



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.*

1ST

Jeremiah 1

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Rio Grande Do Sul

While there has been some measure of improvement in the situation here since the dark days of March and April, the pandemic in Brazil is still far from over. Total deaths in the country have reached 560,000 and average daily deaths are still averaging around 1,000, but at least that is a considerable improvement from the days when we had over 3,000 daily deaths.

The rollout of vaccinations is progressing slowly with only about 20% of the population fully vaccinated to date. Since the most vulnerable were vaccinated first, there already seems to be a positive impact on the figures, both nationally and here in the Rio Grande do Sul, so we trust that will continue as the rollout progresses.

We were glad that at the beginning of May we were able to recommence our Remembrance meeting, and since last month we have been having our weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Reading, as well as a Lord's Day evening Gospel meeting.

Since the conclusion of 14 weeks of Zoom Meetings with brother Harry Wilson at the start of May, we have continued with a Gospel meeting on Lord's Days and Thursdays and a ministry meeting each Tuesday night. Fourteen different brethren have shared in the preaching of the Gospel, and in recent weeks in the Tuesday evening ministry, I have been going through the Upper Room Ministry. Numbers have been really encouraging with between 160 and 180 connections for each meeting from many different parts of the country. While such meetings are no substitute for the traditional public gatherings that have been so precious to us over so many years, we are still very thankful for this means of spreading the Word of God in present circumstances.

C. 1998 4/8/21 JAMES & JOY ARMSTRONG

2ND

Jeremiah 2

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Whitburn

I count it a real honour even in these days of restrictions to still be able to minister God's word orally and in writing. I do hope and pray that the dear saints will be built up and strengthened in these strange days.

I have been doing a lot of gospel preaching online and at open air venues. Please pray for drive in gospel services that Graeme Paterson and myself commenced yesterday in the Polkemmet Country Park here in Whitburn.

I have also volunteered to deliver meals to older people in the

community each week. I use John 3:16 bags and it is a wonderful opportunity to speak to dear local folks who are desperately lonely. I don't worry about the time and some good conversations about the gospel have taken place. I value prayer for this.

C. 2002 9/8/2021 BLAIR & ELAINE MARTIN

3RD

Jeremiah 3:1 to 4:2

CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Portage la Prairie

We are grateful to the Lord for answered prayer. The radio station 730 CKDM has now offered us a year's contract for both programs. ANCHORPOINT airs Sundays while COMPASS POINT broadcasts seven days a week. We are so thankful to the Lord that nine stations across Manitoba now carry both programs.

We have continued to place newspaper ads and distribute VIA Magazines in recent months to advertise the two radio programs here in Manitoba. A new advert is running for 4 weeks in a Dauphin newspaper, while the next community to receive VIA Magazines in August will be Swan River. A new advert was also placed in the July issue of the Christian native paper - Indian Life, and this will be repeated in the September issue too, God willing. We also had four new radio outreach cards printed, so that the saints in the various Manitoba assemblies could use them in personal witnessing. Please *pray* that many new listeners will result from these distributions and adverts. Also, that we may begin to get some definite response from those who hear God's Word through these two programs.

We're presently having a mini series of weekly children's meetings on Tuesday evenings in a tent behind our hall. We've been looking at the life of Joseph and would value *prayer* for God's blessing. Last week we had 33 children and one unsaved adult. Two more meetings are planned. With restrictions being loosened considerably we would appreciate *prayer* for the coming weeks, as we seek the Lord's mind with regard to our activities. We would very much like to visit England and spend time with my mum, but travel plans are complicated just now. We're hoping this will change by the beginning of September, God willing.

Thanks to everyone who knew about Elaine's hand operation for her 'trigger finger' and who have been praying for her recovery. It has healed very well, however, it is still very tender and the finger itself is quite stiff at the start of the day. She is still having physio treatment once a week for her 'tennis elbow' but feels it is improving.

God willing, we're looking forward to witnessing the baptism of two of our granddaughters in an Austin creek. I have the honour too of speaking on this special occasion.

C. 2000 10/8/21 PETE & ELAINE SMITH

4TH

Jeremiah 4:3-31

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Palo Negro

We are keeping well and appreciate more than ever your prayers for us. Our three children have finished another school year. Richard is 14, German is 12 and Aisney is 7. We long to see them saved and going on to please God.

We enjoyed the privilege of preaching the gospel for three weeks, in fellowship with the assembly in Palo Negro. The meetings were held every other week, as the government allows public gatherings in this way, and we were encouraged with the good

attendance. The assembly was also encouraged, and we look to the Lord to bless His word.

We continue to oversee the translation and publication of literature for the assemblies here and further afield. It is a work that brings joy to our hearts as we see believers growing in their knowledge of the Scriptures and being a spiritual help to others as a result. At the moment, next year's daily reading calendar and the gospel calendar are being printed; we pray that both will be a blessing to many.

We are burdened about a number of believers with Covid in our area, particularly 3 who are in hospital. It's nice to see the Christians rallying around, helping to buy medicines in the pharmacies and taking them to those who are sick. All that is required has to be provided, as there is nothing in the hospitals. Even oxygen cylinders must be refilled by the patient's family, and blood samples have to be taken to private labs. Care is poor so we try to look after believers in their home, attended by Christian doctors.

C. 1999 17/7/21 SAMUEL & SHARON USSHER

5TH

Jeremiah 5

ITALY Pop. 59 Mil. UK 16 Naples

We do so want to thank you for your prayers for us over so many years and want to briefly update you with some recent news about our building project.

