



# LOOK ON THE FIELDS

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

### With Daily Scripture Readings

*Note : The Look on the Fields is currently only available electronically.  
We hope to refresh the publication and recommence printing soon.*

# 1<sup>ST</sup>

Song of Solomon 2:8 to 3:5

### **BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Writing from N Ireland**

These past months have been most frustrating with so many restrictions. I came here to N. Ireland, to be with my wife, just as lockdown began last March, and never expected that over a year later, I would still be here in the UK. Thankfully, Christine continued to receive her treatment for cancer right throughout the pandemic, and I was on hand to help as needed.

Sadly, Brazil has been badly hit by the virus. Some days these past weeks, around 4,200 people were being called into eternity each day. In all, the number of deaths has passed 420,000 and government estimates are that this number will pass six hundred thousand by July! Some lovely believers have been called home and sadder still, some have died who listened to the Gospel often but never professed salvation. We can only hope that during the days in hospital before their death, they took advantage of the opportunity to get right with God and seek the Saviour.

Each weekend, since lockdown started, I have prepared messages in both ministry and the Gospel and sent them back to Brazil using WhatsApp. We continue to be encouraged in this work. Only in eternity will we know the full results, although we have heard of blessing in other parts. Each weekend 500 or more people listen to the Gospel message and many have never been to a Gospel Hall. Truly we can say with the apostle Paul 'the things that have happened... have fallen out unto the furtherance of the Gospel!' Phil 1:12.

I would value prayer that soon the covid situation in Brazil will improve. At the moment Brazil is on the UK Red list and this means travel is restricted and involves many problems. I would like to make another visit to Brazil soon if the Lord opens up the way.

Our God has all under His supreme control and we can await His hand in changing the present circumstances. "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows them that trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7).

C. 1988 11/5/21 JOHN & CHRISTINE McCANN

# 2<sup>ND</sup>

Song of Solomon 3:6 to 5:1

### **TURKEY Pop. 85 Mil. Writing from Glasgow**

We continue to publish Biblical resources in order to strengthen the church in Turkey. We are currently working on two new titles which we see as essential and strategic. The first is 'Where is God in a Coronavirus World?' and the second is 'Can Science Explain Everything?', both titles by John Lennox. We are also encouraging

and equipping local Turkish believers who have the necessary spiritual maturity and gifting to begin writing. Your prayers for these projects would be much appreciated.

6/5/21

D & H M

# 3<sup>RD</sup>

Song of Solomon 5:2 to 6:9

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

The financial implications of the last 12 months have been severe for many locals. By God's grace, and through the generosity of believers back in the UK, we have been able to pass on a little practical kindness to some of the believers most in need.

The last 12 months have been challenging for assemblies all over the world but especially for weaker assemblies in South Africa. At Northpine Gospel Hall we are gathering on a Sunday morning only. The believers are doing well but sadly we have experienced reduction in numbers due to death and also a family who left the assembly during lockdown. Generally speaking (with exceptions) the great needs among the assemblies in South Africa continue to be firstly, the raising up of divinely fitted leaders, and secondly, healthy teaching that nourishes the people of God. These great needs have been exacerbated during the last 12 months.

As well as challenges, the last 12 months have brought along unexpected opportunities. Many have listened to online Gospel messages and many believers have tuned in to teaching online. Quite a number of believers from denominations have been tuning into some of the online teaching. Please pray that it will challenge them on their associations and practice, as well as in relation to their walk with the Lord.

Please pray for Sanele who we got to know through children's meetings in a very poor area not far away. He is now 16 years old and living in another province but listening to online messages. He has a spiritual interest and reads his Bible but is not saved. Pray that some of these interactions will be used by the Lord to bring conviction and ultimately salvation.

C. 2016 28/4/21 ALASTAIR & ANDREA BAIJAL

# 4<sup>TH</sup>

Song of Solomon 6:10 to 8:14

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

Due to the reduction in Covid-19 numbers, the door has begun to open again for me to travel to encourage some of the assemblies further afield. We have not seen many of these dear believers for over a year. Recently I was able to enjoy short series of ministry meetings with the saints at Wellington and Hermanus, who we have worked closely with for the last five years. These were happy reunions. Earlier this month I was also able to visit the saints at Bethel Assembly in Pretoria for a series of ministry. This involved a round trip of almost 1,800 miles and over 28 hours in the car. Normally I fly for these trips but due to Covid-19 I am using the vehicle for now. This was my first trip away overnight in over a year so we were grateful to the Lord for safety and help in the ministry. We are not sure how long the easing of restrictions will last so we are keen to make the most of it with assemblies who have the capacity and willingness to host ministry meetings meantime.

