



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Ezekiel 14 & 15

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

Conditions here in Venezuela have continued to deteriorate from month to month; petrol is very difficult to purchase, with very long queues; many waiting for up to three days and still leave without getting any fuel. The great majority cannot buy the basics to live, with poverty increasing. The Covid virus has been taking its toll in the land and assemblies here. Presently a number are very ill, whom we commend to the God of mercies.

We joined our brethren Julio Figuera and Pedro Malave in gospel meetings in the hall here in Los Altos in August. As that meant three of us were preaching each night, short messages were the order – personally I took a New Testament gospel text each evening. As best as possible, social distancing was observed, and alcohol spray on entering; also, facial masks were used by everyone. Very large crowds attended the meetings which concluded last Lord's Day after four weeks. On Saturday 21st August eighteen believers were baptized and received into fellowship. You may well imagine the joy amongst the saints. Of those who confessed faith I will just mention one: Laura, who is about 25. She has been under conviction since we preached with Pedro last December in El Manguito – a short distance down the mountain from here. In those meetings she wept a lot and spoke with us, but never took the big step. Then in these meetings a group was brought up from there to almost every meeting. Again, she wept and “wanted” to be saved; finally on the night of the baptisms, after leaving the hall she decided for Christ. Her partner *Gollo* is unsaved but attended the meetings well; Laura thinks he is still not willing to leave the world. Please remember them in prayer.

C. 1977 10/10/21

NOEL & ANN McKEOWN

2ND

Ezekiel 16:1-34

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

We recently went to the state capital city of Cumana, where, while there is no assembly, there is a growing group of about twelve believers. Carola Lemus is a 21-year-old who was reached by grace some time back when we shared in Cumana with Pedro and the Santa Fe believers, who worked very hard. She is to be married to the son of one of the Santa Fe elders. Abi is an excellent young brother who is quite able in the Word, and knows assembly doctrine very well; so, we believe, in God's will, they will be a good help to the work in Cumana.

Sadly, the Santa Fe brethren have not been able to continue helping in Cumana as before, as it is impossible to get petrol for the long and difficult nightly journey. Pedro will be continuing the meetings, as Anne and I will not be able to do so. If the Lord will, we purpose flying up to Miami, USA next Wednesday. It is complicated owing to difficulties due to the virus. However, we

have the tickets, and trust the necessary negative PCR test may enable us to travel. We are in God's mighty hands, and His will shall stand. We do ask for your ongoing prayers for Cumana, and for God's work and workers here in the Venezuelan Republic; the increasing problems in this beloved land mean that believers and unbelievers are all suffering. Humanly speaking there does not seem to be any real hope. However, as God revealed to the prophets Nahum and Isaiah, God is totally able; nothing is too hard for our God.

C. 1977 10/10/21

NOEL & ANN McKEOWN

3RD

Ezekiel 16:35-63

IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Cootehill

Perhaps the past 18 months have been the most difficult and frustrating we have faced since coming to Cootehill almost 30 years ago. The Covid restrictions have meant that schools have been closed, which has had an impact on the Postal Bible School (PBS) work. Outreach from the assembly and the visitation work has also been greatly restricted. However, an official announcement at the beginning of September has given us great hope.

We are thankful that all schools we have so far heard from have renewed their monthly order for PBS lessons. We have also started to recommence our outreach work from Drum. We had two ‘Coffee Morning for Mothers and Toddlers’ in September which were well attended. Our autumn children's outreach has begun on a Monday evening and is being well attended also. Last week we restarted our Men's Bible Study which was attended by eight men as we considered ‘Ways we can please God’.

One of the great blessings of the summer was that we were able to run two summer camps. The venue we normally use was closed so Gareth and Margaret decided to run two smaller camps (24 campers at each) at their own home. They pitched tents in their garden and the adjoining field. All were tested on arrival for Covid, and we thank God that in the two weeks we had no cases of the virus at the camps. Young people responded to God's word, and it was a time of real blessing. I was privileged to be able to share daily talks with them on ‘Studies in the life of Peter’. Some feedback from the parents of the children attending camp was so uplifting.

Please pray for our daughter, Heather, who has returned to China, where she has been serving the Lord for the last 14 years. She left at the end of July and then had to complete six weeks of isolation! It has been a tough time for her. But two weeks ago she started lecturing again and mixing with the students in the university. God has truly laid them on our heart. Please pray with us that she will be encouraged by seeing God at work in their lives.

C. 1992 1/10/21

NOEL & LIZA McMEEKIN

4TH

Ezekiel 17

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Foz du Iguacu

We have much to praise the Lord for over these past months, especially for His protection and care over us. There has been a lot happening! Thanks to all for your prayer fellowship, through which we have known His presence in the lives of all our fellow believers in Foz. We are also grateful that none of us caught the virus.

It is with joy that we can say that the local saints are growing in desire to serve our Saviour and witnessing to unbelievers to see His work increase.

Over the last couple of months things have been very hectic. Denise has been very concerned for her parents, who are 85 and

86 respectively. We went mid-July for two weeks, and took them away for four days, to relax. We were there again the first weekend in September for Denise's nephew's wedding. It was one of the best weddings that we have been to here in Brazil. A real uplift, putting our Lord and Saviour first in all. Our brother Stephen Alexander was responsible, and it was also a joy to be able to meet and enjoy fellowship with Walter & Elizabeth Alexander.