In December, the local council finally approved our plans after 2 years of waiting! On the same day, the piece of land that we are in the process of buying was partitioned off, so it seemed we were on a roll!

We were informed that the regional council would simply rubber stamp our planning permission when it was sent in January. We were dumbstruck when at the end of June we got news that they had provisionally refused planning! The problem was that the local council forgot to attach important documents which justified our plans! It is so frustrating as we have done everything according to the law, while most others bypass the law by means of bribes, threats and friends in high places!

Please do pray with us now that the council have sent those papers, and we too have written back, that our plans might be quickly approved and that by January we can begin building. It has been a long hard slog, with many obstacles that the Lord has overcome for us, but this last one is the hardest, and if the regional council confirm their refusal, it is final. Many thanks for standing with us in the battle!

C. 1995 4/8/21 ALEX & PATRIZIA CATCHPOLE

6TH

Jeremiah 6

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Cape Town

We are presently in the third wave of Covid-19 in South Africa. Gatherings were prohibited for some time, but as of last week, we are now able to gather once again. Case numbers remain high so we are still encouraged to be careful. A brother in Northpine (our local assembly) was discharged last week after almost 4 weeks in hospital. He remains weak but is glad to be home. Another assembly not far from us, has lost 4 members to Covid-19 in the last few weeks. We know of many others who are critically ill or who have recently passed away.

To compound matters, the country recently descended into serious violence, rioting and looting, especially in KwaZulu Natal and Gauteng provinces. Hundreds died, being caught up in the wickedness. Shops and businesses were looted, and many burnt to the ground. Mercifully the impact was minimal in Cape Town where we are. Thankfully things have settled down and the country has returned to "normal" levels of violence and crime!

I am currently waiting on new John 3:16 posters to be delivered by the printers. These are A4 size, with a beautiful photographic background and a detailed explanation of the Gospel on the reverse. I have also put online details to allow people to get in contact with me once they receive a poster. People do still have some reverence for the scriptures and would rarely refuse a tract, so we hope that many will take the poster and put it on display. God willing, I plan to produce the poster in some of our other languages, Afrikaans, Xhosa, Zulu and Tswana. Please pray that these posters will be a useful tool for Gospel outreach in South Africa, and that some who receive these posters will turn to God.

As a family we are all well. Andrea misses being able to provide hospitality in the usual way. The boys are back to school after a little while of doing their schooling online. We do however have many reasons to be thankful.

C. 2016 3/8/21 ALASTAIR & ANDREA BAIJAL

7TH

Jeremiah 7

AFGHANISTAN Pop. 36 Mil.

(This update was emailed on 4 August. Sadly, within days, the situation worsened significantly. Continued prayer is needed for those affected by these sudden developments)

Thank you so very much for praying for us and for this sad country. We would like to bring you up to date with our news. The security situation in our province had been deteriorating during the past few months. We often heard artillery fire as the army came under attack. At the end of June, the fighting came very close to where we were, and other like-minded people began leaving.

We were hoping to receive permission to move up to the mountain valley in the east, so that we could escape the heat and the fighting. However, events overtook us and on the 4th July we were evacuated out by MAF, along with the other remaining foreign family. That day the fighting came very close to the airport, so the government sent special commandos who managed to push back the insurgents. Yet, when we got to the capital, we were saddened to hear that the mountain valley we were hoping to move to had also fallen into their hands. If we had been there, we would probably have been taken captive!

Since leaving, permission for our food aid project has finally been granted. We are thankful to the Lord that two hundred families who have fled into the city to escape the fighting, will now receive food under the trustworthy supervision of our local staff.

The insurgents control most of the countryside, with the capital and other major provincial capitals remaining in government hands. Today, we have heard that they are starting to attack provincial capitals as well.

We have a visa until mid-October and will also keep our house on rent until then. This will give time to see what may be possible, as the war unfolds. However, we do think it is unlikely that we will be able to return there this year.

In the meantime, we are looking into the possibility of working amongst the same people group in Europe. We put such hard work into language study, we trust that we can use this for the Lord. Harry has good language and can read and do Bible studies with people, while Stephanie has functional language abilities.

When we returned, we had to self-isolate in the Irish Republic for ten days. We were kindly given the use of a lovely bungalow in Donegal and friends loaned us a car. This was a wonderful peaceful break!

We are delighted to have unexpected time with our family and are looking forward to meeting our new grandson Elliot, when Duncan and Ashley return home from Kenya. Please pray earnestly for the vast and growing needs in Afghanistan.

C. 1989/82 4/8/21 HARRY & STEPHANNIE LANNON

8TH Jeremiah 8

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

It is good to know that our God is not limited by the present circumstances. Two new assemblies have been formed this month in Venezuela, notwithstanding the limitations caused by the worldwide pandemic.

We had the joy of being with our brethren in the formation of the assembly in Tapa de Piedra, an outreach work of the Acarigua assembly. As is usually the case, the work started there with a children's Bible class in 1996 in the home of a devoted couple. The Lord prospered His Word with the result that 20 dear believers sat down to remember the Lord for the first time in the garage of this couple's house. We were with them on this memorable occasion and, with others, sought to encourage them from the scriptures both on the Saturday and the Lord's day.

Another assembly was recently formed in Tumeremo in the eastern state of Bolivar. This is where a Venezuelan commended couple have made their home and have been labouring for several years. The gasoline shortage made it impossible for most of us to go, but some of the local national workers were able to be with them on this joyous occasion.

