

The Campbells to Wales

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Upcoming Events

Furlough

Sending Church

Battlefield Baptist Church
4361 Lee Hwy
Warrenton, VA 20187



Junior Summer Camp teaching being led by one of our Bible college graduates, George Green.



Chapel outreach at a summer town fair. Balloon animals and bead bracelets provide an opportunity to share about the chapel and Jesus Christ.

And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.
Acts 14:27

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Update: Stateside

Greetings from somewhere in the United States – we are back in the States for a short **furlough** (3 months). We arrived in early September and we will be returning to Wales in the first week of December. Many ask why we do not stay through Christmas. The simple answer is that as much as we love our family, Christmas is a significant time of outreach, ministry and fellowship. We have taken a bit of time on the front end of this furlough to visit with our children and grandchildren. We will also be spending Thanksgiving with them prior to returning. The previous 2 months were dominated by our summer camp and preparing to be gone for 3 months.

Though we only had one young person go to **summer camp** this year, he received Jesus as his Saviour! Due to his age, I will not use his name, but he is one of our student helpers for Fantastic

Fridays! This young man has been asking all the right questions and was processing the answers we gave him over the past year or so. I was working in junior camp while he was in senior camp. I will always remember that moment when one of the teen counselors came up to me and said “(Name) has something he wants to tell you.” Made the whole camp for me. He is excited to learn more but most of all he wants his friends to know the Lord! This is the value of summer camps! He roomed with the son of another missionary – they are going to read through the Bible together over this coming year, though that missionary lives in England (finally, a good use for the internet!).

The town held an event called “**Party in the Park**” the Saturday after camp. We had 4 adults in our congregation come along with Mary and I to give out

Staffing our absence ...

Furlough is one of the most challenging times for missionaries with regards to keeping the ministries of the chapel moving ahead. I am grateful to missionary Kevin Pine/England who lives just close enough to cover the pulpit on Sundays along with a young man who is praying about taking over Bethel (more in next newsletter). It is not unusual that Mary and I lead most ministries –

not because we want to but because most of our congregation are not willing to make that commitment (same as in the States). I broke down the various ministries into pieces and was blessed that, with some recently joined members, we have been able to cover all ministry areas except for Fantastic Fridays. Amen! One of our men even agreed to bring a sermon



information on the chapel and invite people to come to one of our ministries (children's programmes, in particular). The helpers had not seen this before and were worried that we would not get people to our table. I inflated a modelling balloon, twisted it to make a loud squeak and every child's head in a 50 ft radius turned toward us. We gave away more than 200 balloon animals and went through a lot of bracelet making supplies over the next 4 hours without taking a break. This is a great outreach tool as while I am making the animal or sword (only 2 I can make), I am talking to the parents, asking them their church background, sharing about our chapel and inviting them out to services. We have had one young couple visit the chapel already from this outreach. The 4 that came all want to do this again, seeing how effective it was.

(with some remote guidance) and another has offered to be our chapel warden (takes care of building). Even our nursing home ministry and Bible study are being continued in our absence. This has been a big time of growth for the chapel as they better understand that faith is not a spectator sport – it requires their participation. We have been gone 3 weeks and so far things are looking good.