



LOOK ON THE FIELDS

ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Ezekiel 47

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Cape Town

We thank the Lord for His great blessing in the salvation of a soul. I was put into contact with Marco over three weeks ago and commenced studies with him using Bert Cargill's "Tell Me More About the Gospel". After four studies and attending two Gospel meetings, Marco trusted the Saviour. I have continued going through this book with him and we finished it yesterday. After finishing the chapter, 'After Salvation, What Next?' he asked, "So is the next step for me baptism?" We thank the Lord for this great encouragement. Please pray for Marco.

C. 2001 11/11/21 RODNEY & JOY BROWN

2ND

Ezekiel 48

SCOTLAND Pop. 5.5 Mil. South West Scotland

It is good to be back to 'almost normal' in the meetings in our part of the world. In addition to our local assembly gatherings some Saturday night meetings and conferences are taking place which, except for masks, are just as they were pre-pandemic. There is still a degree of anxiety both amongst the Lord's people and the unsaved over large events but hopefully this will dissipate over time.

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of 'firsts' which is always exciting! Our first baptisms for two years were of a married couple in their twenties who were saved in the Spring. They have also come into fellowship in the assembly and, with their three children, are a great encouragement to us.

We also had our first series of Gospel meetings in the new portable hall at Newton Stewart, in fellowship with the assembly there. While attendance was slightly down on what we expected, it was a real joy to be preaching again with Graeme Paterson and to see the sleepless nights and the generosity of the Lord's people bear fruit as the hall was erected for the first time.

Again, at New Cumnock, we had our first Parent & Toddlers Group – Christina is taking responsibility for this with the newly saved sister, Kirsty, and they have not only filled the spaces they advertised but have a waiting list. We are hopeful that this work will feed into the Wednesday evening Kidzone as well as make the mothers comfortable enough to join us on a Sunday afternoon for our Gospel meeting.

Over the next two months we plan to be mainly involved in helping assemblies with Bible teaching and Gospel preaching. We also continue with the weekly open-air on a Friday in Dumfries, with calendar distribution in December, as well as with the various efforts in our own village. These plans are of course subject to the will of God.

Some things you might join us in praying about:

- Pray for our family
- Pray for the assembly at New Cumnock as we reach the people around us
- Pray for the open-air work in Dumfries on a Friday – there have been doors unlocked as a result and we need to prayerfully consider whether we need to pray for guidance.
- Pray for the portable hall – transportation, storage, which areas to visit and obtaining permission to site the hall are all aspects of the work about which we need wisdom.

C. 2019 9/11/21 CRAIG & CHRISTINA MACKIE

3RD

Daniel 1

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Pirassununga

We seem to be leaving the pandemic behind. Looking back on these last months, we praise the Lord for His grace toward us. The assembly here in Pirassununga was forced to stop meeting a few times: March to June 2020, again in July, then March to April 2021. For the remainder of the pandemic, we have been allowed to meet with limited seating, masks, etc. Infection rates here were very high at some stages, and the local hospital was often at breaking point, but the Lord was merciful to us all. A couple of families in the assembly here contracted COVID, and one sister had to go to ICU, but there were no deaths among the believers. Some of the neighbouring assemblies (there are nine in this area) were without meetings for longer periods, but today all are able to meet in some manner — things seem to be slowly returning to normal.

When we entered our first lockdown last year, I began sending out a short daily Scripture meditation (a little text message via WhatsApp) to all the believers in the assembly here, thinking that in a couple of months things would be back to normal. The list of those who receive these "Meditations" has grown, and today I hope to send out Meditation n°. 570 — we never anticipated it would last so long!

We value your prayers, that the Lord may preserve His people and His assemblies during this crisis, and that soon we may be back to normal activities, according to His will.

C. 1998 4/11/21 WILLIAM & ELEN WATTERSON

4TH

Daniel 2:1-23

WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. Pembrokeshire

Our most important news at present is that we have finally moved into the little town of Tenby. The decision has been made for a variety of reasons. We finally opened Old Chapel Books two months ago. This is the Christian bookshop and coffee shop that is based downstairs in the Old Chapel, which you will recall we were able to buy two years ago and have re-furnished. The meeting room of the assembly is based upstairs, hence the name The Upper Room, Tenby.

Once we had opened the coffee shop, I was finding it hard work driving into Tenby every day, trying to find a free parking space in the town, then driving home every evening. It made sense to be within walking distance, if possible. Our old house, Hill, was ideally placed and of the ideal size to run young people's Bible teaching weekends, which we did four times a year for the best part of ten years. Covid-19 put a stop to all that, and we do not see the weekends resuming as they once did. In that sense, the house was too big for us and we needed to downsize. Rebecca

and I are, unlike the rest of you(!), getting older and maintaining the grounds and the house was proving more and more difficult. The little assembly here in Tenby is now our primary focus and therefore we need to be in the town and known in the town.