The assembly in El Baúl has resumed their meetings after suspending for three weeks because several members had got the virus. We haven't been able to help them as much as we would like due to the great difficulty in getting fuel for the two hour trip. At the same time they need to be left alone now and again so that they can develop their own gifts. Most of the assembly, including the elders, are less than five years saved, and have no Christian background. However, their progress in spiritual matters is so encouraging. They still gather in the living room of a house but will soon be moving to their new hall when the roof is completed. The Lord has been working during the pandemic and there are some new believers, for which we are thankful.

C. 2000 (Ven) 2/8/21 ANDREW & ELENA TURKINGTON

9TH Jeremiah 9

PERU Pop. 32.5 Mil. UK 2 Lima

We are deeply thankful to the Lord that the second wave of Covid has now passed, and some form of normality has now returned to the city of Lima. The constant press coverage of COVID has now been replaced with the political crisis that engulfs the country. A

new socialist president was sworn in 3 weeks ago and it is apparent that his government wish to change the constitution and many other things. We recognize that God is able to raise up and put down the basest of men and we are glad that He is still upon the Throne.

We are glad to say that there seems to be a definite spiritual hunger amongst the Peruvian people. As many pass through great difficulties, we have had numerous requests for Bibles. We feel so small and weak in a city of 10 million, but the Seed is good and the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation.

In the month of June, I was able to visit our nearest assembly, around 3 hours away, in a small town called Huaral, located outside of the capital city of Lima. The meetings continued for 3 weeks, but there was little response from the town.

I continue to visit 4 local food canteens that provide meals for local families. They allow me to distribute literature and Bibles and talk with the local people. We thank God that one group that I have been visiting have asked us to commence a children's work in the local community hall. The community of around 80 families are situated on the side of a steep mountain and they live in very poor conditions. This community is around 10 minutes from our home and we hope to commence this new work on Saturday 14th August. Please pray that this may be a work for the honour of our Lord Jesus Christ and that souls would be saved. Please pray for further doors to be opened and for blessing in open air testimony.

C. 2017 9/8/21 CHRIS & MICHELLE BERESFORD

10TH Jeremiah 10

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

Covid-19 hadn't been much of an issue in Saurimo when we left to return to the UK, and at the time of writing there have been only 1,100 deaths in Angola as a result of the virus. The greatest issue is the knock-on effect of the shutdown on the economy, with the population suffering as a consequence. We can truly say that in the 26 years of our service for the Lord in Angola, we have not seen hunger and poverty since the years of the civil war that ended in 2002. At least through the war years the population had food support via the World Food Programme, and they had access to sound diagnosis due to the presence of Western aid organisations sending in doctors and nurses and medicines.

Today all that support has gone. Folk with whom we live and rub shoulders with every day don't earn 50p a day. Many are eating once every two days, and the day that they have a meal they will walk the kilometres to their fields and hoe by hand and walk back in the scorching heat.

Chokwe's are a proud tribe and if a man asks you for help you know that his situation is beyond desperate. If your child is ill, the choice is buy medicines or buy food for the family. Consequently, many sick people are left without basic medicines and get worse and worse.

Much talk is being made by politicians in the West of getting Covid19 vaccines to Africa. It would be ironic if that happened when there wasn't the availability of a Tetanus vaccine that would have saved the baby of a young couple in the assembly at Camundambala last month. It would have spared them the sorrow and heartache from watching their 10 day old baby starve to death with lock jaw.

Every day I am asked by young men for work. As there are no opportunities for employment in town, I encourage them to open fields to cultivate but the nearest areas are at least 5 miles away. They have no transport, and with no food in their bellies can't physically walk the distance and cut down trees with an axe and clear the ground all by hand with no machinery. And even then, it will take at least a year for the ground to start producing anything to eat or sell. Many a time I've had to retreat to the house in tears as I have to turn folk away. What would our Lord have done?

Without doubt, Covid19 has added to the misery of the common people in Angola and it has been our privilege to stand with them through this time. That in itself has been a witness to them, both believer and non-believer.

C. 1993 17/8/21 BRIAN & DEBBIE HOWDEN

11TH

Jeremiah 11

ANGOLA Pop. 32 Mil. UK 4 Camundambala

Normal assembly activities are probably almost back to where we were, so we have been thankful for that. We are thankful for the continued encouragement of a good number of young men who are actively serving the Lord and maintaining a good testimony. Please continue to pray for the assembly at Camundambala, that there will be spiritual growth amongst the believers. When we remember where the assembly was years ago and where it is now there is so much to be thankful for, but we keep on praying that the Lord will continue to bless and that gift among local men will be developed for the edification of the local testimony.

Amongst the assemblies there has been a real period of returning to the Scriptures to see what the bible teaches as to the principles of church gathering. This has been caused by men wanting to introduce practices that are commonly found in denominations and some that are totally foreign to the Bible. It has obviously caused great disturbance but on the other hand it has had the effect of turning folk to the Word of God to see why they do what they do, which isn't a bad thing for any of us!

We are hoping that the Primary school will start to get back to some normality in September with the start of the new school year. Please pray that the school will soon get going again and that the head and teachers will have a renewed sense of vocation.

We are still planning to return to Angola on the 14th September so we would value prayer that we will keep well and fit to return to the work. It's an enormous privilege to be accepted among the people of Angola, especially the Chokwes. It never ceases to amaze us that we can speak their language and be allowed to share their lives with them.

