel texts everywhere, even in the laboratory proclaiming that the Lord Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life!

C. 1991 7/12/20

DAVID/LORRAINE McADAM

23<sup>RD</sup>

Job 38 &amp; 39

**ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Kitwe**

The work on the new conference centre has continued throughout the year and is now nearing completion. A large meeting room with adjacent kitchen has been constructed along with toilet blocks and washing facilities. In addition, some 68 little houses that were formerly part of the leper colony but had fallen into disuse and disrepair have been renovated and refurbished. These can provide accommodation for those travelling long distances to the conferences. The annual boys and girls camps have already been held in the new complex this year. Each of these last 3-4 days, with various activities and messages from the Word of God each day. A further event is planned this month for Sunday School teachers and others interested in spreading the Gospel. In the hospital a young woman was admitted with a very deadly snake bite. She was almost dead but was put on a ventilator as she took her last few breaths and given vials of antivenom. After ventilation and careful nursing for a day, she fully recovered, although it looked very bad a number of times. The animal kingdom provides us with much medical work. In addition to this snake bite, we have on the wards at present a hippo bite and a crocodile bite!

C. 1991 7/12/20

DAVID/LORRAINE McADAM

24<sup>TH</sup>

Job 40 &amp; 41

**CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Ontario**

At this time of the year we enjoy dwelling on the wonder of our Saviour's birth. Through Him we have a blessed hope in a seemingly hopeless world. We had the joy of seeing our 16 year old granddaughter Mackenzie obey the Lord in baptism a few months ago. James, our 14 year old grandson started High School this year. Elaine and Brett have come through a difficult year as Brett was diagnosed with cancer. We thank the Lord it was caught in time and after treatment he now has no visible signs of cancer in his body. Crawford and Beth keep busy with work and assembly commitments. Over the last year the Lord has laid on their hearts very specifically the work of foster parenting. After much training they have been accepted as short term foster parents. I had a fairly rough year with 4 minor surgeries due to the after affects of radiation treatment for cancer. Thankfully I am feeling significantly better now. Elizabeth is keeping well and has been a wonderful nurse during my time of illness. As a family we have enjoyed much of the Lord's presence. We seek to live and serve Him during these trying times.

4/12/20

JIM/ELIZABETH PAUL

25<sup>TH</sup>

Job 42

**JAPAN Pop. 127 Mil. Writing from N Ireland**

A few weeks ago one of my former students suggested we meet up on Zoom. He arranged for some others to join us and about a dozen of us met up. It was such a nostalgic time of reminiscing and discussing the Scriptures together. Isumo is a small city on the west coast of Japan where, during the 1980s, I spent eight years of my almost 40 years of service in Japan. It was a happy place in which to live and work but not an easy place for evangelism. Work among the people was difficult because of Isumo's famed pagan history and Shinto tradition. Even so, in spite of difficulties and disappointments, the Lord worked during those eight years. All of those who gathered on that Zoom call a few weeks ago were people whom we had the joy of leading to Christ in those years in the 1980s. All of them, in one way or another, are active in the Lord's service today. Four of them are also busy medical doctors. Pray for the assembly in Izumo that continues faithfully today and for other evangelical work that has grown out of those original efforts in the Gospel.

C. 1960/72 2/12/20

RONNIE/ANN CAIRNS

26<sup>TH</sup>

Psalms 1, 2 &amp; 3

**UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lviv**

The spread of Covid is greatly increasing in the Lviv region. Thousands of new cases are being reported every day and the city hospitals are full to capacity. In early November the government introduced weekend lockdowns for a 48-hour period to try and suppress this raging virus. Unfortunately, Misha, an elder in the assembly contracted the virus and has been in hospital on oxygen. Also our brother Ruslan has been suffering from extreme back pain which has reduced his ability to work. We would value prayer for these two brethren who are needed so much in the assembly.