Please pray for Edimar and his family. He had a serious back problem, but all of a sudden, decided he was no longer going to meet with us. We have tried to discuss this with him, but he is closed to conversation. This is so sad as he showed good signs of growth. Please also pray for our son David as he goes to Vitoria to take his first university entrance exam and then does a national exam at the end of November, to help decide on final results.

Denise has 6 youngsters, ages 7 to 11, coming on Saturday afternoons to our home to take part in an online Bible program; they also all come on Sunday evenings to Sunday school. It would be so good to see these kids getting to know our Lord as Saviour.

We have restarted our distribution of gospel literature, to all homes around the local assembly. Please pray for a good response and blessing.

C. 1980 20/9/21 JEFF & DENISE WATSON

5TH Ezekiel 18 & 19

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Bicester

We had the privilege to preach the gospel in the city of Manchester during July with Stephen Baker. Each day we had open airs and set up a bible table and gave out invitations. Over 80 bibles were given out over 2 weeks. Around 10 people who we met during the day when we had open airs in the town centre came to the meetings and some have continued to keep in touch.

In recent weeks we have been in London with the bible stand and the preaching of God's word outside various stations including; South Kensington station where it is multi-million-pound houses, fast cars and very wealthy people, and in Whitechapel just beside the East London Mosque crowded with Muslims attending Friday prayers. We have had liberty to preach in all these places and a few bibles were taken. We have also spent several weeks in Leicester Square, London.

The Oxford open air work continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays most weeks. We would ask you also to pray for the work amongst the homeless in Oxford. All of these homeless contacts are addicts and many have backgrounds of crime but have a place in our hearts and we pray that these lives wrecked with sin will be set free by the glorious gospel.

C. 2011 11/10/21 JONATHAN & JOY BLACK

6TH Ezekiel 20:1-44

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

We thank the Lord that we obtained all the necessary negative PCR and lateral flow test results to return to Tanzania. We were a little concerned when our 6 cases didn't arrive with us, but relieved and thankful when we got them two days later, intact, and full of resources for both Watota wa Thamani (WWT) and the work among the children. We even managed to pack an Aldi Nest swing in a large suitcase which was installed today, and the children had fun trying it out. For their safety, we will be removing the gravel underneath and plan replacing it with a layer of sand topped with artificial grass to give them a soft landing should they fall off.

It is taking us a while to readjust to the heat and humidity after the pleasant climes of the UK. We are feeling so tired and wonder

if a minor side effect of the Covid vaccination has any part to play in this. But we're not giving in! There's just too much to do and so much physical and spiritual need around...sometimes it can be rather overwhelming and difficult to know where to start, who to help, in what way and for how long. We certainly need to heed the words of Paul, when he exhorted the Ephesian believers, 'Wherefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.' (Ephesians 5:17)

We were thrilled yesterday to hear from Tanzania's Immigration department that Stephen has been given two more years residency, this time classed as a Retired Person! However, we have yet to see any let up in the pace of life, the activities undertaken, or the responsibilities carried out (not that we expected any change) but thank the Lord for His overruling in this matter. Truly, 'the Most High rules in the kingdom of men.' (Daniel 4:17)

C. 2002 6/10/21 STEPHEN & GILL DAVIES

7TH Ezekiel 20:45 to 21:32

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

Two days after our return to Dar es Salaam, we received news that the plot bought for an assembly building in the future, was being talked about as being up for sale. We were alarmed at this as an adjacent plot had been sold to buyers using forged and fake documents and the case is currently dragging through the courts. Protas and Stephen quickly met at the plot, and we've nailed or wired 20 posters to trees and concrete posts announcing that the plot is not for sale and to be aware of fraudsters. A letter will be delivered to local government officials this week alerting them to the rumours and confirming that nothing is for sale. They must sign off on such transactions so we are hoping that our actions will avert anything untoward happening.

We are looking forward to the visit of Lesley Wells at the end of the month, God willing. We are also praying that Tanzania will be removed from the 'Red List' enabling others to visit. Not only are visitors a great help in the work and company for us personally but they are also able, in the absence of containers reaching Tanzania, to help bring out much needed resources for the work here and reduce the quantity of goods which have built up over the past 18 months of travel restrictions.

The children at Watota wa Thamani (WWT) Day Care Centre are already well into learning passages of Scripture to do with the Christmas story. Yesterday, some of the children tried out camel costumes (which we discovered in the Bracknell Gospel Hall attic, bought 2 years ago and forgotten about over lockdown) in readiness for the Nativity school assembly for their parents at the beginning of December. They are so keen and happy to memorise God's word. This is incorruptible seed which we commit to the Lord for Him to use by His Spirit to bring about conviction and conversion.

It's also good to see the continued interest of the children at the Kids' Clubs which restarted last week. They too are as keen as mustard, really involved in what goes on and looking forward to what goodies will be on offer as rewards for memorising scripture verses, 1 Corinthians 15:3-10.

C. 2002 6/10/21 STEPHEN & GILL DAVIES

8TH Ezekiel 22

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Mumbai

Our COVID journey, which began in March 2020, continues. One of our buildings, which was set apart as a dedicated COVID centre with 15 ICU and 60 ward beds, has been descaled at the end of August to 6 ICU and 44 ward beds. The Covid ward

continues to be oversubscribed, and it does not look likely that we can descale it further.