C. 1993 17/8/21 BRIAN & DEBBIE HOWDEN

12TH

Jeremiah 12

ITALY Pop. 60 Mil. UK 16 Naples

You may remember that here at Bacoli we no longer have a suitable meeting place, and Zoom, though being a very useful instrument, is not an adequate substitute to believers meeting to worship and grow together. We are still trying to find a suitable property to rent, as purchase of a building is still out of the question, given that there is nothing suitable at attainable prices.

However, over the last couple of weeks, the local council has been expressing willingness to consider renting us a prefabricated property which is in disuse now, but until two years ago was a small primary school. This needs repair work, but otherwise

would be a good solution for us. We are now in discussions with the council about this. Please do pray about this with us.

Recently we held our national conference for leadership training, this time online, and we had with us Jonathan Lamb and Pablo Martinez (Spain). The topic was preaching from the Gospels. We are thankful that it went well, was well received, and now we also have these resources recorded and available on our website for church leaders to use in training up the next generation.

C. 1987/88 4/8/21 ROD & DEBBIE JONES

13TH

Jeremiah 13

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Chennai

Please pray for Vimala and her family and Annal, her mother. On 19th July, Vimala's sister, Selvi, went to be with the Lord. She was working in the Handicraft Centre.

Selvi came to CMCT (Christian Mission Charitable Trust) at midnight with complaints of breathlessness to see the Doctor. The Doctor came down to see her and advised that she be moved to another hospital outside for advanced medical treatment. She collapsed in the ground floor of our building and by the time she was taken to the other hospital, she was declared dead. The reason for her death was cardiac arrest due to acute respiratory issues. Vimala was absolutely shocked as she just lost her brother four months ago. Now she has lost her sister and Annal her mother is very broken. All I can do is to share this with you and ask you to pray earnestly for them.

No one can understand God's plan but we know that He does not make any mistakes. I want you to pray very much for Annal Aunty, her mother who worked in our kitchen for many years and for Vimala.

C. 1964 (New Zealand) 22/7/21 COLEEN REDIT

14TH

Jeremiah 14

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

An EU directive has brought change in the way school buildings are assessed. As a result, we have had to upgrade toilets, fit the remaining fire doors, complete the emergency lighting and install gas leak alarm systems in the labs. We have until November to complete the work and obtain a Completion Certificate or probably face being closed down. Most of the work, including new corridors and walls and general up-keep to the school had been stopped due to Covid.

The one matter that remains outstanding is the relocation of the Kindergarten and subsequent room swapping for other classes. With the application for the new Kindergarten not having had any movement since January 2019, we have a new glimmer of hope for a previously denied request of using our own 'house' building across the riverbed that is currently only fit for storage.

Please pray that:

- The works will be successfully completed in time
- The committee who will review the changes in November and determine the school's future will look favourably on the work
- The Kindergarten relocation plans will be approved and that we will be able to undertake this work for the following academic year.

We continue to be very grateful for your prayerful support and thank the Lord for all He is doing through the testimony at Logos School.

2/8/21 COLIN CLARKE (Chairman of the Logos Trust)

15TH

Jeremiah 15

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Tupi Paulista

We are now starting the third week in the work of the Lord in the Amazon. Our exercise has been to concentrate in the geographical centre of the capital - Manaus. The area is well known as we lived here for eighteen years and our family grew up in this area.

The humidity is the same. The 'smells' haven't changed. Traffic congestion has increased. However, the people are more receptive to the Gospel of the Glory of Christ. The pandemic has contributed to a greater sensibility to eternal matters and the brevity of life amongst those in Manaus. Some have showed more interest than others and prayer would be valued for Emily, Elvis, Eric, Philipe and Socorro.

Socorro lost her 'husband' to covid 19 a short while ago and has been trying to find encouragement to move on together with 27 other widows in a similar situation. A good friendship has been maintained with Socorro for about 35 years. In those early years Socorro showed little interest. We visited her last week and she showed a keen interest in the Word of God. For several hours with the Bible open she was helped to understand her need of a Saviour. She came to our home the next afternoon with a desire to go out different (her words). After a few hours, Socorro was ready and willing to receive the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. Now, a new creation in Christ she expresses desire and determination to live for the good pleasure of God. Praise the Lord. She is now 57 and under the gracious hand of the Lord could have many years to serve Him, God willing. She loves children and has been a teacher of these precious lives. There are great opportunities for teaching the Scriptures in the Amazon schools.

The previous week we made a visit inland, together with Alexander, Geovana and their two boys, to a town called Novo Airão which is situated on the south bank of the Rio Negro. An overnight 9 hour journey by regional boat, but 2.5 hours by "road". The hand of the Lord was obviously in the timing of this visit, for after months of pandemic restrictions and the closing of schools, unknown to us, Thursday was the first day for the schools to reopen.

Reception of the material was excellent and on the way back one school, via telephone, requested 950 Bible Time booklets. So a second visit to Novo Airão with a good load of material was made last week and all five schools received the booklets. In all, almost 3,000 children were reached.

The municipal secretary has promised to provide a larger boat to take the Bible Time material to the various communities and schools in the Anavilhanas islands area.

There is a predominant indigenous aspect in the culture and facial expression of the local folk; a very lovely family atmosphere and charming children. They are very curious and yet easy to make friends with.

In the grace of the Lord we are kept safe and well.

