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MISSIONARIES TO  
THE UNITED KINGDOM



DEAR PASTORS AND PRAYING FRIENDS,

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As time goes by we feel more and more thankful to the Lord for all of your continued prayers, support and encouragement. This past February marked 3 years on the field and we want to sincerely thank each of you who read our letters, pray for us, encourage us and give towards the work of the Lord in the United Kingdom.

“...AT THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD THEY RESTED IN THEIR TENTS, AND AT THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD THEY JOURNEYED.”  
*Numbers 9.23*

The past few months have been to us yet another lesson in waiting on the Lord and His leading. The Lord opened the door for us to take a short furlough in the U.S. for a number of reasons: the introduction of Jesse to various family members, the opportunity to report to several of our supporting churches, and principally for Charmaine to have an appointment concerning U.S. citizenship (we have no intentions to return to the U.S, but hope to have both passports, Lord-willing, for ease of travel etc.). We ended up staying a few more weeks than anticipated as a result of this appointment, but have had to rest in the fact that God is in control and knows and understands all things, even when we didn't (and don't!). We are thankful that God's ways are not our ways; we can trust Him even when things are not as we would choose for them to be, for He is good and has a perfect way and time for all things!

#### A SHORT FURLOUGH

We thank the Lord that He has now brought us safely back to the U.K., but want to thank many of you who kindly hosted us during our return and allowed us to share of the Lord's work in your locations. It was such a blessing to be with so many of you, and it is a special thing to be with people several thousand miles away who we know are praying for us and are concerned for the Lord's work in the United Kingdom. We are sorry that we

could not visit all our supporting churches during our two months back, but are grateful for our time in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and New York. As we thought and said many times while back in the U.S., we certainly could not do what we are doing here were it not for your prayers and faithful support. Thank you!

#### THE LORD'S PROVISION OF A MINIBUS

Many of you know we have been praying since the opening of the church plant for a quality, used minibus with which to transport young people to and from the church for various ministries. We searched listings for some months but all the prospects seemed to fall through. We were still lacking some funds but prayed the Lord might bring them in His time. In February, through the Lord's gracious provision and the giving of His people, we were able to purchase the chapel's first minibus, which has been in use every week since! Thank you for praying with us in this! We rejoice in the Lord's timely answer.

#### YOUTH RALLY & SUNDAY SCHOOL

It has been special to see a number of new faces in our youth ministries and we give thanks that all of our recent visitors are not, to our knowledge, from Christian backgrounds. One boy, twelve years of age, informed us that his visit was his first time in a church! We feel greatly burdened that these young people would be saved and used for the Kingdom, and are praying accordingly. Will you pray with us?

#### PLEASE PRAY...

- *For the salvation of our 15 teenagers (especially Eleanor, Oliver, Nigel, Jacob, Bethany and Lily).*

- *For our minibus to be filled with young people attending Camp Victory this August.*

- *For lost adults who have been attending to be born again (especially Helen, Jeremy and Ruth).*

IN CHRIST, THE HOUSER FAMILY