For these reasons, and feeling that God was moving us once again, we put Hill on the market and sold it within two days. We have now moved to a house in Tenby and are living in the top flat. The house is within a two-minute walk of the Chapel and is ideal for us. It has taken us the best part of three months to move as we had so much to dispose of in our downsizing. We have had six weeks of boxes at one end and six weeks of boxes at the other, but I think we are finally sorted.

Please pray with us that this new house will be as used of God in the furtherance of His work as the last house was. We are grateful to you for your prayers and your support so far.

5/11/21

IAN & REBECCA REES

5TH

Daniel 2:24-49

WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. Pembrokeshire

The coffee shop has proved popular in the town. All soup, sandwiches, cakes, teas and coffees are provided free as an outreach, though there is a donation box at the door for those who wish to contribute. We have had many unbelievers visit us and they have been complimentary about the premises, the books and texts on the walls, and the welcome they have received. Please pray that it will be a place where many will find peace. We have a Christian bookshop on the premises too, with new and second-hand titles, Bibles, cards etc. made available. There are so few such bookshops around these days we hope it will meet a need.

We also run a food bank from the back of the chapel and that has made us many contacts in the town, both those who need food from the food bank and those who donate. It is wonderful to see so many unbelievers coming in to the premises, sitting and having coffee with us and receiving an invitation to attend our Family Service at 11.00 on Lord's Day mornings. We have had strangers in most Sunday mornings of late. It is always good to see them.

5/11/21

IAN & REBECCA REES

6TH

Daniel 3

CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Portage la Prairie

Yesterday I gave my dear Mum quite the surprise and shock, as I knocked on her door in Exeter, England! I had been able to keep her in the dark, despite us having our usual daily chats by phone most days. It was priceless and thankfully she didn't have a heart attack! With it being over 2 years since we've seen each other, we had a lovely time together. I'm over here for just two weeks, mainly to celebrate her birthday on Nov. 21st. The decision to come was only made a couple of weeks ago as my schedule was free and I just felt it would be an encouragement to Mum. Thankfully the covid testing etc... was all straight forward and there were no complications on arrival. *Prayer* would be valued that we'll both be kept free of covid during this time and that I'll be a real help to her.

Thanks for your prayers for the delivery of the BibleTime booklets to St. Lucia. After a couple of months delay, they eventually arrived on November 2nd. God willing, these will be distributed to the schools in early December. We would very much like to return to the island to revisit the schools and encourage the dear believers there but are not sure if it will be possible, as occasional covid curfews have disrupted schools and assembly activities and

so we would value *prayer* as we seek the Lord's guidance. Please *pray* too that the package of BibleTime booklets for schools in Antigua will also arrive safely.

C. 2000 15/11/21

PETE & ELAINE SMITH

7TH

Daniel 4

CANADA Pop. 37 Mil. Portage la Prairie

Elaine decided to stay home, as there is always extra work connected with preparations for the December Mailout. Please continue to *pray* for the 1,800 or so students who receive the *free* BibleTime or NewLife lessons each month, that God's Word will have a real impact upon hearts and homes.

In recent weeks I've been doing some weekly themes for the COMPASS POINT radio programs. Topics have included Galilee, Trees, and Wells. We trust the variation in content will increase interest. We would value *prayer* for the seeds of truth that are being sown in these brief minutes. It's hard to believe that over 350 programs have now been made and that it's almost a year now since this new work was launched. Truly the Lord has been so good and we give Him all the glory.

It was disappointing and frustrating to learn yesterday that our home province has introduced more restrictions in our particular health region. We had hoped things would continue to remain steady but covid numbers have been rising fast once again. Please *pray* that the saints won't get discouraged.

Thankfully the Lord is sovereign and so we lean on Him and seek to do His will, during these uncertain and challenging times.

C. 2000 15/11/21

PETE & ELAINE SMITH

8TH

Daniel 5

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from Scotland

The news from Mambilima is encouraging. They have had Covid, and have had a few deaths, but they have received vaccines, God has kept them in the situation, and they are thankful. They are understandably taking precautions, especially at the hospital. However, the school pupils, including the boarders, are back in the classrooms.

They did have their usual August conferences, but attendance was smaller. The teaching was given by local brethren, and on the Sunday a number of believers were baptised in the river.

The hospital is doing well and is busy. The Gospel is preached each morning over the loudspeakers; personal visits and literature is freely accepted. A building used by relatives who come with the patients, has been extended, and the facilities improved. A new borehole is providing clean safe water. Please pray for the staff at the hospital, Mbita, the administrator, Chibesa, the pharmacist, and the nursing staff, many of whom are believers.