Our non-Covid patients have now risen, and many are coming with advanced inoperable diseases sadly.

It has been 19 months since we first opened our hospital to Covid patients. Though our initial steps were taken nervously and reluctantly, we have seen the Lord lead us graciously to manage what is now a full-fledged COVID hospital.

Unchartered waters

The first wave brought in a lot of uncertainty both medically and administratively. With Mumbai and Thane being among the most affected, the pressure on the hospital was unrelenting. Municipal authorities kept up the demand for more beds.

To make matters worse, in April of this year, barely a few months after the first wave had abated, we were in the throes of the second wave. The rapidly rising numbers took us by surprise. It stretched us to almost breaking point.

The nation-wide demand on oxygen and medical supplies was turning a huge crisis into an even bigger calamity.

At one stage, our fully occupied 75-bed Covid unit, had 11 patients on the ventilator on high flow oxygen. It drained our stock so low that we were in danger of running out of oxygen supply in 3 hours. But the Lord miraculously intervened and averted a tragedy, resulting in no casualties.

The challenges were very real and colossal, but so is the God we trust in. We would have been overwhelmed, had it not been for the many who prayed and interceded for us before the Throne of grace. To them we are indebted.

21/10/21 STEPHEN ALFRED, BETHANY HOSPITAL

9TH

Ezekiel 23

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Mumbai

But for the grace of God...

Despite what has been a daunting and, at times, depressing situation, we have much to be thankful for to our Lord.

God blessed us with a 6-member core management team. Strong in faith, they manned the Covid war room with dedication and commitment. Each day demanded much from them: Decisive decision-making, facing challenges that evolved daily, and a punishing schedule that had some of them spend 6 months working day and night without a break. They rose to the occasion.

Many of our healthcare workers who know the Lord have been able to communicate the glorious gospel to several who were admitted and even to some who passed on to eternity. We keep praying that the seed sown will bring forth much fruit.

Our healthcare staff has been outstanding in their respective roles. They worked tirelessly to bring relief and comfort to patients. In the course of their efforts, many among them were infected. (The fear and the isolation can be quite debilitating.) But by God's grace, all recovered and returned to work with absolutely no loss of life.

Administratively, we have been tested to the hilt. With our Covid section operating at full capacity all year round, we were pressed on all sides. The count of patients needing hospitalisation outstripped the number of available beds almost always. The pressure from authorities to take in more patients, coupled with interferences from politicians and bureaucrats, added to the complexity of the task at hand. It's only by the grace of God that we were not crushed under the weight of such expectations.

To our relief, the non-Covid section of the hospital continues to function alongside. Emergency laparotomies, surgeries and deliveries are regularly scheduled. The radiation therapy department sees about 70 patients a day. Patients also come in for chemotherapy. Everyone is screened as per protocol.

To God be the glory

To keep the hospital running under such extraordinary circumstances required an above normal fund flow. But praise be to God who supplied finances miraculously through unexpected sources. Failing which we would have struggled to function as a hospital. As I write this note, we were felicitated for being the best Covid establishment in the city of Thane by the Governor of the state. We give God the glory, and it has been marvellous in our eyes.

Thank you once again for your continued prayer care and support to the work here in Thane.

21/10/21 STEPHEN ALFRED, BETHANY HOSPITAL

10TH

Ezekiel 24 & 25

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Luthermuir

In the goodness of God, we are both well, despite the relentless march of time. It is so good to be back speaking to a live audience.

We have just returned from Glenluce, Dumfries and Galloway, where we have had two weeks of gospel meetings with the small assembly there. We were all encouraged to see unsaved in each evening; some for the first time. The lady who lives right next door to the Gospel Hall attended a few nights. It was the first time she had ever come in. A local brother sent me a text yesterday to say that she was back at their weekly gospel meeting. I was well received on the doors with some good conversations resulting. One or two of these contacts came to the meetings. One man who was saved 30 years ago when I was preaching in Kilmarnock came a few evenings with his wife and teenage daughter (both saved). This meant a round trip of 2 hours. Others came a distance too. The assembly was much encouraged.

This coming Friday, God willing, our son -in-law, Paul Thomas and I commence another series of gospel meetings in Cheddar (Somerset), using a local community hall. Previous series have seen a few unsaved attending. Our eldest daughter, Hazel, is moving into our house for the next three weeks to look after Gwen's mum, so freeing up Gwen to come with me to Cheddar. Gwen's mum will soon be 94 and suffers from dementia. The prayers of the saints are much needed and valued.

12/10/21 DAN & GWEN GILLIES

11TH

Ezekiel 26

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Palapye

With the ending of the State of Emergency in Botswana at the end of September and the relaxing of some of the pandemic regulations, we have been able to increase the number of adult meetings we have been allowed each week to what they were before the start of the pandemic.

The weekly Children's Meeting has also been recommenced and a good number attended for the first meeting, then 105 attended for the 2nd meeting. We are hoping that it will be possible to restart the Bible Class and other meetings in the near future. Prayer would be valued for the way to be opened up for us to preach again in school assemblies and teach the Word of God in the International Primary School. We pray that God will bless the many SeedSower texts which have been given out over recent months, and the ongoing distribution of Sunday School Lessons by Post, work done by the faithful saints in Serowe.