C. 1974 28/7/21 JOHN & CLAUDETE AXFORD

16TH

Jeremiah 16

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Lanarkshire

We have recently had a few drive in meetings, which was a first for me. Initially we had a month of Saturday and Sundays at Lanark Market. One lady has been keeping in contact with me since.

We then had a week at Hamilton College car park. I visit the school regularly and they have been very accommodating in granting

access to their grounds. These meetings were great, with good support and many strangers coming along. Some evenings we had 40-50 vehicles in attendance.

Thereafter we moved to Greenside Garden centre, just off the M8 motorway outside Chapelhall. This was a wonderful location and we had a tremendous interest. Over the week we had in excess of 60 unbelievers present! The Lord gave help in the preaching and we look to Him to bless.

Blair Martin and I will also hold further drive in meetings at Polkemmet Country Park, just outside Whitburn. The council have granted access each Sunday in August for these meetings. Last week it was pouring with rain however we had over 30 cars present. One couple actually walked in the rain to the meeting! This week we had 43 cars and again some local unbelievers attended. Another good opportunity!

23/8/21

GRAEME & ANNA PATERSON

17TH

Jeremiah 17

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Lanarkshire

Locally the work is ongoing. We have a local couple who are saved and baptized and are very interested in fellowship. This is a big change as they have been associated with the Church of Scotland for many years. We restarted our Gospel meetings in June and I advertised 20 spaces for locals to book. Amazingly 14 spaces (seats in the Hall) were booked within the first day. For a few their first exposure to the gospel was online during the lockdown! God's Word knows no bounds! During the month we had 18-20 unbelievers present. Thankfully we can now invite everyone with social distancing being removed!

Mothers and toddlers recommenced in the local park and will return in the Hall this month. Our Sunday night Bible Class will also return in September and a Bible Study weekend is also planned. We propose running an outreach day to try and give some teaching on evangelism then head out for some practical gospel work, ending the day with a drive in meeting. God willing we will also have a camp weekend at Faskally House early October. Many teenagers have signed up for this already!

We were able to get back into some local schools for classroom talks in June and also been able to host some of these talks in our hall in Plains. It's a sign of the times when the children get excited walking to the Gospel Hall for a school trip! However this allows us to speak live to the children. We have been able to book in over 30 schools for August and September and as restrictions ease, we are hopeful of more dates. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

23/8/21

GRAEME & ANNA PATERSON

18TH

Jeremiah 18

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Eastbourne

Cameron Piper and I were privileged to have fellowship in the work of the gospel in Bicester during July. The scheduled tent meetings were not possible because of the pandemic, so drive-in meetings were held instead. The typical British summer weather meant that we alternated between really hot days and colder, wetter ones, so the meetings were both in the field and on the firmer ground of the farm yard.

These were generally well attended, with a number of unbelievers present each evening, some being brought along by believers but other coming without being prompted. The Lord was pleased to bless in salvation. Two men in their twenties professed faith in

Christ, as did a married couple. None of these had a Christian background and it was a delight to see the Lord at work, to the encouragement of all.

27/8/21

IAN & SUE JACKSON

19TH

Jeremiah 19 & 20

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Bahia

Our region of Brazil has not been as badly affected with Covid 19 as others for which we are thankful. In São Cristóvão, Salvador, where the assembly meets, we have been able to carry on with the normal meetings, apart from the children's work. On Thursday evenings we have changed the ministry meeting to a Gospel meeting due to a number of teenagers who have started to attend. The last two Thursdays we have had 14 young folks listening reverently to the Gospel in what is one of the most violent areas of Salvador. It would be tremendous to see these souls and lives saved for the glory of God.

Please pray for Ricardo who has not been able to attend the meetings for quite a few months due to serious health problems. He is a very gifted brother and his presence and contributions in the meetings are sorely missed. In Candeias we continue with two Gospel meetings and a ministry meeting each week with a good interest. One or two new people have been attending the meetings there and we look to the Lord for further blessing and progress.

The publishing work continues to be encouraging with an increasing demand for sound literature. Presently 2,000 Bibles and over half a ton of books are on their way to Angola. We have also received a request for literature from Mozambique. We have two more books almost ready for publishing which we trust will be a blessing to many. Please continue to remember this work in your prayers.

C. 2001 3/8/21 CRAWFORD & HEATHER BROWN

20TH

Jeremiah 22

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Vaddavan

During the month of July, we received joyous news from the assembly in the village of Vaddavan in Eastern Sri Lanka. Two souls were saved and baptized recently. Tharan is a 33 year old father of two children, a son and a daughter. He was raised as a Hindu. His family are all Hindus. He was first invited to a gospel meeting earlier this year by one of the brothers in the assembly. Since then, he has shown a lot of interest in the Word of God. At the beginning of the month of July, during a discussion with two of the brothers in the assembly, he prayed with them, repenting of his sins and he invited the Lord Jesus Christ to take control of his life. He has faced great opposition from his Hindu family members since he took this step and has now been ostracized by his own family. Much prayer is needed for this new believer that he will not wilt under the pressure that he is facing.

Aylwasari, who is 28 years old, was also saved and baptized in July 2021. She also comes from a Hindu background and first heard the gospel when she was invited to a gospel meeting in February 2020. The gospel on that occasion was preached by Jack Hay and Ian Steele during their visit to Eastern Sri Lanka. After the February 2020 meetings, Aylwasari had many questions and sisters in the assembly showed her the answers from the Scriptures. They also presented her with a Tamil Bible. In March 2020 the pandemic resulted in the meetings having to be stopped at the assembly at Vaddavan. Since she lives in a jungle area just outside the village, they had no contact with her for much of the last year due to

various pandemic restrictions. Recently the believers from the assembly were able to meet her again. She told them that she had been reading the Bible, had taken the steps that were explained to her by the sisters and that she had confessed her sins and put her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. She requested baptism and later on during the month of July, Aylwasari was baptized in the river just outside the village. Several of her family members came to witness her baptism. Please pray for her spiritual growth.

