

We do apologize for a lengthier than usual gap between our update letters. We spent several weeks last Autumn travelling in the USA visiting our families in Virginia and Texas and also visiting as many of our supporting churches as our schedule would allow. Upon our return to the UK, we faced some personal problems such as a car theft and house break-in and have been very busy dealing with those issues as well as catching up on pastoral work in the church and lots of administrative work in the overall ministry. As a result, we have forgotten to write a quarterly update last Autumn.

That being said, we are continuing to know the Lord's blessing here in the UK and have been greatly encouraged, particularly in our church, over the past few months. We would like to share a few of these praises with you and hope you will be encouraged to keep praying earnestly for us!

## **Continued Church Growth**

Over the past three months, we've seen so many blessings at East Birmingham Baptist Chapel that it would be difficult to mention them all. It's been amazing to see all of the people God has been bringing into the church! We are constantly reminded of the promise of Christ, "I will build MY church." Since October, we've seen backslidden members returning, recently-saved addicts attending faithfully, strong Christian families joining, and a variety of people from various backgrounds all gathering aroung the Word

of God in our church. We held a Holiday Bible Club at the end of October and had record attendance! Several new children were brought into the club and have been attending Sunday School since then! Also, some new converts have expressed a desire to follow the Lord in baptism and we have scheduled a Baptism service for the first Sunday of March. We are concerned about space for this service, as it will need to be held in our older, smaller building, and we have been filling nearly every chair in our newer, larger building recently! Please pray for the two older gentlemen, Willie and Peter, who will be baptised, and also for our oldest child, Ruth, who also would like to be baptised. Also, please pray that our current building, which we are renting form another Christian charity, might become avaailable for us to own as a permenant church home. We have included some photos below of recent services, including out 7th Anniverary service, Christmas service, and Holiday Bible Clubs.









## New church plants starting!

Please pray for two new church-planting works that will soon commence from our ministry. One of them will be in Builth Wells, a town in central Wales where we have been given a beautful disused chapel right in the centre of town. There are a few Christian families who live in this town and have been driving over an hour to church every week but have been praying for a church to be planted in their town. We believe this is a wonderful answer to their prayer and we hope you will pray for this new work!

The other new work will be in the city of Liverpool, across town from another of our church-plants, Breck Road Baptist Church. We have been given another disused chapel in our of the roughest areas of that city, and the Breck Road Baptist Church is soon to commence regular Gospel meetings and children's clubs in that building with the hopes of seeing it planted as another church in a needy area! This is very similar to how our church was planted when Beeches Road Baptist Chapel sent us to run a mission in East Birmigham that grew into our church-plant. We believe this is a biblical pattern to follow: churches planting more churches. Please pray earnestly for both of these new works, and pray that labourers would be raised up to evenutally take and pastor these church-plants!





## **Prayer Requests:**

- · Labourers for new church-plants
- · Wisdom about future new works
- Provision of a permenant home for our church









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