C. 1991 25/10/21 COLIN & CHRISTINE RAGGETT

12TH

Ezekiel 27

WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. Cardiff

The work in prison has been limited since April 2020 with Stuart not able to run classes, although he was able to deliver several consignments of Emmaus courses. These were offered to every prisoner in HMP Usk and although this was a matter for prayer, we got very little feedback as to their uptake. It was however with much joy that Stuart was invited to start the Bible class again at the end of June.

On one of the early visits he was speaking to a prisoner who was a Quaker and due to a timetabling issue had been opposed to the Bible class taking place. However, he recently told Stuart that the Emmaus courses had been 'brilliant' and that he had completed five courses. Please pray that through them he and others will find the Saviour.

Another man who would call himself a Christian informed me that he had sixteen certificates on the wall of his cell and was waiting for a further 5 courses to be returned. Pray that his nominal Christianity would become a reality through the light of the glorious Gospel penetrating the darkness.

Stuart has restarted the Bible class and has been given many opportunities to take more of a role in the prison. Please pray that some logistical obstacles will be removed to enable this to happen. In the Bible class was a man called 'G'. He has been attending for a few years and at times could be argumentative, sometimes even distracting the other men that were trying to listen. He would attend some weeks and not others. He has attended each week since Stuart has started back. One week there was a bit of a row going on between the men as they wanted him to be quiet so that they could learn. Over the next few weeks he was rather subdued. He told Stuart that he was reading C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity. During the class one week the focus was on the sacrifice for sin and the men were very attentive. The following week he asked to speak with Stuart. He told of how he couldn't sleep and was reading the C.S. Lewis book and pondering what had been said on the course. He recalled how he had been told that if there was another way that we could be right with God, then He would not have put His Son through the horror of Calvary. He went on to tell Stuart that he had been trying all his life, but there on his bed in his cell in the early hours of the morning, he gave up trying and started trusting. He was saved! It is wonderful to see what God is doing with a number of men there in HMP Usk. Stuart will be able to start in HMP Cardiff next week.

29/9/21

STUART & BETHAN SCAMMELL

13TH

Ezekiel 28

INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Narsapur

In His grace, a home-based program of medical help, educational support and Bible instruction was conducted on 9th October for children infected by HIV/AIDS. Eighteen children benefitted from this initiative.

As the children are under weight and have other health issues, Dr John Roy attended all of them. Medicine is provided freely from Bethesda Pharmacy. Bethesda staff started the children's outreach meeting with a chorus. Brother K Satyanarayana then shared the Gospel with illustrations. A counselling session was conducted for them by a therapeutic counsellor. Bethesda staff also prepared a delicious lunch for the children. Two teachers from Bethesda School conducted classes for them. Twelve types of the most essential food ingredients were supplied. Travelling costs were met for all the children who had come from a distance.

It is our desire that these children may come to the saving

knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and may lead dignified and healthy lives in the days to come. We appreciate your valuable prayers and thoughts.

12/10/21

BETHESDA (LEPROSY) HOSPITAL

14TH

Ezekiel 29:1 to 30:19

ZAMBIA Pop 18 Mil. UK 40 Kabompo

We have much to be thankful for in the Lord's work here in Zambia. Due to Zambia relaxing restrictions on assembly meetings and conferences, we were able to have a week of conference meetings recently, which was a real joy. Each day began before dawn, with prayer in the large gospel tent, and then two sessions in the morning, and one each afternoon and then again in the evening. We sought to include the gospel, and also relevant ministry for the twelve assemblies that gathered from the Mufumbwe district. They are about a two-hour drive from us here in Kabompo, and it is good to see how God is working in that area.

Mid-September, we completed four weeks of Bible translation here in Kabompo. We were thankful for the good health we all enjoyed during our time together, considering that some of our friends and fellow workers in other parts of the country were struggling with the effects of the pandemic. Several assembly elders that we know have begun to recover from Covid, for which we are grateful, although it is taking time. One dear brother though, who had been a real help in the Lord's work throughout Zambia, often giving very appreciated ministry, was called home just a few days ago. Please pray for his wife and family and continue to pray for the health of believers here.

Last week, we were working at the Bible Revision House, adding mosquito screening to the outside dining shelter. It has been such an answer to prayer to be able to eat our meals right at the translation centre, and the volunteers from the assembly here who work with Eunice and Margie Gould-Kaumba do an excellent job of cooking for us. But we are looking forward to fewer flies and mosquitoes, especially since we are in the hot season now, and the rains are about to start. Malaria can be such a problem, so we value prayer that we will all keep well.

We look to the Lord for His help to serve Him in the place to which He has called us and thank you for your continued prayers for us here in Zambia.

C. 1979 (Can)

10/10/21

PAUL & EUNICE POIDEVIN

15TH

Ezekiel 30:20 to 31:18

ZAMBIA Pop 18 Mil. UK 40 Kabompo

We have seen many answers to prayer in the Lord's work here in Zambia. And many things to encourage as well:

- We spent the month of July helping at Sakeji. In the midst of the third phase of the Covid-19 in Zambia, we thank the Lord that Sakeji was able to stay open, while most schools in Zambia closed. The Lord confirmed to us all that this was the right decision, in adding His special blessing, in that a number of students trusted the Lord during the term.
- June was spent at Chavuma, working with the team of readers for the audio Luvale New Testament. While they read and were being recorded, there were always two or three of us from the translation team checking for accuracy, both in the words used, and also in the tones and inflection. Luvale is a tonal language, and a wrong tone gives a wrong meaning to a word or sentence. When dealing with God's precious Word, all this is so important!