Open air preaching gives us a lot of encouragement in terms of unbelievers willing to listen to the Gospel. Recently we have been able to visit a rural area that we have not previously focussed on. Providing we bring a few chairs there are a number who are willing to sit and listen at an impromptu Gospel meeting. Last week we met a lady called Irene when preaching in the open air. She is suffering from TB and wept as she heard the Gospel. Pray for her and others who listen that they will be gripped by the reality of eternity and the possibility of salvation in Christ.

C. 2016 28/4/21 ALASTAIR & ANDREA BAIJAL

5<sup>TH</sup>

Obadiah

**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS Pop. 0.4 Mil.**

Here we are safe so far. Many suffered in different ways during this terrible situation of Covid but the Lord has remained in control and gratefully has protected the life of the believers. Thank you for your prayers.

Some may be unaware of where we are geographically. The Andaman and Nicobar islands is a union territory of India. It consists of 572 islands, of which 38 are inhabited. They sit at the junction of the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.

Here the assembly gatherings both at Bathubasti and Bambooflat are going on smoothly. No public ministry is possible as the covid rules are strict. There is a Bible study at Burmanalla. Please pray for these meetings.

Children's Bible clubs were suspended as most of the attendees are children whose parents are not believers. At the beginning of this month one group recommenced but now a second wave of corona is spreading. We are very worried about the future of this ministry among children. We are trying our best to keep in touch with some of them. Please pray for this ministry as many children have come to the Lord through this outreach.

Brothers Georgy Jacob, Deepak Kumar and Aby Joseph are working for the Lord with me here and are keeping well. The ministry at Great Nicobar Islands is going on well. I am always concerned about the work there as it is a pioneer work that is close to my heart. We are grateful to the Lord that there are now 3 assembly testimonies there.

After coming back from Kerala in mainland India, it has been a tough time for us as many of the believers became sick. Please pray for Pooja, daughter of brother Debo Brotho, as she is referred to the mainland for heart surgery. Brother Chamberlain is also waiting to be transferred to the mainland for kidney transplantation. They would both value your prayers.

We thankfully remember the way the Lord leads us.

C. (India) 26/4/21 MANGADAN SUNNY

6<sup>TH</sup>

Joel 1

**NICARAGUA Pop. 7 Mil. Managua**

Last November, Nicaragua and Honduras were hit by two hurricanes a week apart and they followed almost the same path. The destruction of so many people's lives was devastating. Honduras was hit hardest, and this included an area of the country where there are several assemblies and many Christians. Through the generous donations of many individuals and assemblies, we have been able to pass on help to those in need through the local leadership of several brethren with good testimonies. Assembly halls are being repaired, houses built for Christians who lost everything; beds, fridges, and stoves were bought for many. Praise God, we believe the overwhelming need has been met.

Here in Nicaragua, Bible calendars and food provisions were sent up the river 3 times to the Bosawás Rainforest where a young man that attends the assembly in Managua is originally from. Several years ago, we were able to visit this extremely isolated area of the country and share the Gospel there. We pray that the aid will give entrance to the Gospel in the hearts of many people! We hope to visit this area in June preaching Christ in several communities!

Fifty thousand calendars were printed locally and distributed through the 12 Nicaraguan Assemblies. We are thankful to

the many Christians who took calendars and in their own free time walked up and down the streets of their neighbourhood sharing the Good News with their neighbours. In the month of March, a family from Masaya who came nightly to the Gospel meetings were helped by building them a simple brick house. They previously lived in a structure built from whatever they could find. Please pray that Maria, Raul and their 5 children will trust Christ!

C. 2003 (Canada) 5/5/21 MARK & BRENDA BACHERT

7<sup>TH</sup>

Joel 2

**NICARAGUA Pop. 7 Mil. Managua**

We were encouraged with ten nights of Gospel Meetings in the city of Masaya, which is famous for its artisanal talents of hammocks, shoes, and leather goods. The small assembly in Masaya worked together with Christians from the surrounding assemblies to visit and invite neighbours to hear the Gospel. We were encouraged by the visits and the many people who attended. As the speaker was talking about the helpless condition of the man in John 5 who was lame for 38 years, Elizabeth realised that although a member of a church for more years than that, that she was not yet saved. We praise the Lord that it wasn't long after that she trusted Christ. Please pray that the seed sown will continue to bear fruit in the coming weeks and months.

COVID-19 still continues to make headlines here in Nicaragua, however the number of cases that we hear about has diminished thankfully. We continue to follow health protocols at the gatherings of the Lord's people.

Mark and Brenda would value your continued prayers for them and the ongoing work in Nicaragua. Please also remember in prayer their children, Matthew, Micah, Eliza and Elena.