C. 1996/74 2/11/21

ROBERT & MARGARET MUIR

9TH

Daniel 6

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from Scotland

It is good to have the children back in school, especially the disabled children, as life is so difficult for them in the villages. They love the school, where they are valued and cared for. We have been able to purchase a new mini bus for the primary school. We are so grateful to our brethren in SHAREAfrica Zambia, for purchasing and converting the vehicle for us. The Word of God is brought to the children each day, and many have trusted

the Saviour. Winnard is a teacher at the high school, and is the 'padre' responsible for arranging the Bible teaching and religious education. He also has a radio broadcasting work, preaching the Gospel on a Congolese radio network, which is heard over a wide area of Zambia too. There is good interest, pray on!

We give thanks for the senior staff at the schools who are elders in the Assembly. We value prayers for Mr Evans the headteacher, his deputy Mr Bwipwa, at the high school, Mr Dimas and Mr Kalaba at the primary school.

The evangelists take the Word of God into the villages and visit the assemblies in the area. Reuben is rejoicing at being able to get a motor cycle. He is now 60 years old and was finding distances difficult on a bike! (This is a great age in Zambia) Please pray for the three Bible schools in the valley, at Kashikishi, Kawama, and Mambilima. The Word of God is taught for a few weeks three times in the year. The building facilities have been improved at Kashikishi and at Kawama, there is good interest and numbers studying the Word have increased.

Continue to pray for the Luapula area that the work will progress. Margaret and I are both well...though getting slower!

C. 1996/74 2/11/21 ROBERT & MARGARET MUIR

10TH

Daniel 7

BOTSWANA Pop. 2.4 Mil. UK 8 Francistown

Three weeks ago we joined Onty's dad and various family members to celebrate his 80th birthday. We had a good time together. It was also a weekend to celebrate the lifting of the 18-month State of Emergency, which was employed to assist with managing the worst of the pandemic. The night-time curfew and the need for travel permits has ended as a consequence. This therefore means that travel is much easier once again. We are very thankful to have arrived at this stage.

Recent reports from the Botswana Government indicate a slow-down in infections and deaths. However, due to continuing Covid-19 challenges, the 3-day conference normally arranged by the assembly in Francistown was sadly not able to be convened again this year.

On Tuesday last week the Sunday School container arrived at the Gaborone railway container yard from N Ireland. Plans were quickly made to travel down and help empty the container. We are very thankful for the local believers in Gaborone who provided accommodation and refreshments, as well as the believers from Serowe who transported the bulk of the Francistown boxes as far as Serowe in a truck loaned to them. All that remains is for a trip to Serowe to collect the boxes. We are hoping to resume Sunday Schools in January, God willing.

As a family we are doing well. Rejoice is studying hard for her A-levels, and Thomas and James are also kept busy with their studies. Your continued prayers for our family and the work of the Lord in Botswana is much appreciated.

C. 1999 18/10/21 JOHN & ONTY BANDY

11TH

Daniel 8

ARGENTINA Pop. 45 Mil. UK 6 Parana

The weekend of October 2nd and 3rd marked the 40th anniversary of the Paraná Assembly in the present building. Restrictions were lifted just in time, so we had an "in person" conference. The Lord has blessed His work and now four lights of assembly testimony are lit. There is room for many more. We also have the

very happy situation of fellowship with each other. Each month which has a fifth Tuesday we have a united prayer meeting. Items related to the work are given beforehand and the brethren from one assembly are asked to pray for the needs of another. After eighteen months, the joy of renewed fellowship was so evident. I was invited to give the ministry afterwards. It was a special joy to see that at least half of all present we saw saved and baptised in the first assembly which we saw established.

Last Friday evening I had the second meeting of a four-part Friday evening series I am giving on Eldership by Zoom in NE of Argentina and South Paraguay. About 60 connected. Some of the newer assemblies do not have recognised elders yet. Pray that they will be helped in the process.

I can hardly believe that in less than a month (Nov 22nd) I reach the 80 mark, God Willing. I am fit and well and keep very busy. That being so, common sense tells me I have to recognise some limitations. My daughters Fiona and Anne are so happy in their Granny roles and I the great grandfather role!! They are both busy but keep in touch. They are a bit protective, telling me I need to learn to say no to commitments or don't be doing this or that. I still walk a lot and that keeps me on the move.

Prayer Items:

- Argentina is in a chaotic state politically and financially and there is an atmosphere of unrest and tension. Its vaccination program is still far behind and have been managed to political advantage, even to the point of refusing a huge donation of vaccines from the USA.
- More importantly, that the present liberty to preach the Gospel will remain.
- Of the four assemblies, two still rent premises. As a gesture of fellowship, the first assembly is covering the rent of the most recent one as we did with the third one. These two assemblies are looking at the possibility of buying a piece of land for building on in the future, God willing. So, not a time for rushing, but waiting.