3/8/21 Update from Bethesda Gospel Hall, Colombo

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Jeremiah 23

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Badureliya

Badureliya lies a three-hour drive away from Colombo and is situated in Southern Sri Lanka. There are about 85 saints in fellowship in this assembly. They are very active in spreading the Gospel in the area. The area inhabitants are 95% Sinhala speaking Buddhist people. The Buddhists in the area are very aggressive and they do not tolerate Christians or any other religions. Several denominational church buildings and homes where Christians meet have been set upon by Buddhist mobs and burnt during the last decade.

The assembly in Badureliya has also been affected. They have been repeatedly threatened by the Buddhist monks from the local temples. As a result, the assembly has to meet in secret and they rotate their meeting place so that the monks cannot easily locate them. On several occasions when we have visited the area with visiting speakers, the meetings have been held deep in the jungle. The meeting location can only be accessed by foot after a long walk that involves crossing a fastflowing stream.

Despite all these difficulties, the diligent preaching of the gospel has resulted in souls being saved and added to the assembly. Most of the assembly members are daily paid workers who have been out of work since March 2020 as a result of the pandemic.

During the last quarter of 2020, the believers in Badureliya were enabled, by the Lord's help, to purchase three acres of uncultivated but fertile ground. Many of the poor believers were given employment to clear the jungle and prepare the land. The ground was levelled and a drainage network was built. This was followed by a construction of a water-well and a small house where the farming tools could be stored and where the workers could stay. At the beginning of this year, the land was ready and fruits and vegetables were planted. The crops that were initially planted are mainly aubergines, beans, cabbage, bananas, papayas and pineapples. Several other small spices have been planted as well.

Recently, these crops have begun to bear fruit. The produce has proved to be a great blessing as it has been freely distributed amongst the believers in the Badureliya area that have been affected during the pandemic. All those in the Badureliya area that are benefiting from this project are very thankful as this fruit and vegetable farm has proved to be a success not only in terms of feeding people who could barely afford to feed their family but also as it has provided jobs to many at a time when jobs are scarce due to the continuous covid lockdowns. Please remember these believers in Badureliya in your prayers.

3/8/21 Update from Bethesda Gospel Hall, Colombo

22ND

Jeremiah 25

AUSTRALIA Pop25 Mil. Queensland

Each Wednesday from 6am to 2pm we're at the Eumundi Markets, where thousands of people come from near and far to see the many stalls. We've been encouraged by the response, and the joy of giving away free Bibles & handmade wall plaques, plus numerous other smaller items. Each week there are good conversations regarding spiritual things with many people.

This year is so different to 2020, when everything was cancelled during lockdowns. Thankfully we have been able to get to at least 12 rural Shows and other events this year. May and June were very busy months, with 6 Shows one after the other each Friday and/or Saturday, plus the Wednesday Markets. We were given good positions for our stand at these Shows. We've also been encouraged by the number of Bibles being requested by young people.

This year we had a Bible Exhibition printed, consisting of 35 banners and numerous artefacts to display. Our first Exhibition was at Gayndah, a small citrus growing town west of us. About 80 locals came along in the few days we were there, and some came back for the gospel meeting at night. More information and photos are on our Facebook page – 'The Australian Bible Van'. We appreciate your many prayers on our behalf.

9/8/21

DAVID & MERYL DELLEY

23RD

Jeremiah 26

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Tucupita

It is my joy and privilege to be once more in Tucupita, having arrived here on the 20th March with my three boys. Although we are finding it very hard to continue with the absence of a dear wife and mother, our faithful Lord has been with us in every moment, giving strength and comfort.

The Lord has given us many reasons to feel grateful, as we see how he has sustained and preserved the small group of believers in this area. Several who had professed salvation have been going on well and are waiting for the opportunity to obey the Lord in baptism. To help the believers in their spiritual growth, I have been visiting every family once or twice a week seeking to teach basic doctrinal truth. Usually in every house we also have the opportunity to speak a few words to unsaved relatives who are present.

In one of the homes, a young man called Hugo is always present and listens very well. I gave him a Bible and he is reading it. The Lord has blessed that family, already 4 are saved and show great interest, so your prayers are appreciated on behalf of Hugo. Since last week, certain restrictions have been lifted so we hope to be able now to initiate some meetings.

Last Friday I went with some brethren to a little village called El Moriche, where before the lockdown started we maintained a children's work with over 300 children. The children were very pleased to see us again. In every shack we visited, the people asked us: Where is Veronica? She had worked very hard among these people and they appreciated her very much. We were able to have 2 Bible classes in 2 different parts of the village, with the children sitting on the ground under the shade of a tree. We hope now to be able to continue visiting this village more frequently.

The great scarcity of fuel in the country has brought big difficulties

to the Lord's Work. For us here in Delta Amacuro, it is nearly impossible to consider evangelizing in the communities down the river, as we can't get sufficient petrol for our boat. This is sad because there are so many living in remote communities who have never heard the precious truths of the gospel. Your prayers are greatly valued on behalf of this great need.