C. 2003 (Canada) 5/5/21 MARK & BRENDA BACHERT

8<sup>TH</sup>

Joel 3

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

We are so thankful for all the Lord's gracious kindness to us both in a multitude of ways, even over these past difficult months of relative isolation. However, it has been a wonderful opportunity to do some writing.

The outstanding encouragements have been the regular contact with previous college and University students in Kitwe. Many are now married and in responsible posts, where they are being used of the Lord to reach out with the gospel to areas that we never saw and will most likely never see. It has been a wonderful blessing to hear from so many who are going on with the Lord and with the vision to be used of the Lord both in evangelism and in the teaching of young believers. In years gone by, the immediacy of WhatsApp contacts with photographs would have been unthinkable.

Sadly, the occasional news seeps through of young people who seemed to have great potential for the Lord but they have grown cold or drifted away from regular fellowship with fellow believers. Marrying an unbeliever has been a scourge for some, as it always is, despite all the warnings we studied so carefully in Scripture. Satan is busy.

May the Lord Himself encourage us all in our private daily walk with Him.

C. 1986 13/5/21 ERIC & MARGARET McCAUGHRAN

9<sup>TH</sup>

Jonah 1 &amp; 2

**SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Perth**

As many of you will be aware, our life has been turned upside down since my diagnosis for bowel cancer. My first of three operations is due tomorrow (19<sup>th</sup> May). This is a loop ileostomy and will bypass where the tumour is. Once I have recovered sufficiently, I will then begin six weeks of radiotherapy and chemotherapy. It should take around twelve weeks to recover from both of these treatments. I will then undergo major abdominal surgery to remove the tumour, along with most of my left colon. Once recovered from this, it is likely there will be a further course of chemo followed by another operation to reconnect the bowel, if indeed that is possible.

If I think of all that lies ahead I just can't take it in. If all goes according to the medics schedule, it will take about a year to get through it all. Trying as the hymn says to take one day at a time. I have to confess that these days are a struggle, and knowing it is only going to get harder over the coming months is tough. Alison gave me a mug for my birthday recently that had an appropriate verse on it – 'Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go' (Joshua 1:9). What is also helping us all so much is the overwhelming love and care that we have been shown by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for your interest and prayers.

C. 2003 18/5/21 GORDON &amp; ALISON McCracken

10<sup>TH</sup>

Jonah 3 &amp; 4

**SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Perth**

Although normal avenues of service are closed to me, I believe that a new mission field has opened up to us through this. A head teacher at one of the schools I would visit regularly was in touch with concern after hearing about my illness. It was a tremendous opportunity to witness to him of the peace that comes with faith in Christ. There have been other similar opportunities with medical staff, especially when they ask what I do for a living. I have ordered some Christian/scripture T-shirts to wear in hospital with a view to it prompting conversation.

I was encouraged recently to receive a message from Mark Mair from the assembly in Cullen, Scotland. Mark had been contacted by a local Baptist minister in Buckie who told him of an eighteen year old girl who had recently attended gospel meetings and waited behind to speak concerning her soul. The girl called Tara told the preacher that the first time she heard about what Christ had done for her was from a chap called Gordon at the Easter Super Club in Cullen. It seems God had brought these things back to her mind and she was troubled, so sought out her local church. She is not saved yet but is continuing to attend gospel meetings and apparently is very close, so we pray that Tara will soon rest her faith on Christ.

C. 2003 18/5/21 GORDON &amp; ALISON McCracken

11<sup>TH</sup>

Amos 1 &amp; 2

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

Here in Descalvado things seem to be beginning to improve. Our prayer is that it may continue, and not get worse, as people don't seem to be able to obey the rules!

Thankfully, as a family, so far, we have been preserved, but so many have had the virus and many are still in hospital fighting for their lives. Thousands have died.

One brother who was really bad, now seems to be recovering. His son posted a real happy notice this evening, after days of bad news.

Please continue to pray for the work in Brazil, that souls may be saved, and other assemblies planted for the Lord's glory; also for the literature work, which goes on steadily, and is being a good help and blessing to many.

C. 1960 6/5/21

JANETA WATTERSON

12<sup>TH</sup>

Amos 3 &amp; 4

**SHAREAfrica - Zambia**

Patricia Chinonge is the administrator for SHAREAfrica's orphan and feeding programme's in Zambia.

Sadly we have heard that Patricia's granddaughter has died as a result of a road accident she was involved in with her mum, Patricia's daughter. She previously suffered from hydrocephalus and had a tube in her brain.