C. 1974 2/11/21

JIM BURNETT

12TH

Daniel 9

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Porto Alegre

The COVID-19 problem still continues but not as serious as it was, although we have heard recently of several new cases. For that reason, meetings in Porto Alegre have been cancelled for two weeks.

Recently several believers were baptised in Osório and there have been baptisms also in São Leopoldo and Novo Hamburgo, for which we give God thanks.

Tuesday was a public holiday and we usually have a conference in Osório on that day. This year we had no Bible Reading, but several brethren in the afternoon ministered the Word and the day closed with a gospel meeting when a brother told how he got saved and another preached the gospel on-line. We trust that saints and sinners will be blessed as a result of the conference.

The assembly in Capivari recently lost a brother in his early 60's. He died in heart surgery, which he should have had 2 or 3 years earlier. His wife is in the assembly, but their only daughter in her 20's is still unsaved.

We value your continued help in prayer for the work and workers in these parts.

C. 1952/58 5/11/21

HARRY & BETH WILSON

13TH

Daniel 10

ENGLAND Pop. 56 Mil. London

It has taken me a while to accept that I am unable to be as active as I once was, but there is still much to keep us busy. Over the Summer months we had a stand at two local Festivals, distributing tracts, Bibles and literature. At the most recent one, a lady mentioned that some years ago she had sent her son to the week of Children's meetings that were held each Easter half-term. It transpired that through her son attending the children's meetings she was challenged about her own standing before God and has subsequently been saved. It was an encouragement and a reminder of the promise in Ecclesiastes 11:1 'Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.'

The number of believers in fellowship in Clifton Hall has increased in recent months, with two new families joining us, coming into the area to work in the NHS. We are grateful to God for these additions.

In and around London believers are gradually returning to their halls and thus I am also returning to taking a few meetings 'in person', with recent visits to assemblies in Kent, East London, Essex and further afield in Dorset. It is good to be able to return to some normality.

22/10/21

RICHARD CATCHPOLE

14TH

Daniel 11:1-20

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Cape Town

Local elections took place across South Africa on 1 November. They show what many of us suspect; the centre-ground is slowly diminishing and the extremes are steadily growing. These racial and political tensions have an impact on the attitudes of many we come in contact with on a regular basis. Aside from this, we are battling with rolling blackouts at the moment which render us without electricity for up to 4 hours each day. Please pray that people will realise that the Gospel, not politics, holds the key.

I recently went to visit Abdul, the muslim man I met during literature distribution. He had been very opposed at first but had softened somewhat after a detailed discussion about Islam and Christianity. He accepted a Bible and promised to read it. When I returned to the shop where I met him I was told by his colleague that he is not working there any longer. The colleague (also a muslim) would not give me any information about Abdul's whereabouts. He did however confirm that Abdul had taken "that book" away with him. The Bible has my phone number inside it. Pray that Abdul will read the Bible and be saved.

In the meantime we are continuing with regular open air preaching and distribution of John 3:16 posters in various areas not far from our home. Recently there has been an audience ranging from 5-15 adults listening to the message, as well as a number of boys and girls. There is not often a huge reaction to the preaching. Many seem to struggle to understand their need of a Saviour due to previous "conversions" or "church membership". Pray that the Lord will grant encouragement as we continue with this work. The children's meeting on a Friday afternoon is going well, although the children can be unsettled at times.

Recently I have been able to have a more concentrated spell assisting locally with the saints at Northpine Gospel Hall. We remain small but we are glad to have recently recommenced the breaking of bread, as well as the mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study. We have been without these for 18 months. Next

weekend I am due to have my final weekend of ministry with the assembly at Hermanus for 2021.

Andrea and the boys are all well. We are all looking forward to visiting friends and family around Christmas, leaving South Africa on 26 November DV. We will be visiting believers in the Republic of Ireland, heading to Northern Ireland for Christmas then on to Scotland for New Year. We would appreciate your prayers that this will work out, if the Lord wills.

C. 2016 9/11/21 ALASTAIR & ANDREA BAIJAL

15TH

Daniel 11:21-45

ITALY Pop. 60 Mil. UK 16 Naples

We have been busy with meeting believers in small groups, and on family visits since the end of summer. These have been of real encouragement, as the desire to meet again as believers for fellowship is strong. However, a few difficult pastoral issues, exacerbated by the long lockdown, are of real concern.

As we have been without a church building, we have still been meeting in a local park on Sundays, but for the last couple of weeks this has not been possible due to a change in the weather. However, finally, after much effort and prayer, we have been given the keys to an unused gym by the town council, for us to use as a church. This is very encouraging. We need to do a few repairs before using it, but we hope to be able to start using this building this coming Sunday.

The work of producing materials for the training of elders is moving ahead, though somewhat slowly. Several books have been translated, and we are waiting for the publisher to move ahead with the publication.