- Pray that when the audio version of the New Testament is

completed and distributed here in Zambia, that the entrance of the Word of God will again give light. Pray that many who hear, will believe!

- Pray for a dear believer at an assembly not too far from us, who has recently lost the sight of his eyes. We are looking forward to giving him and his family one of the first audio New Testaments in Luvale, when they arrive, as we know it will be such a help to him.
- The last week of this month and all of November is scheduled for our next session of Bible translation. We value prayer for wisdom from the Lord day by day, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit word by word. Second Samuel is the book under consideration.

C. 1979 (Can) 10/10/21 PAUL & EUNICE POIDEVIN

16TH

Ezekiel 32

N. IRELAND Pop. 1.8 Mil.

We had a busy summer in gospel and ministry. David Williamson and I had the open air meetings in Bangor, and it was great to see so many listening to the gospel. I had gospel tent meetings with Malcolm Radcliffe and the assembly at Growell in August. We were delighted by the response – each night we had an encouraging number of unbelievers present, and we were thrilled to hear of blessing in salvation.

David and I have been going round the doors in Turf Lodge and Ballymurphy in north-west Belfast. We have had some very good conversations with the people. We would value your prayers that the entrance of God's Word into this Roman Catholic area will give light.

C. 2008 1/10/21 PAUL & KAREN MCCAULEY

17TH

Ezekiel 33

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Descalvado

We are happy to be able to tell you things here are slowly improving. Restrictions are not so many, and the number of people infected is decreasing also. One sister that had Covid has recovered already and is able to be out at meetings again. We have had two doses of the vaccine (we got the Oxford vaccine) and Janice, who has Sjogren and Rheumatoid arthritis, got a 3rd dose this week.

The alterations at the hall are finished and we are glad we have the extra space. The warmer weather is here and so the number of people at the meeting increase. Also, the rainy season is starting, and it is very good to have more covered area. This week we will have a series of ministry meetings in the hall, from Monday to Friday. The subject will be courtship, engagement and marriage. There is a good number of young people in the assembly and quite a few young married couples. We trust this will be a week of learning and blessing.

Meetings in the hall are Tuesday ministry meeting, Friday prayer meeting, Sunday Gospel meetings and every other Saturday we have a Bible Reading and on the alternative Saturdays the outreach at Diamante. The radio program is every Monday from 5-6 pm and we are happy to have so many people listening to the preaching of the Gospel. We also carry on sending out the gospel messages by WhatsApp. We pray this may also bear fruit in salvation.

C. 1998 (Brazil) 4/10/21 MARCO & JANICE GEBARA

18TH

Ezekiel 34

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Tyne & Wear

I continue to preach 4 times each week with my board (weather permitting) in Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland and South Shields. It's an exciting work. Who would have thought that 'fishing' could be so exciting? I must say that I am indebted greatly to those brothers and sisters who stand with me in the open-air work. Four of them are in their 80s! Their fellowship, faithfulness and commitment is most encouraging!

On 21 September we had a good session on the bridge in Durham, which was particularly busy with students, no doubt as a result of Covid restrictions being eased. I talked for a good while with five Sixth Form students, four of whom accepted my booklet *Amazing Grace*. They showed a good interest. I told them that they may never have heard this message in their schools or colleges.

A few days later, we had another good session on the bridge in Durham. Brendan listened to me preach for about 20 minutes. This is my third encounter with him and he shows a genuine interest. While I was speaking to him, a black Sixth Form student, Gabriel, came to the board. I invited him to join us in our conversation. Both accepted the booklet *Amazing Grace*.

11/10/21 IAN & BITTEN CAMPBELL

19TH

Ezekiel 35:1 to 36:15

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Tyne & Wear

We were in Durham again on 1 October and the five Sixth Form students were back (see previous report). There's a noticeable softening of their attitude and they had lots of questions to fire at me. Brendan (late 40s) was back again. I first met him July 20, 2020. On that occasion I wrote the following in my diary:

Brendan listened to the preaching as he stood directly opposite the board. I've seen him before and he's listened to the Gospel on previous occasions. He told me he's attracted to the message we preach. He'd previously been a drug addict spending a good part of his life 'in the clouds' as he put it. "I'm ready for the next stage of my life to begin", he told me. "My friends will laugh at me when they hear I've been talking to the preachers on the bridge, but I don't care".

Brendan came and had coffee with us following the preaching. He's genuinely searching. He was given literature to read. He struggles with the 'step of faith' – "Is that all that is required?" he asks regularly.

Colin, one of the brothers who joins us on the bridge each Friday, held weekly Bible teaching meetings in a hired room in the city centre, pre-Covid. He decided he'd start them up again. Bitten and I attended to give some support. I am pleased to say that Brendan attended with his mother! Colin read Romans 10:9 'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved' and Brendan responded with, "Well I've done that!" I asked him when and he replied, "Last Friday, after our coffee session!" What wonderful news!

On the 8th October in Durham, we were standing on the bridge in lovely sunshine when once again the five Sixth Form students came across on their lunch break. Please pray for them that this apparent interest may be deepened and result in their salvation. Brendan spent the whole session with us again and had coffee with us afterwards. He enjoys the spiritual conversation. Understandably, he has lots and lots of questions.