We encourage you all to not faint in prayer for the Lord's Work in this land and in this state of Delta Amacuro, where our longing and prayer is to see an assembly planted for the honour and Glory of our Lord.

C. 2014 (Ven) 12/8/21

WILLIAM TURKINGTON

24TH

Jeremiah 35

AUSTRALIA Pop 25 Mil. Queensland

Although I was born in Venezuela, my wife is Australian. She went to Colombia with her missionary parents (Edward and Ruth Smith) when she was very young, and she grew up speaking Spanish over there. We arrived in Australia in 2004 and by the grace of the Lord we were commended to His service in 2013. Our main focus has been working with the Gospel among the Spanish-speaking population in Brisbane, and we have had the joy of seeing some souls saved, baptised and added to the assembly. But we also work with the assemblies in Southeast Queensland in gospel and ministry, and whenever there is an opportunity, we also visit assemblies in other towns and cities. This is a large country and travelling from here to Sydney, for example, takes about 12 hours by car!

Last night I started helping brother Bryan Stewart with a series of Gospel meetings via Zoom, in fellowship with the saints from Lidcombe Gospel Hall in Sydney. That city has been under lockdown for over a month now, but the saints are keen to keep the Word of God going on, even if this digital platform has to be used. We pray for the Lord's help for these meetings.

Believers from South America are very active with Zoom meetings, and over the last few months I have had the honour of helping online with meetings associated with assemblies in Venezuela, Colombia, Chile, and other countries. Some believers from Venezuela have also created groups in WhatsApp where we can post gospel messages that can be easily shared with literally hundreds of contacts. Many over there are suffering because of Covid.

Before the pandemic started, I used to travel twice a year to Papua New Guinea for gospel work. This work has been carried out in fellowship with our assembly and normally two or three brethren come with me. My first visit was in 2013 but other brethren have been visiting since 2005. The Lord has blessed His Word, with some souls being saved and four small assemblies planted. My last visit was in November 2019, so we are looking forward to going back there as soon as possible. Only the Lord knows when that will happen, but we keep in contact with the believers in that country by phone calls as regularly as possible. Most of them don't have mobile phones and the areas where they live doesn't even have electricity, so communicating with them is difficult. However, there are some local men who are showing maturity and spiritual discernment, while continuing to encourage believers and maintain assembly testimony. Please remember them in your prayers.

9/8/21

WILLIAMS & KYLIE ALCALA

25TH

Jeremiah 36 & 45

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Chitokoloki

We had national elections here in Zambia yesterday and a new president was elected. Thankfully everything seems to have gone peacefully. We pray that the freedom we have in Zambia for gospel work and spiritual outreach will continue.

The latest Covid spike has now settled, with 168 reported cases in the whole of Zambia in the last 24 hours. Our numbers of Covid positive inpatients has also reduced significantly. Most of those admitted were found to have incidental Covid when they attended with other issues. We are very grateful to have only had a handful of sick Covid patients over the last year. Vaccines are available but uptake is low. Last week 46% of our virus tests were positive so it is still very much around. Despite this, life is to the most part as normal as ever.

At hospital, we have reduced our elective workload to try and reduce Covid spread and allow for isolation of positive individuals. This has given opportunity for more focus on other activities. We are very blessed to have a number of proactive Christian staff who have been spending an increased amount of time witnessing to patients. We pray for much fruit and encouragement. A number of patients received Bibles this week. Your continued interest and prayerful support is appreciated.

C. 2009 16/8/21 JULIE-RACHEL ELWOOD

26TH

Jeremiah 46 & 47

WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. LLANELLI

With the help of the Lord we raised our Gospel Tent in June in Saron, Llandysul. Up to 50 souls gathered, with 40 from the locality. Among them were some evangelicals, who have been wrongly taught that 'they will have to go through the tribulation'. I spoke each night on the Lord's imminent return and the terrible times that will prevail afterwards. The interest remained encouraging throughout the meetings.

We then moved to Lampeter, where we saw up to 30 people coming in under the sound of the Gospel. Some of them would never have been in a religious meeting in their lives.

We have now started tents meetings in Newquay, Cardigan, a coastal town with the place packed with visitors at the moment. We look to the Lord to bless the little effort there, for His glory.

Over the past year, in spite of the many difficulties, we have continued our weekly open air meetings in Swansea. The weather was good, so we never missed one week. The Lord was kind to us, and some people gathered to listen. Please continue to pray for the work of the Lord in Wales.

4/8/21 DAVID & LILY MORGAN

27TH

Jeremiah 48

ROMANIA Pop 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Writing from England

Alina arrived back to her post of manager this morning after a holiday in Belgium with her daughter and son in law and grandchildren, to the prospect of an important inspection of Casa Simeon, starting on Tuesday. This is by the authority which issues the home its licence to operate and will be conducted over three days. She was informed whilst on holiday that there was a lot of

new documentation required for this inspection so spent a lot of the holiday preparing the new documents. Everything is covered, from the records kept about every resident to the facilities provided, what procedures are in place for evacuating the building in case of fire, earthquake or other catastrophe and what will be done with the residents if the home closes or becomes uninhabitable!

The inspectors duly turned up to begin their three day inspection of the home and after two hours they told Alina that they were ready to return to their office! They said that it was obvious from what they had seen that the home was being run well and having made a few suggestions regarding improving the new documentation, said that they would send Alina some templates to help her with that! Thank you so much for your prayers for it is not by diligent housekeeping alone that this has been achieved, but by the gracious help of the Lord as we seek to honour Him by the standard we maintain in Casa Simeon. Alina has not had training in managing a care home and it is by the enabling of the Lord that she has fitted perfectly into the work and does it well.