Our eldest son Nathan is settling well into his new job in engineering near Milan and is getting to know the believers and the local churches in the immediate area. Our second son Micael is back for his third year at Bath university, and happily involved with CU, church and his studies.

We are planning to be back in the UK, God willing, between May and August 2022. We plan to stay in the missionary home in Exeter.

C. 1987/88 1/11/21 ROD & DEBBIE JONES

16TH

Daniel 12

ETHIOPIA Pop. 112 Mil. UK 4 Writing from Scotland

At the moment I am planning to return to Ethiopia in mid-January, but things are very unsettled in the country at the moment.

There is currently a civil war raging between the Tigre rebels and the Government army. The Tigre rebels have made gains in the north of Ethiopia near Batie and we just wonder how far it will go. They have not affected the areas where we are working apart from Batie and Kamisay and I would value your prayers for these two assemblies.

Others may join in when they see the Tigre's gaining ground and so we request prayer for Ethiopia's leader, that he might be given guidance as to how to control the rebels. The enemy would love to see Dr Abi defeated but if they came back to power, it could be a serious problem in the country.

C. 1969 2/11/21 ROBERT REVIE

17TH

Haggai 1

LEBANON Pop. 6.8 Mil.

Lebanon has many issues in addition to Covid19. School is open four days per week due to the economic situation. This helps with the cost of transportation and electricity.

The number of new Covid cases in Lebanon is significantly lower than in many countries, although the cost of tests is expensive so it is possible that the actual number of cases is higher. The health system is already in a very difficult position due to the economic situation so it is hoped that the number of new cases will remain low.

Lebanon has had a new government in place for around a month. During this time, the economy has continued to struggle as subsidies are removed from many basic commodities. The cost of fuel had already massively increased before the international increase in fuel prices. The cost of a gallon of petrol now is around 6 times the price it cost in June! Power cuts continue and there have been periods of time where there is no electricity.

Assemblies for students have resumed but due to the 4-day week I am not able to do them all weekly. Please do pray for assemblies – elementary and kindergarten students attend every week whilst intermediate and secondary students attend on alternate weeks for the time-being. It would be great to have more people to support this work as most people who helped in the past have moved on. Please do pray that God would lead people to come and get involved. We have not yet been able to resume staff devotions in the mornings as most teachers are involved in supervising students before school to ensure compliance with Covid-19 restrictions.

Points for Prayer:

- Pray for peace despite the many economic and political challenges facing the Lebanese people.
- Pray for believers to remain hopeful and faithful in these challenging times. We need more Godly believers to come and get involved.
- Thank God that we have been able to resume assemblies in the school. Please pray that God would protect these times and that we would also be able to resume staff devotions.
- Pray that we would have continued opportunities to share Good News in these days. Thank you for your prayers.

1/11/21

ANDREA SMITH

18TH

Haggai 2

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

Continue to remember in prayer the tireless work of three young sisters in the East of Sri Lanka, Keerthi, Mary and Dilani. I find their zeal in the work of the Lord so admirable and inspiring. They work in different areas and among many children who are very open to listen at this important stage of their lives.

Brother Tharindu is known and recognised for teaching the Word of God and encouraging believers in their own areas. This work has restarted, and much prayer is needed for wisdom and safety as he travels many hours on dangerous roads to visit groups of believers. As many of the believers are suffering various problems, this work has proved to be a blessing and encouragement to all concerned.

The assembly down at Budureliya in Southern Sri Lanka has been

able to reclaim some more of their land. This has enabled them to grow much needed food for the believers and give a little income that is so needed in the ongoing humanitarian crisis. This work is all carried out while the country remains closed to all church gatherings, with no sign as yet of the restrictions being lifted.

27/11/21

CHARLES DAVIDSON (N Ireland)

19TH

Zechariah 1

ENGLAND Report on Eventide Home, Southport

Eventide is a small residential care home in Southport, a seaside town in Merseyside, England. We have had the privilege of caring for elderly Christians for 60 years, but we, like most providers in this sector, have found the past 20 months of the pandemic, particularly challenging. However, we are thankful to the Lord that none of the residents have suffered from Covid-19, and that, on the whole, they have remained in good spirits. Please pray that the residents may continue to remain free of the virus and other seasonal illnesses and for their families and friends who have keenly felt the restrictions in visiting their loved ones.

We are thankful for a very committed workforce, who have regularly gone 'above and beyond' what is expected of them during the pandemic. Some have lost loved ones and many, although sympathetic to the Home's Christian ethos, are not believers. Recruiting care staff at present is proving particularly difficult and filling the gaps puts pressure on other members of staff. Please pray that the bereaved may know God's comfort and peace, that those outside of Christ will soon come to trust Him as their Saviour and Lord, and that God will provide suitable staff to fill any vacancies.