I would ask you to pray for Brendan in particular, that he might grow in the things of Christ. Pray too for the five students who have been keen to talk to us each Friday recently. It shows the value of a regular weekly work in one particular town.

11/10/21 IAN & BITTEN CAMPBELL

ROMANIA Pop. 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Ploiesti

God willing, we are awaiting a delivery of 130,000 calendars for 2022. They will be transported to key areas ready for believers to distribute together with an A5 gospel text (1 Timothy 1:15) and a tract to personal contacts. Distribution will also take place during special gospel outreaches in December.

Literature projects remain a priority. The print run for each tract is usually 100,000. During the year 210,000 gospel tracts and 150,000 gospel booklets have been printed. Also, as a result of positive discussions with elders in some local assemblies, 350,000 A6 gospel texts on card (with a short gospel message on the reverse) have been printed. These will be distributed during the month of December especially to apartment blocks in towns and cities in Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

Transportation of literature – During the last year huge quantities of gospel literature have been distributed throughout Romania. Over the last few months Paul has transported over one million gospel tracts and booklets. Recently we received 1.2 million gospel tracts (2 new tracts and a reprint of one). One of these new tracts (about the birth of the Lord Jesus) will be used nationally during December along with the calendars.

Sue continues to keep busy checking the translation of the Precious Seed books on the Old Testament and Everyday Evangelism (sharing the gospel in conversation) by Paul McCauley and David Williamson. The latter book will be a significant help to the new gospel work initiative amongst assemblies in Moldavia, N.E. Romania. Sue has good contact with young people as they visit our home to improve their English.

Goods sent out for the tent work and for people living in isolated communities have been gratefully received. Thank you to everyone who has put time and effort into bringing joy to families who often have very little.

C. 1992 19/10/21 PAUL & SUE WILLIAMS

ROMANIA Pop. 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Ploiesti

Purchase of land and the construction of a literature storage facility – As the gospel outreach work has expanded, the storage of gospel literature, Bibles, New Testaments and Bible study books has become an increasing problem. Temporary short-term measures have been found, but after looking at various options the need for a purpose built storage facility in a strategic location became very clear.

After many months of searching, with a few false starts and some disappointments, a suitable plot of land has been bought on the outskirts of the city of Suceava, Northern Romania. The Lord's hand in locating and providing for the land has been timely. We praise and thank Him for His provision through His people. Prayer is greatly valued for the next important stages: planning permission and the construction of the storage facility for literature and other items connected with the gospel tent work, as well as office space. At present we are exploring the possibility of having a separate building for accommodation purposes on the land.

A significant quantity of the literature printed is used in the Northern region of Moldavia. It is an area that we have been visiting for many years. During the last year 25 visits were made to Moldavia (N.E. Romania) for ministry meetings in the Counties of Iași, Suceava, Galați and Vrancea; delivery of gospel literature and discussions with brethren and gospel workers in the Counties of Iași, Suceava, Vaslui, Neamț, Botoșani, Bacău and Vrancea.

Prayer is valued for Paul and other brethren who are involved

in the region of Moldavia (N.E. Romania) in a gospel outreach initiative amongst the many assemblies in urban and rural areas. It commenced last winter and there have been some positive developments. All of the above would indicate the future direction of a significant use of our time and service for the Lord in the region.
C. 1992 19/10/21 PAUL & SUE WILLIAMS

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

We have two important events this weekend in connection with the church. A wedding tomorrow when a young lady who grew up amongst us will be married to a nice Christian young man. It's good to see young couples witnessing publicly to their union and doing so through the sanctity of marriage.

The other event is a baptismal service on Sunday 3rd when three young people will be baptised. Two brothers and a sister from the same family will be baptised. It's encouraging to see them taking this step of obedience and taking a stand for the Lord. We pray that they will be enabled to go on for Him.

Different activities are getting well under way now. The literacy classes for Arab women have started back again but attendance is still quite low compared to what it used to be before lockdown. We pray for a renewed desire on the part of the women to come back.

A project for reaching out to the immediate area around the church through English classes is on the drawing board at the moment. Initially this activity will be directed to our own young people to help them with their English conversation, but the idea is to reach out further to the surrounding population and contact families who would be interested in this kind of activity.

Many thanks again for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers.
C. 1973 1/10/21 GRAHAM & ALISON BLACK

N. Ireland Pop. 1.8 Mil. Newtownabbey

We are slowly moving toward a semblance of normality, and I hope that this continues without any further interruptions along the way! Paul McCauley and I have been continuing our door-to-door outreach in West and North Belfast in recent months and have worked through Turf Lodge and Ballymurphy and are now in New Barnsley estate. These large Republican housing estates are all interconnected, and we have been very much encouraged by the reception of the local people. The Lord seems to be at work in these areas of Belfast. Prayer is always valued for this ongoing work.

A recent addition to our home assembly was contacted through door-to-door work. Drew has no Gospel background at all but got saved a couple of years ago. We got in contact with him through door-to-door work and he is now baptised and in fellowship in Ebenezer Belfast, my home assembly. Another lady called Lynn was saved a few years ago through personal evangelism. The tremendous transformation in her life (she was an alcoholic) and her regular attendance at all the assembly gatherings has been a great encouragement to the assembly. She is presently very ill and in hospital but has expressed assurance that the worst that can happen to her will land her in heaven with the Lord.