Tragically, Patricia's husband, Dr Khumdi Chinonge, collapsed and died at the funeral of the girl last Saturday. He had high blood pressure and was diabetic. Please pray for Patricia and her daughter at this time of deep sorrow. Patricia is a believer but we are not sure about the rest of her family.

25/5/21 Update from Jim McPhail, Harrogate, England

13<sup>TH</sup>

Amos 5 &amp; 6

**INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Chennai**

We take this opportunity to praise God for His continued faithfulness and for His guidance in every area of our work here.

We are writing specifically to ask you to pray for the country of India as you will be aware through the media that India is going through a terrible time because of the high increase in Covid cases. Every day there are about 400,000 new cases of the virus. The hospitals are absolutely full to their capacity and many patients are unable to get admitted, get proper treatment or even receive essential oxygen facilities. Sadly, many patients are kept in the ambulances at night to get a meagre oxygen supply.

The situation in our State is also worsening. Some of our own staff or their family members are also being infected. Yesterday, our pharmacist's mother suddenly passed away due to Covid. Vimala's brother, Mr Anburaj, a local pastor, was also admitted to the hospital. Sadly, he also died on 29 April but has gone to be with the Lord. We request your earnest prayers for the family and for his wife and two children during this sorrowful situation.

Three of our staff are recovering and three others are not well and in quarantine. Due to the high rise of cases in Chennai, and considering the safety of our staff, with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> May we are shifting to 100% working from home for at least two weeks. Our Medical Floor will be functioning, with staff working on a shift basis.

Your prayers for us all at this very difficult time will be really valued.

C. 1964 (New Zealand)

1/5/21

COLLEEN REDIT

14<sup>TH</sup>

Amos 7 &amp; 8

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

In Ukraine we are in the middle of two wars – military and medical! As we write there is a huge build up of military personnel and hardware on the Russian side of our border. More than 100,000 troops are reinforcing their advanced units. The Sea of

Azov and the Black Sea surrounding Ukraine have been closed to all shipping apart from Russian vessels for the next 6 months. These are worrying times!

Ukraine has the worst record in Europe of Covid infections at the present time. Also being the poorest country in Europe has not helped regarding procuring vaccines. The country is too poor to close down completely and so fatalities are extremely high. Medical staff are being stretched to the limit and many people are dying due to the lack of oxygen. Your prayers for both these situations are greatly appreciated.

Finally, we are aiming to get the Orphanage finished this year. The building covers 6 floors and is approximately 3,000 square metres. The new site to the left of the building has been registered in our names. We are grateful to the Lord. The local council have kindly given this to us, even although they could potentially have got a significant amount for it on the open market. By some reconfiguration of the area, we will no longer need to park vehicles in front of the orphanage, as there will be a paved parking area within the grounds. We look forward to seeing the home open for the glory of God, for the benefit of the Lutsk assembly testimony and for the Christian upbringing and salvation of poor Ukrainian orphans. Our God is faithful!

C. 1993 1/5/21 TIMOTHY & RHODA SLOAN

15<sup>TH</sup>

Amos 9

**ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala**

*Update on the Angolan Literature Fund (ALF)*

*Extracts taken from the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Report*

During 2020 a large amount of literature was sent to Angola. This included 20,000 hymnbooks, 8,000 bibles, 1,800 Portuguese study bibles, 2,000 Choice Gleanings daily reading books, 1,500 bible dictionaries and 7,000 bible commentaries and sound literature. In addition, 50,000 wall calendars in Chokwe, Portuguese, Luvale, Umbundu and Songo for free distribution plus 4,000 quarterly magazines (also free) and thousands of tracts were sent. Special thanks must be given to the Trinitarian Bible Society who freely granted us thousands of bibles for free distribution. Once again, we are indebted to Crawford Brown in Brazil who readily collates and orders for the ALF and informs us of new literature available.

The importation of 3 or 4 containers a year means much hard work. The paperwork and hour upon hour of mediating with customs and officials in Luanda is significant. To this end, the ALF could not operate without the patience, skill and understanding of brother Kaluiji in Luanda. His contribution to the work in Angola is enormous.

Please pray for the print rooms and book rooms in both Suarimo and Luanda. The Emmaus course work has restarted, with a number of the covers being redesigned. There are over 2,000 students doing these courses in Luanda and over 1,000 students in Saurimo. Pray for this really important work and all involved in it.

Finally a few additional prayer points. Please remember the local believers who have been severely affected economically during the pandemic. Pray that Angolan assemblies will remain true to biblical teaching regarding the local assembly. Pray for continued faithfulness among local workers. Also, please pray that containers will be delivered safely and to schedule.