23/11/21

ESTHER BARR

20TH

Zechariah 2 & 3

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Bahia

Life here in Bahia has been back to normal for quite a few months for which we are very thankful. In São Cristóvão, Salvador, where the assembly meets, we have been able to carry on with the normal meetings. Please pray for Ricardo who has not been able to attend the meetings for quite a number of months due to serious health problems. He is a very gifted brother and his presence and contributions in the meetings are sorely missed.

We were encouraged when a young man was baptised and received into fellowship at the beginning of the month. In Candeias we continue with two Gospel meetings, a children's meeting and a ministry meeting each week with a good interest. Another lady has professed to be saved there, and at the end of August we had the joy of baptising a young couple. We trust that they will be preserved and that there will be further progress.

The publishing work continues to be encouraging with an increasing demand for sound literature. We are presently organising the shipping of 12,000 Bibles, 4,200 books and over half a million Gospel tracts to Angola. A large consignment of calendars and tracts are arriving today from the printers for distribution in Brazil. Please continue to remember this work in your prayers.

C. 2001

1/11/21

CRAWFORD & HEATHER BROWN

21ST

Zechariah 4

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

An interesting discussion recently took place. Two students who have joined the school over the last two years in our Graduating class for this year were discussing the school with their classmates – overheard by a teacher. Both came from one of the two prestigious, expensive private schools well recognised in Cyprus and that are also situated in Limassol. They both agreed that the teachers at Logos School were much better than those at their previous school and that they had experienced better communication and care in their short time at Logos than in all their years at the other school. This is helpful and encouraging feedback.

The Gospel continues to be preached each working day even in difficult Covid restricted circumstances. The distance between pupils must be maintained by chair spacing and hand sanitizer is squirted on the hands of each pupil entering the school hall for assemblies. At the time when Covid restrictions did not allow pupils to come to school, staff were still able to speak online and share a thought for the day about eternal issues.

We are anticipating a Christmas effort this year seeking to reach out to the families of pupils in the school. It may be possible to hold an outdoor Christmas presentation in the same amphitheatre that we used for Graduation. Please pray for this further opportunity to present the Gospel.

16/11/21 COLIN CLARKE (Chairman of the Logos Trust)

22ND

Zechariah 5 & 6

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

Over the past five years we have made enormous changes modernizing the school as agreed by the Ministry of Education for Cyprus: providing new toilets; constructing new classrooms; rewiring on all levels of the main building; installing a new lift; removing the old external skimming and re-skimming the entire four-story block. Last year we fitted Fire Escapes to the outside of the two main teaching buildings.

In our fifth year of upgrading, we now must comply with the edict from the EU to all schools in Cyprus. The set timetable for this work was to be completed and inspected by the various Government Bodies, in order to receive the necessary Certificates of Completion, which in turn had to be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, all by 11th November. It was quite a stressful time and we were very much dependent upon the Lord that the whole project and finance would come together before the deadline.

We managed to obtain the necessary certificates with all the required documentation, which we personally delivered to the Ministry of Education for Cyprus on the 10th Nov. We then spent the morning working through each part and then, thankfully, receiving a statement that, subject to the committee's approval, we would receive the renewed operating licence by Christmas. This is a wonderful answer to prayer.

Much prayer has gone up by believers in the school and those who support the work of the school that the proclamation of the Gospel among so many young people would continue, along with giving our students a high standard of education. It has been a tremendous joy for us who are engaged in serving the Lord in the school to see students accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

16/11/21 COLIN CLARKE (Chairman of the Logos Trust)

23RD

Zechariah 7

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Sao Joaquim da Barra

We are very grateful for all that the Lord has done during these difficult months.

At the beginning of this month, we had our first conference since the pandemic. It was only for the 2 local assemblies and the region got it over Zoom. We have put a bigger distance between the seats, and families sit together, with masks and sanitizer at the door and avoiding handshakes....doing it in the Japanese style, shaking your head.

At the end of October, the Sunday School started again. As yesterday was a holiday, we organized a lunch at a place outside of town which had a swimming pool and there were about 30 adults, children, and teenagers in total.

I have turned Dad's bedroom (the late James Crawford) into a sewing room, and last week, Elaine's mother started teaching Debora and Denise the basics of sewing. Today will be the second class and the girls seem to be enjoying themselves.

Thank you very much for your continued prayers on my behalf as I now seem to be getting back into a certain routine, and being roped into more work here in the assembly, which is good.

19/11/21

MARGARET CRAWFORD

24TH

Zechariah 8

BRASS TACKS

This year seems to have passed quickly, with many projects in various locations around the UK. Our team had a short break after spending a month hard at work in Tottenham in London. They were working on a house renovation to make it more suitable for the valuable work among vulnerable individuals which Joe and Naomi Wyatt are doing. There is still a lot of work to be done on the house, despite good progress made. Our schedule is fairly full at present, but we hope to return to Tottenham when possible.