This inspection guarantees another year's licence from the government and we pray that yet another good report from the authorities will encourage the many needy saints in the area to apply for residency in Casa Simeon.

We are planning to travel to Romania on 7th September and would value your prayers for this trip.

C. 1995 10/8/21 RICHARD & RUTH McCLENAGHAN

28TH

Jeremiah 49

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Sapucaia

Since the beginning of this year I have delivered tracts and invitations to 19,600 houses, where I had not distributed them before in Santa Cruz, Vera Cruz, Venâncio Aires and Passo do Sobrado, a town 20 km from here. We hope that the Seed sown in this way will interest some in the Gospel message and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In April we received the news that Dona Noelly, mother of Márcia Maia, a sister from here, passed away. She was 93 years old. She professed salvation last year during our first online series of meetings. There was a real change in her life from that moment; she had been a catholic and it was very difficult to try to talk to her. Since she professed she became a different person, happy and pleased to receive visits from the believers.

Next week, God willing, brother Lindsay Carswell and I will have gospel meetings three nights a week in the Gospel Hall in Candelária. It will be the first meetings since the beginning of the pandemic.

We appreciate your prayerful interest in us, and in the work of the Lord here.

C. (Brazil) 12/8/21 ROBERTO & MIRIAM PLOIA

29TH

Jeremiah 50

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Ayrshire

Recently 'Hope by the Roadside' celebrated its 5-year anniversary. It is hard to believe it has been 5 years already! We can still remember nervously shaking the farmers hand on the first one year contract for the billboard at the side of the M77 in Ayrshire. I

had just reduced my working hours to 2 days a week and agreeing to the £4,500 yearly rent was a huge step of faith. The Lord has been incredibly faithful though and has allowed the work to grow greatly since that day. Rachel left her work in October 2017 before the birth of our first child and we have now been blessed with Charlotte, age 3 ½, and Harry who will be 2 just next week. Hope by the Roadside currently has billboards or trailers in Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Uganda and, most recently, the Democratic Republic of Congo.

For a number of months we had a static billboard trailer in a field in Renfrewshire but unfortunately we received a few complaints from the public about it and these people also contacted the local council who instructed us to remove the trailer. In the 5 years Hope by the Roadside has been displaying God's word, this is the only time we have received any complaints - another display of God's goodness!

Receiving these complaints made us think about the future of Hope by the Roadside and subsequently we purchased five new box van trailers to display God's word on them. These are general purpose trailers which anyone with a driving license can tow. Two are with full time workers in Wales, the 3rd with an assembly in Manchester, the 4th is with the assembly in Culloden in the Scottish Highlands and the 5th we use ourselves.

We also have an ex-supermarket delivery van which we have had fully vinyl wrapped with God's word and we take this to as many different places as possible to reach many souls with the Gospel. The inside of the rear of the van has been converted to have seating and tables and is an ideal place to sit & converse. We take the van into Kilmarnock town centre regularly, with the support of our local assembly, as a means of outreach to our local area. Recently I took the van to Arran for outreach and hope to visit the Isle of Bute in the near future.

We first visited Uganda in 2013 and have been returning regularly to visit the believers there. In 2018 Hope by the Roadside began displaying God's word on billboards in Uganda also. For two months we were able to display a text of Scripture on a very large billboard in Entebbe, on the only road to the international airport, and directly outside the national UN base. In January 2019 we displayed God's word on another very large billboard on a busy roundabout in the capital city, Kampala, for 4 months. Photographs were on the Ugandan presidents official Facebook page showing the president addressing the public at this roundabout and crowds of thousands of people standing listening to the president while viewing God's word on the billboard. This led to a national news radio station asking for an interview and also an article in a newspaper. We currently have 8 roadside, double-sided billboards throughout Uganda.

The expression 'itchy feet' very much applies to me at the moment! As soon as I am allowed to board a plane to Uganda I hope to do so. My last visit was in February 2020 and I am very much looking forward to meeting with the saints there again.

11/8/21

PAUL & RACHEL JENKINSON

30TH

Jeremiah 51:1-24

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Ayrshire

With local churches unable to hold Gospel services and most outreach work halted, Hope by the Roadside started a new work of drive-in Gospel meetings. Last summer I had the privilege

of conducting these meetings with brothers Jack Hay and Blair Martin each Saturday and Sunday evening throughout the months of July and August in the carpark of the cattle market just outside the town of Ayr.

In May, this year, we started a new series of drive-in Gospel meetings in the same place. They have been held throughout the summer every Sunday at 4pm with various brethren sharing with myself. Last Sunday was the 11th meeting and, God willing, we plan for the last meeting to be held on August 8th. We have had excellent support from local believers and we are very thankful that there have been unsaved in the audience each week. We have purchased a small lorry with a curtain side trailer to use as a platform to speak from.

God willing, we plan to have two weekends of drive-in meetings in the village of Kirkconnel in Dumfries and Galloway on the last two weekends in August. Then in September Stephen Baker & myself have a week, possibly 2 weeks depending on interest, of drive-in meetings in the carpark of a school in Liverpool. We would greatly value your prayers for the drive-in meetings that many souls will be reached with the glorious message of the Gospel.

We ask that you continue to remember us in prayer as we seek to grow this work for the Lord's glory.

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