C. 1993 1/5/21 BRIAN & DEBBIE HOWDEN

16<sup>TH</sup>

Hosea 1:1 to 2:1

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

The work at Loloma continues in spite of certain restrictions. There are still many Covid cases with us, but a vaccination programme has been started. The Gospel still goes forth at the hospital twice daily over the public address system. Kamiji, a young Zambian brother from our Assembly is responsible for preaching on the local radio three times a week. Recently, Timothy Beer has also been given one day per week. Please continue to pray for this work as many are listening to the Gospel in their own homes.

Sunday Schools have commenced in most Assemblies except in our own Assembly at Loloma, as it is almost impossible to socially distance 800 children! Please pray for a way forward to be found. I am still able to have a children's meeting at the back of my home with 95 children all learning memory verses and listening to the Gospel each Thursday afternoon. We would value your prayers for the salvation of these dear children. We continue to pack Sunday School prizes for approximately 6,000 children each year.

Please continue to pray that God will be honoured and glorified in everything that we do. Thank you so much for your prayerful and practical support.

C. 1972 25/5/21

WILMA GEDDES

17<sup>TH</sup>

Hosea 2:2 to 3:19

**ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Northampton**

*Christian School Assembly Link Team (CSALT)*

The CSALT team has been providing a valued service in supporting schools in Northamptonshire by conducting assemblies and religious education (RE) lessons for over 20 years. The majority of the 80 or so schools currently supported are Primary Schools.

Pandemic restrictions are now being relaxed and a few schools have invited us back in already. For this we give our great God thanks. Additionally contact has been made with a new school, whose headteacher knows us. I will be meeting her in due course to discuss our involvement there and prayer would be appreciated. Pray for upcoming visits to Weldon and Stanion Primary Schools and future opportunities at Hazel Leys Primary School.

We need freshness in the presentation of God's Word, continuing good relationships with staff, safety in travel and the ability to talk to the children at an appropriate level.

As of now, 26 schools have booked visits for the next academic year. Pray that relaxed restrictions will allow these visits to go ahead.

There is another Bill going through the House of Lords at present called 'The Education (Assemblies) Bill' which proposes scrapping the requirement for mandatory collective worship in English state schools. Faith schools are not included. Please pray that current access will be maintained, God willing, and that opportunities will be blessed in the meantime.

28/5/21

WYN WILLIAMS

18<sup>TH</sup>

Hosea 4:1 to 6:3

**SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK7 Umtentweni**

Last Saturday we attended a baptism. A farmer and his wife invited us to be with them as they sought to obey the Lord by being baptised by immersion. It must be around 30 years since we first had contact with the family. The farmer's wife attended Bible studies I was conducting in the hospital where I worked at that time. Her husband was antagonistic, and she had to stop attending the studies. However, she and their daughter were both saved, the daughter also being baptised and coming into assembly fellowship when she was studying at university in Cape Town.

Over the years the farmer's heart gradually softened towards the things of the Lord until he trusted Christ as his Saviour. Every second week we have a Bible study in the area where they live, and it is often held in their home. They invited us to attend their baptism last Saturday and what a joy it was to see them both obeying the Lord in this way. We believe that this man's testimony has been a voice in the community, as he used to be much involved in socialising in the local pub. Please pray for their family. One son and his wife attend the Bible studies and they seem to be saved. We would also like to see them being baptised soon.

It is also a joy to engage in gospel activity once again in the assembly. Several unsaved people have attended the meetings, folk we have prayed for for years. Please join us as we seek the Lord's face for blessing in salvation.

C. 1968 4/5/21 PAUL & DOROTHY GRIEVE

19<sup>TH</sup>

Hosea 6:4 to 7:16

**MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Cancun**

Keeping with the local government guidelines for public gatherings, the assembly continues to gather for its regular meetings with the protocols in place. Recently we have been encouraged by some new contacts that have started to attend. Among them, please pray for Octavio and his wife Mayte who started attending 3 weeks ago. They have attended almost every meeting and have listened well to the gospel.

Despite the pandemic and the Covid spotlight system in orange (high alert), tourists keep arriving. This is good for the economy but there is an increase in cases of the virus. Hotels are only allowed 50% occupancy and there are many regulations in place but this has not stopped the spread of the virus. Vaccinations have been made available to anyone aged 50 or over.

The believers have been keeping well but most have lost at least a family member or someone they know to the virus. One sister in fellowship lost her husband several months ago. The reality of the ongoing pandemic is ever-present and we continue to pray for preservation from the virus.

We have been able to keep some contact with the Sunday School children. We have gone by their homes various times and have been able to leave help in the form of food boxes or gift cards for a local grocery store. Many of these homes have been affected by the economic crisis caused by the pandemic and all have been thankful for help received.