Last week, work recommenced in Currie, near Edinburgh; our task is to complete the cladding on the outside of the building – just in time, before the Scottish winter. It has been miserable weather, with relentless rain, so not the best working conditions.

We had an encouraging Fellowship meeting, which was held recently at Hebron, Wallasey. We would appreciate your continued prayerful interest and support for the work of Brass Tacks.

C. 1997 16/11/21

ALAN & SHIELA PARK

25TH

Zechariah 9 & 10

ITALY Pop. 59 Mil. UK 16 Naples

Thank you so much for praying for the meeting that we had with the lawyer, his engineer and the politician yesterday. To be honest, it went much better than we could have hoped. Here are the details.

The original price of the land that we now have planning permission on was €80,000. We made a down payment of €40,000 in 2017. The lawyer then bought that land in August 2021, 10 days before the death of the owner - and then said he didn't want to sell unless we made him an offer he couldn't refuse. On the market, the land is worth at least €200,000 so we thought he would ask for something around that price.

Our €40,000 down payment was given to the heirs on the death of the owner, and we weren't sure if they would be willing to give

it back to us or if we would have to take them to court for it. It had turned into a complete mess – or so we thought!

The best-case scenario we were praying for was that he would sell us the land for €80,000 and that the heirs would give our €40,000 back immediately. The worst-case scenario was that he would refuse to sell the land or want €200,000, and that we would have to go to court to get our €40,000 back from the heirs.

Just to remind you that the lawyer has a reputation of being ruthless and of taking advantage of such situations, and has built himself an empire in Pozzuoli in this way.

We were absolutely amazed when he said that he only wanted €40,000 for the land, the price that he had paid for it, as long as we don't seek to recover our down payment of €40,000 from the heirs. We never dreamed of things going this way, and is a further demonstration of how God works all things together for good to those that love Him, and is able to do above and beyond whatever we ask or think!

We are hoping to conclude the purchase before long so then we can finally think about building! PRAISE THE LORD!

Thank you so much for your prayerful support.

C. 1995 8/11/21 ALEX & PATRIZIA CATCHPOLE

26TH

Zechariah 11

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Kabompo

The rains seem to have arrived, complete with lightning and thunder. One girl got killed by lightning a few weeks back in a local village. Five cattle also got killed by one lightning strike on the flood plain. Zambia is a county known for having many lightning strikes because of the abundance of copper in the ground.

I had an interesting talk with one of my chronic patients on Tuesday. I have known Mr K for many years and have spoken to him about his soul on a few occasions. He has three wives, so many feel that he cannot be a Christian - although he has told me before that "I believe". Well, on Tuesday he told me that he was afraid of dying. He has a large heart (cardiomegaly) and is quite stable. In our discussion, he told me again that he believes in Jesus and knows that Jesus died for his sins. He said "I keep the ten commandments and I try not to sin". So he is mixing grace with works. I tried to explain to him what grace is about – that it is a gift and does not come as a result of works. He still maintains that he is a good person so he should be able to reach heaven. I told him "not so". As long as he was trusting in his works, he would not reach God's home. Please pray for Mr K that he will come to understand that God's way of salvation is through Christ alone.

The Bible class at Mutuwankayi continues. We are looking at the Kings of the Southern Kingdom, but will soon be inserting a study about the prophet Isaiah as we are studying this history in chronological order. Many practical lessons to learn in the Old Testament. Thanks for your prayers.

C. USA 8/11/21 DOROTHY WOODSIDE

27TH

Zechariah 12:1 to 13:6

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Nantes

Greetings once more from Nantes where we are enjoying the beautiful autumn colours. School went back today, after two weeks break. We were away for a few days at a retreat for full-time workers with the assemblies in France, where we enjoyed different scenery as well as good times of fellowship. Then last week we helped Naomi and Samuel by keeping the grandchildren a couple of times, including a sleep-over at our house. They're already asking when they can do that again!

At the bookshop there is an increase in activity just now, especially with the calendar season in full swing. The daily tear-off calendars with either a Gospel message or an exhortation for believers are very popular here in France, so that means extra customers for the shop. We have also been asked to provide a bookstand at a couple of special weekend events between now and Christmas as well as the one day stands that we traditionally take to a few churches in December. All in all, it promises to be a busy time! Please pray for energy and good health for the staff. Two of our helpers have been off sick for several months now, one of whom had major surgery for cancer and the other is suffering from depression. All of these 'details' add to the challenges of keeping the shop running normally, as you can imagine.

One of the events for which a stand has been requested is a weekend of training for those who work with young people. Our assembly at the Beaujoire will be used to host the event and up to thirty people should be present. Please continue to pray for the work of the Lord in France.

C. 1985/88 8/11/21 GERRY & DOROTHY SEED

28TH

Zechariah 13:7 to 14:21

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK7 Umtentweni

Things have eased somewhat with regard to Covid restrictions and folk are beginning to attend the meetings of the assembly a little more freely. We praise the Lord for this, yet we can see that there remains room for improvement.