I have enjoyed travelling to Scotland a couple of times in September for conference gatherings — seeing the Lord's people physically gathered and a good number of young people attending has been a relief after long periods of isolation. Perhaps absence has made our hearts grow fonder for the fellowship of saints.

God willing, I travel to the South of England tomorrow for a week of ministry on evangelism topics. The assembly in Bury St

Edmunds has asked me to take up this subject. Prayer would be valued for blessing on the Lord's people.

8/10/21

DAVID & JENNIE WILLIAMSON

24TH

Ezekiel 40

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Edinburgh

Edinburgh & District Missionary Home

The principal aim is to provide a home for missionaries who return to Scotland on furlough. The Home has provided comfortable accommodation for missionary friends for nearly 60 years, and we trust that this will continue to be the case in the future, God willing.

In 1997, the original house in Edinburgh was sold and replaced by a modern flat. It was purchased when newly constructed in June 1997.

The effect of the Covid pandemic meant that all bookings after March 2020 were cancelled but all running costs were still required to be met, even although the flat was empty.

We are grateful that at present, the flat has five provisional bookings, and should be occupied for nine months during 2022, d.v.

We would be appreciative of your continued prayerful support for the running of the Home and for the blessing of those who plan to stay there as they spend some time in Scotland.

Edwin Fisher (Chairman) – Blackburn, Scotland -

September 2021

25TH

Ezekiel 41

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Bellerive-Sur-Allier

He brought me out into a spacious place... . . . the LORD answered me and set me in a large place. Psalms 18.19; 118.5 A number of verses in the psalms (like those above) celebrate the Lord as the one who liberates from constraints of different sorts, imposed by circumstances or by men. Life is certainly not "back to normal" but we are very grateful to be able to plan ahead again.

In the past few weeks, we have visited Saint-Chély-d'Apcher and Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, and on October 9 we held our regional day conference in Clermont-Ferrand. So, we have reason to be grateful that our life and service are less constrained, even though we continue to take precautions and masks are still mandatory in meetings and shops.

A Mexican couple with two young children, newly arrived in the area, have started coming along to Figeac regularly. And another young mother, transferred to a nearby town by her employer, has also expressed the desire to make her spiritual home in the fellowship. Please pray that these people will not be put off by the small number in the church but will find their place there and strengthen the witness.

We have visited Saint-Chély-d'Apcher regularly for a number of years and the average turnout on Sunday mornings before the pandemic was 10 or 12. So it was a great encouragement to find 20 people gathered there and it did us good to renew contact with the Christians, after several visits that were planned last year had to be cancelled. A Swiss missionary couple who worked in the area for many years but then moved to Grenoble have come back to spend their retirement in the area. They keep busy following up people who are showing an interest in the Gospel. In coming months, they will be visiting the large rural area roundabout with gospel calendars.

C. 1976 13/10/21

BOB & LENORE SOUZA

26TH

Ezekiel 42

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Perth

Throughout the summer we've held a Sunday lunchtime outreach, called "Good News in the Garden". We set out tables and chairs and serve hot drinks in the garden area of the Hall before presenting two 15 minute messages. Over that time we've had around 50 different 'outsiders' along to hear the Gospel, including quite a number of completely new contacts. There's always excellent attention to the Gospel each week and the format appears to be working well.

On average a total of 20-30 people are currently hearing the Gospel through our Monday and Wednesday soup kitchens each week. The numbers haven't returned to pre-covid levels just yet. Pray especially for Fred - an elderly man we've been trying to help out, Billy - who asks lots of questions and shows a genuine interest, and Douglas - who came to Sunday School about 30 years ago - in recent weeks all three of these men have been up to the Hall for the first time.

We recently finished up our men's football outreach for another summer. Although the numbers weren't as good as previous years for a variety of reasons, we've still had an average of about 14 lads each week listening to the Gospel, and more than 30 different lads in total. These are mostly men in their 20s and 30s, and there were a few new faces among them again this year. We hope to organise an awards evening in the Hall in November, when the Gospel will be preached once again.

Our Friday evening Youth Café at the local park has brought us into contact with around 20 or so kids most weeks over the summer months. We are considering ways to maintain contact with them over coming months as we will be unable to continue this outreach in its current format during winter.

Last month we organised a kids' fun day in the garden of the hall and were encouraged to see around 90 children and 50 or so adults along to it. It was just a stepping stone in trying to build meaningful connections with families in the area to give us a platform for the Gospel.

The online work continues, with videos to produce and occasional Zoom meetings to take. I've also recently had a few Gospel signs put up at our local football park and in some nearby car washes as another means of displaying the word of God. I've just finished the next edition of our community magazine, The Signpost, which is now being distributed to around 3,000 local homes.

C. 2015 5/10/21

GARETH EDWARDS

27TH

Ezekiel 43

IRELAND Pop. 4.8 Mil. UK 16 Greystones

It was wonderful to participate in the postponed Appleby Horse Fair in England, in August. Many gypsies and travellers gathered. We helped in open-air and literature distribution, and pray for souls saved as a result.