Thanks again for your continued prayers for us and the work here.  
C. 2019 (Ven) 8/5/21 TIMOTHY & AMY TURKINGTON

20<sup>TH</sup>

Hosea 8 &amp; 9

**BOLIVIA Pop. 11.5 Mil. UK 2 Cochabamba**

We are in our third wave of Covid and we would really value your prayers. Another one of our believers, Lusio, went home to be with the Lord. He was only in his early fifties. His two daughters are believers and always came to the church with him and sat on the front row together. His wife is not a believer and we are praying that she will come to know the Lord.

At present, sixteen of our believers in fellowship have Covid, some at home and some in hospital. Our family doctor, Dr Jaime San Martin, has been badly affected by the virus and has been put into a medically induced coma in intensive care. He is also a good friend and a brother in the Lord. Pray for the family, Ruth his wife and Brenda his daughter, as well as his son.

In spite of all that is happening, God is working in many lives and people are coming to know the Lord. It is amazing the number of people who are listening to messages on YouTube and have never previously attended church. Our daughter was just telling me that our hairdresser Janet tuned in to their Zoom meeting tonight. She is just recovering from Covid. Pray that she too will come to trust the Saviour.

C. 1977 7/5/21 MARIO & HELEN PONCE

21<sup>ST</sup>

Hosea 10:1 to 11:11

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

Since last writing, we have had the Breaking of Bread restored to us with certain restrictions. It is still a blessing to meet again to remember the Lord.

James Armstrong and I have just finished 14 weeks of gospel meetings online, from Lord's Days to Thursdays. We were encouraged by the good numbers who heard the word each night, over a very wide area. We trust that much fruit for God's glory will result from the good seed sown. It was decided to continue a Gospel meeting on the Lord's Day and on Thursdays, and also a ministry meeting on Tuesdays.

The assembly in Sao Leopoldo recently lost two sisters as a result of the Corona Virus. They were both in their fifties. We knew personally two others who died, and also a number of others who had the illness and mercifully recovered. We are very thankful that Beth and I and the family have been preserved.

We value the continued prayers of the Lord's people for the work and workers and their families in this vast, needy land of Brazil.  
C. 1952/58 3/5/21 HARRY & BETH WILSON

22<sup>ND</sup>

Hosea 11:12 to 14:9

**VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Tucupita**

The Lord in His goodness has permitted me to return to Tucupita with my three boys, Matthew (15), Mark (13) and Philip (9). It is a joy to be here once more with the dear saints, who have been preserved by His almighty power. The restrictions at present are quite severe, due to an increase in cases of Covid in the country; we are not allowed public gatherings. Nevertheless, every week we have been able to visit each of the believers and read with them a portion of God's word. This is very needful, especially in this area where very few have access to modern technology and are not able to hear the teaching which is accessible to others. It is good to see their desire to learn.

A young man called Adrian, who got saved at the end of 2019, studies his Bible with much interest and always has questions which reveal his spiritual discernment. His mother Sra Surdelina, and his older sister were saved a few months before him. More recently his father, Joel, professed to be saved. When we go to visit them, the other unsaved family members are also present to hear the message.

Some of the new believers have expressed their desire to obey the Lord in baptism, so we are praying that soon there may be liberty to have a public gathering for this purpose. Your prayers on behalf of the group of saints in Tucupita are greatly valued, as we wait on the Lord for His guidance in relation to the establishment of an assembly in this area. Pray also that soon there may be the possibility of recommencing the public preaching of the gospel among the children and adults.

C. 2014 (Ven) 1/5/21 WILLIAM TURKINGTON

23<sup>RD</sup>

Isaiah 1

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

President John Magufuli recently passed away, with Vice-President Samia Hassan, affectionately known as Mama Samia, appointed President in his place. She has already made her own mark, with some encouraging speeches. We are praying that missionary work will be welcomed more openly and that the Permit situation that many are facing may be eased. Without this, we are unsure of Gill being granted another Work Permit or any other missionary any new Permit. It may well lead to no overseas missionaries in Tanzania within two years. Gill's Work Permit expires on 15 June 2021. We ask you to pray earnestly with us that the Lord will undertake in this matter. Our God is able (2 Cor 9:8).

We have seen fresh interest at the Sunday gospel meeting in recent weeks. Last Sunday there were 8 needy mothers and their children present. Pray for Mama Hemedi, a mother of three young children and Mama Lulu, who has just resurfaced after giving birth to her fourth child. Also pray for Mama Selina and her 4 children – she is very attentive to the preaching. There is also Mama Alfani and her 4 children, who have all attended the gospel meeting for the past month. Remember Amina, who has been prayed for and helped for many years but who shows very little concern for her soul. We are praying for a movement of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and lives and long for each one to be saved. Again, our 'God is able'!