Several unsaved folks have been attending the gospel meeting at the assembly recently. It is such an encouragement to know that there are those who seem to be showing an interest in the Word of God. Our Bible class continues to work through an overview of all the books of the Bible. Sunday School has not recommenced as yet and we are praying that in the New Year, in the will of the Lord, it may be possible to see that work back up and running again.

We are currently working on producing gospel calendars for next year and hope within the next few weeks to have these available for distribution in December, in the will of God. Pray for wisdom regarding the format and content, as well as how best to get the Word of God in this form into the hands of those who are searching.

The Lord has been so gracious to us, preserving us from Covid, and we praise His Name for granting us these mercies. Please pray that we will be faithful, by His grace.

C. 1968 10/11/21 PAUL & DOROTHY GRIEVE

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

The Lord, by His grace, allowed us our desire to visit Cumana. Since the 20th September we were able to accompany the small group of believers for five weeks of Gospel meetings. Due to Covid and government restrictions, we hadn't been able to have a series of meetings there in two years. Mr. and Mrs. Noel McKeown were with us the first half of the visit, before they had to leave for their trip to Ireland. It was good to share with the brethren and find them well, despite many difficulties. We felt the absence of a very faithful sister, Elvia, who died earlier this year from Covid; she used to be one of the first to arrive after walking over an hour to get to the meeting. During the visit, some neighbours and family of the brethren showed an interest. Among them were a neighbour called Ramon and Mr. Matias, husband of a sister named Betty, who listened attentively every night. Abner, son of a faithful older sister, went most nights the last couple of weeks with his wife and different members of her family. None professed to be saved but we are happy the Word was sown and we had the joy of sharing with the local believers.

During our weeks in Cumana, lack of fuel limited our mobility. Queues could be two days long to buy 20 litres but one day, in the Lord's mercy, we went to a station at 3am and managed to fill the tank. It was the only day in 5 weeks we were able to buy fuel in Cumana. Thankfully, it has been easier to buy closer to home so we were able to take some containers with us. The economic situation in Venezuela is quite desperate.

Please continue to pray for Venezuela.

C. 2018 (Ven) 23/11/21 PEDRO & LOIS MALAVE

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from the USA

A month has already passed since we arrived in America, so it is time we provided an update.

Leaving Zambia after 24 years for Tim and 25 for Joy was not easy. It has been a very special home and ministry for us and our children. We were touched by the many farewells that were arranged for us. It gave us an opportunity to thank the Lord that He has worked in so many ways and in so many lives during our time throughout that part of Zambia. We were especially thankful that Yowanu, our very willing helper at the workshop and in many other ways, was baptised and received into assembly fellowship during our last week at Loloma. We have been praying for him in this way for a long time, and so it was a very special joy to us for the Lord to answer this prayer just before we left.

Another great answer to prayer was the arrival of Steven and Stephanie Anderson and their four young children from Washington State in America. We had a special month with them introducing them to some of the different opportunities and responsibilities both at Loloma and in the area. They will very much value your ongoing prayers as they continue to settle into that part of the Lord's vineyard, especially in terms of language learning.

We have been thankful during the last month to hear of the ongoing work at Loloma. Our local brothers there together with Steve are continuing with the outreach program through the local villages, staff devotions and sharing the gospel at hospital, and presenting

the gospel each Thursday afternoon on the community radio.

C. 1997 8/11/21

TIMOTHY & JOY BEER

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Writing from the USA

As you may imagine, America is so different to our life at Loloma. It is a definite act of the Lord that we are here as a family. We are very much enjoying being based at CMML in New Jersey, where we have met several other missionaries.

It has also been a blessing to renew fellowship and friendship with the different believers at Ardsley where Joy was commended from. Several new families have come to Ardsley, so that is encouraging to see. The weekend at York was very special, as we met up with several of Joy's cousins and their families, including the Geesey family who used to be with us years ago at Loloma.

After attending the CMML conference in this area next weekend, we plan to travel to Chicago to spend time with Joy's family there. It is over 6 years since we last saw her mother, sister Rebecca and Sam her brother and his family, so really looking forward to that.

We very much appreciate your prayers during the next few weeks and months in terms of:

- The Lord's clear confirmation as to where He wants us to live and serve Him. Our primary concern is the assembly of His choice, where our children will be able to grow spiritually, enjoying good Bible teaching and fellowship in English.
- Our involvement in the care of Joy's mother, in whatever way is best for her.
- The right options for our children's final education. For the boys this may be an apprenticeship, technical school, or college as the Lord leads.
- A support team who can guide us through the complexities of settling into America, such as the issue of a home whether renting or even buying, along with all the procedures that go along with that.

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