C. 2010 1/12/20 EDMUND/AGNES JOHNSTON

27<sup>TH</sup>

Psalms 4, 5 &amp; 6

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

With class closures due to a teacher and 2 students in the school testing positive for Covid together with 3 families with cases within their households, the school has been quiet during November. This was compounded by the government closing the 3 most senior year-groups. We have taken encouragement from parents sharing their appreciation for the way the crisis has been handled and everything the teachers are doing to keep the children learning. Some of the older children are beginning to prefer working from their beds! I am sure they are still working hard as they Zoom from their new surroundings! However, we have now been told that the senior group can return for 2 weeks. As well as the Logos School, we would encourage you to pray for every believer that works in a school, wherever they are in the world. They all do what they can to glorify the name of the Lord. The teaching profession is draining at best, and this year is exceptional in its demands. Please also pray for wisdom, strength, energy and freedom from fear to do all we can to impact the next generation for Christ.

28<sup>TH</sup>

Psalms 7 &amp; 8

**VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos**

In the little town where we live, at least 29 people have died from the virus. How can we not be afflicted? Some were close to us, others acquaintances, and all taken by this sickness. These last few months the government has allowed us a little more flexibility and we haven't heard of any new cases in the area where we live. For this reason we have felt the liberty to evangelise an area called El Chaparro, located on the winding road up the mountain that leads to our home in Los Altos. A brother and sister in the assembly are originally from El Chaparro and have family living there. It has been encouraging to see the interest of some families who want to be visited and have the gospel preached in their homes. Finding a place to build a small hall and be able to have weekly Children's and Gospel Meetings would be ideal. We ask for your prayers.

C. 2018 (Ven) 19/11/20 PEDRO/LOIS MALAVE

29<sup>TH</sup>

Psalms 9 &amp; 10

**WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. 'Your 542 Day' Outreach**

Over the last five years, Your542day 'Messages with Meaning' have been made available on CD, with about 10,000 copies distributed free of charge. We are grateful to the Lord for his help in this regard. These CDs are being used by individuals at home, in the car, in nursing homes, at coffee mornings and even in prisons. They have been distributed at agricultural shows, Christmas markets and many other gospel outreach events. Please pray for their continued use during the pandemic. The messages are also posted on various local radio Facebook groups, including Radio Tircoed and Radio Walkham. Many assemblies and individuals have used them to keep in contact with people who have shown an interest in the gospel. Several have joined Your542day WhatsApp Group and Facebook page. Praise the Lord. Please also pray for Ian Bates, an old school friend now living

in the Chester area. He has been reading Messages with Meaning on Facebook every day. He has also had contact with Stephen Baker through his 'Find the Missing Peace' blog. He has indicated that he has been challenged by various messages and says many have also helped his depression. Please pray for his salvation.

5/12/20

PETER FRANCIS

30<sup>TH</sup>

Psalms 11 to 14

**DENMARK Pop. 5.8 Mil.**

One of the younger men who is an able teacher in the assembly has had it very tough over the past several months due to fairly complex family problems which are not of his making. Nevertheless, they are very stressful to him. Despite having been born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and enduring a very traumatic childhood, he suffered neither physical or cognitive effects of this, which, tragically, can often be the case. He is a bright lad and has obtained a master's degree in computer science. It is truly a wonder that he has made such progress in his spiritual growth despite many obstacles. We continually pray for him, as the Lord prayed for Peter, that his faith will not fail. Thankfully, some family issues have been alleviated if not completely resolved. He is beginning to participate in our weekly meetings again. Another young brother is doing an interesting series on the Ten Commandments entitled 'Life's Priorities'. These talks are put on the internet and are accessed by many. These are great encouragements in these troubled times.

2/11/20

RAYMOND/CAROL MCCULLAGH

31<sup>ST</sup>

Psalms 15 &amp; 16

**BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Vitoria**

A young couple we met many years ago and with whom we formed a strong friendship have hit a bump in the road that has seriously affected their marriage relationship. He says he still loves his wife but needs time alone to think things through. We had high hopes for the couple, especially as they were so involved with the young people in the assembly. They were excellent counsellors. At the moment, they are the ones that need help. It is not so easy to assist at a distance. All Christian workers were asked to leave indigenous areas because of the pandemic situation. One young couple, Adriano and Tamara were included. The couple were commended from our assembly. She is pregnant and the doctors have described the pregnancy as risky. Vitoria is a city that has many hospitals and offers a high standard of medical attention. Where would they stay? Goiabeiras has a house on the premises that was used as a caretaker's house. The assembly decided to do a refurbishment job and everyone rallied round to help. Pray for this lovely couple and the safe arrival of the baby.

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