C. 2002 30/4/21 STEPHEN & GILL DAVIES

24<sup>TH</sup>

Isaiah 2

**DEM. REP. OF CONGO 86 Mil. UK 3 Katoka**

In April 2021 our colleagues, Sandy Meikle and Mary Ratter brought a 5 week old baby to Lubumbashi with her parents to seek medical attention for a massive growth at the back of her head (which she was born with). Medical investigations in Lubumbashi including a CT scan, concluded that she would benefit from surgical intervention but that it would be at a cost of several thousand dollars if undertaken in Lubumbashi. This would be an extremely risky operation and unaffordable for the family.

David McAdam at Chitokoloki was contacted by Mary and he organised for the baby (Daniella) to be treated at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia, at no cost to the family. As we already had a trip to the Copperbelt planned for the following week, we offered to take the family by car to Lusaka. Cue a

flurry of activity to obtain the necessary immigration documents and organise logistics, followed by a two day journey to Lusaka.

At the present moment, Daniella is doing well, having successfully come through two high risk operations. The family are residing at a guest house in Lusaka organised by the hospital. It is hoped that after a few weeks, if she continues to remain stable, the family will be able to be brought back to their home town of Dilolo.

The situation, whilst remaining very serious for Daniella and her parents has been an opportunity for various groups of God's people to work together, to help Daniella and ultimately glorify Him. From those who have prayed and sent practical support from afar, to those directly involved in DRC/Zambia, God's hand has been upon each step of Daniella's journey and it is our prayer that her situation continues to be used to bring glory to Him. Please keep praying for Daniella and her family. For her recovery and salvation and the salvation of her parents.

C. 2016 30/5/21 JOSH & KERI KAYE

25<sup>TH</sup>

Isaiah 3 & 4

**SPAIN Pop. 46.5 Mil. UK 8 Soria**

The past few months have been like a roller coaster emotionally. I spent 5 weeks during February and March helping out with the family while Cecilia had their second boy, Milan, who arrived safely on 11 February. Back home in Soria, Covid was raging and both our elder's wives were admitted to hospital, one of them in ICU seriously ill. Thankfully, both have recovered and are back to normal.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April, little Milan was admitted to hospital with Bronchiolitis and a few days later transferred to the ICU in Geneva. He rapidly deteriorated due to a very virulent virus. Reuben asked us to go over to support Cecilia and himself as Milan's condition was grave. We manage to fly immediately but did not know if we would make it there on time or not. It was such an anxious time but we saw the Lord's hand working miraculously and little Milan's life was spared and he began to recover. We are so grateful for all your prayers, support and interest. We would like to ask you to continue to pray for Reuben and Cecilia as they recover from this traumatic time, that they will find comfort and strength in our Lord.

Forty years ago in 1981, Francisco and Antonia Utrilia saw a handful of new believers gather together to Break Bread after a two year effort of evangelising the province. We were challenged then, and feel the same burden today. 'Ebenezer' ... up until now the Lord has helped us. As part of the celebrations, we will be publishing regular gospel messages and sending invitations to attend meetings on social media. Prayer for these outreach events as they are planned and held throughout the province, God willing.

C. 1983 15/5/21 JESUS & HELEN ORITZ

26<sup>TH</sup>

Isaiah 5

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

We have resumed school after the last lockdown and the students are adjusting again to the return. We have had very successful online tuition periods during the different lockdowns but are glad to get back to normal lessons again. Some of the strict rules have been relaxed and the focus is now on getting the vaccines. Some of our staff have already received them and others are still waiting for their turn. The usual social distancing regulations remain in place in school and we have had to adapt accordingly.

At the moment, final exams are underway in GCSE and A Levels as well as final school exams. In these circumstances, it is easier to run these with less risk than normal lessons. Despite the setbacks, the work continues here and the Lord is blessing.

The Assembly resumes in the hall on Sunday and we are relieved to get back with everyone. It has been online for the past months. Cases are coming down again and things are regaining some form of normality. We look to the Lord for His continued care and guidance.

13/5/21

JOHN & JENIFER ROSS

27<sup>TH</sup>

Isaiah 6

**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. We praise God for a return to gathering physically as believers and also the continued stability of the Covid situation. In addition, we are grateful to God for the opportunity to deliver prizes to schools and reward children for the work they have done.

In particular, we must also give thanks for the safe arrival of Lauren Hope McMeekin at the start of the year. She is now doing well, and well able to communicate her delight with us! Her cousin Rebekah arrived to the Rogers household about six weeks previously, but play dates haven't been a thing up until now due to Covid!