We just finished hosting the postponed STS (Simply the Story) Seminar at our home. Six were trained to be assistant instructors, and an additional four came midweek to train in STS process and stories. A highlight for me was to have a Romanian gypsy leader attend for the week. He is growing in spirit and character, and we pray this **oral Bible storytelling** will be greatly used with his people group in Ireland. A missionary couple from Germany, and France, and a single missionary to Kosovo, were also trained, as were locals and folk from Northern Ireland. Pray for the Lord to use this week for His Glory in the future. Lord willing, and if Covid restrictions are relaxed, we hope to hold another seminar next year.

The work with travellers, bookshop, and food distribution continues.

A young traveller couple and their two children have been staying with us off and on during the Covid times. Pray for their marriage as the devil is at work.

Also in their family circle, there have been two male suicides in the last few months. Both of these young people, living out west, were witnessed to by ourselves and their families... only God knows the state of their souls. Pray for the distressed grandfather to these boys, as he feels much guilt, and has also threatened suicide.

We would also appreciate prayer for our prodigal children and foster children.

C. 1991/2002 (USA) 15/10/21 JIM & KATHY MORIARTY

28TH

Ezekiel 44

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Tupi Paulista

We are thankful to say that in the Três Passos area, the pandemic is well settled. The numbers of positive cases and hospitalisations have gone down steadily since the vaccination programme got under way. We have resumed door-to-door visitation again with tracts and invitations for the Lord's Day gospel meeting and have been encouraged by seeing some new contacts under the sound of the gospel.

We have two Bible Readings each week which are both interesting and profitable. The outreach work at Linha São Paulo has also been recommenced and it is a joy to see a good number gathering after about 18 months of a break. We value very much the prayers of the saints that these dear people, whom we have gotten to know and love, may be saved. The darkness of religious confusion is very dense but we preach and pray, knowing that the gospel of Christ is 'the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...' (Romans 1:16). A beloved brother of the assembly (Sr Arlindo) has been poorly with a bladder problem and is to be operated in the near future, God willing. We would value prayer for him.

C. 1988 9/10/21 GREG & ELIZABETH BUCHANAN

29TH

Ezekiel 45

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. Birmingham

We continue to work in the Fleetwood market Bible stall, in house-to-house distribution of tracts and in "Christian Care and Share" food bank delivery. Currently we are supporting 4 families with food supplies, seeking to share the gospel with these people being our primary aim.

We are pleased that we can actively work with the assembly here in Cleveleys in open air work and various outreach meetings, including presenting the gospel message online in the district. Good too to be able to continue door to door distribution with tracts across the area near the Assembly. Recently we were pleased to welcome some neighbours in to hear the gospel, who had received one of these posted invitations.

During the summer months, Neal was able to visit Birmingham in July to help in Muslim Outreach with the saints in Hope Chapel, Moseley, working in the Small Heath area. It was a challenging work, but the Lord was good and helped the team involved to maintain a testimony and witness despite open opposition at times. Andy Mullan does a great work in this area, and it was good to work with him for a few days.

Summer events have not been possible this year, but we have seen a great increase in tourists to our coast (with foreign holidays not being possible). Many more have been visiting the market, giving great opportunities in witness.

6/10/21

NEIL & CHRISTINE HARTRIDGE

30TH

Ezekiel 46

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. Inverness

We took the Friday before our recent conference to have an 'Ebenezer Thanksgiving Service', acknowledging God's goodness and preservation over the last year. Several of the brothers read selected scriptures, as we looked back and looked forward, we enjoyed rousing hymns together as a company, and then we had an encouraging short word from one of our local brothers, Martin, on Psalm 46. This time together really seemed to lift us as a company. The conference was then taken by brothers Stephen Baker and Daniel Rudge, and we thoroughly enjoyed a good time around the Word of God.

Lindsey has restarted her 'Little Stars' toddler group, initially twice monthly, on a Thursday morning – this has been a burden to her over the years, and she has made many contacts with parents through this work.

We continue in Inverness Town centre with the Coffee and Tract stand; the contacts and conversations are varied. Please pray for several army veterans that we have had recent contact with (many of whom suffer PTSD) such as Neena, who is now walking the streets and Jonah, who we haven't seen in a good while. Also, I would appreciate prayer for a number of young people who stop occasionally; I'll mention – Riggs (a girl), Sean and William, growing up in a confusing culture. I had a long chat this week with Jackson, a young Mormon missionary – directing him to the possibility of assurance of heaven, and the reality of the Lord's deity. Please pray for him. Another person who has been in contact with us is Molly. She suffers from a variety of mental health issues, and has professed faith in Christ. She seems to have had a difficult upbringing and relationship with a man and was mixed up in dark issues before she came to Christ – please pray that we can shepherd her towards the Lord as she has some difficult influences in her life - she would appreciate that believers are praying for her.

We have been running a Christianity Explored course on Wednesday evenings with a few who have shown an interest. It has been encouraging to see Ruth, a believer who has backslidden somewhat, coming to these regularly. This week we also had a girl from Malta, living in Inverness. She asked if she could come, citing that she was 'gay'. We were glad that we could tell her that the course and the Bible message was for everyone. Please pray for Laura. She took away a Bible.

We both really appreciate your continued fellowship and prayers for us. We would also be grateful for your continued prayers for our little family – Isaac is now 6, with Hannah 5 and Hope 2.

C. 2017 25/10/21 ANDREW & LINDSEY WILLIAMSON

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