Besides the additions to the family, we are very grateful for having Gareth's sister Heather around to engage the girls, Rachel and Eva, in all sorts of craft. It has also been so helpful to have Nischal keeping things steady in the office during Margaret's absence. He is now looking to the Lord to guide in providing employment in his direct field of study as current restrictions relax and jobs become more readily available. Pray for Nischal and all those involved in helping with the work here at Cootehill.

Please continue to pray for future opportunities in the gospel upon the reopening of society. Pray for the fruitfulness of the work in the schools and guidance in relation to the plans we make for summer activities.

C. 2018 19/5/21 GARETH & MARGARET McMEEKIN

28<sup>TH</sup>

Isaiah 7:1 to 8:4

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

We are grateful to the Lord that we are now out of the 'purple wave'. Things are improving slightly, and we are able to resume meetings in the hall. Due to social distancing requirements, we are making some alterations to the hall. Our winter will soon be here and in the cold weather it will be difficult for people to sit in the open air. We are putting up a roof over the front of the hall, making a large porch where people can sit. We have a further room at the back of the property that is being used also for seating capacity. Some people also come and sit in their cars, as we have an outdoor loudspeaker. In this way we will be able to accommodate everyone who comes to hear the Word of God.

We believe the Lord is using this season to awaken some to their need of salvation and showing others their need of serving the Lord faithfully. We know that even when we are limited, our God is always working and His plans are never frustrated.

We would value prayer for the Christians here. This long period of lockdown has affected them in many ways, and we can see some are very discouraged. We would specifically request prayer for

Joana, a dear sister who is married to an unsaved man that isn't very good to her. She has 4 children, 3 girls and a boy and none of them are saved so far. The youngest girl is 17 and the boy is 19. She is facing many difficulties with her family and is very tired under the heavy load she has to carry. Pray that the Lord may sustain her and help her make the right decisions, and that she may have the joy of seeing her family reached and saved.

C. 1998 (Brazil) 2/5/21 MARCO & JANICE GEBARA

29<sup>TH</sup>

Isaiah 8:5 to 9:7

**FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Meyzieu**

For the past few months, life in our local assembly is not yet back to normal. On Sundays, numbers are limited, so quite a few stay at home and use Zoom. Between 20 and 30 of our local believers in fellowship here have had Covid; some were even in hospital, but all are well now. A young couple were both ill with the virus, just weeks after their baptism. Thankfully, this did not discourage them in their faith.

Due to curfew, providing hospitality and meals in the evening is very limited, but it has been good to invite a number of people for lunch. Our nearest neighbours recently asked us more questions about 'our religion'. We have had the opportunity to witness to members of Brigitte's family. During the last month, three of her cousins have died, two due to Covid. Brigitte's brother, Alain, is not a believer, but he told us last week that one night when he could not sleep he went on to the internet and listened to an evangelical preacher. Pray that there may be a response in the hearts of these individuals.

C. 1980/84 3/5/21 DAVID & BRIGITTE SUTHERLAND

30<sup>TH</sup>

Isaiah 9:8 to 10:5

**ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from England**

We are grateful that the Sunday school outreach has recommenced. We also recently had a special outreach weekend in 4 different locations. The assembly at Katoka was packed, which was lovely. The following week we were able to have all the Sunday School classes. I had printed 300 take home leaflets, with the weeks memory verses included. However, I was informed that we needed more! – and a further 100 were printed off. Please pray that the children will really learn their verses and be blessed by the Scriptures.

I have returned to the UK and had to spend 10 days quarantining in a government specified hotel near Heathrow airport. I will now be spending the next three months in the UK and, God willing, hope to travel back to the Congo at the end of July. Please pray for the work at Katoka and for the upcoming conferences. Pray that my time in the UK will be physically and spiritually refreshing.

C. 1965 1/5/21 MARY RATTER

C=Date of Commendation UK=Missionaries (approx.)

Published by:

**LORD'S WORK TRUST**

42 Beansburn, Kilmarnock KA3 1RL

Tel. 01563 521098 E.Mail: lwtrust@lwtrust.co.uk

www.lordsworktrust-kilmarnock.co.uk

Charity No. SC008740

**Trustees:**

James Brown (Peterhead)

Andrew Grieve (Belfast)

Jeremy Holifield (Deri)

Stephen Trimble (Ballykeel)

Raymond McNair (Glengormley)

Alastair Sinclair (Crosshouse)

Gordon Stewart (Wallingford)

**Secretary:** Leonard Currie (Kinross)

**Total gifts received during April 2021.**

Total: £844,568.28

This includes an amount of £25.