



DEAR PASTORS AND PRAYING FRIENDS,

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

We do apologise for the delay in sending this update—but we are so grateful to bring many good reports of the Lord’s marvellous works, which we have been privileged to witness, from the last several, busy months. Thank you so very much for praying—we truly believe the Lord is answering your prayers in ways we couldn’t have imagined and we are thrilled to see His hand plainly at work here.

“NOW UNTO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US...” *Ephesians 3.20*

In a prayer meeting a few months back, we asked the Lord to show us things we never thought we’d see as we labour for Him. We can honestly say that these last several months have been brim-full of blessings we could have not have anticipated, but we give God thanks for the way that He has undertaken and truly done “exceeding abundantly above” what we could have asked or thought.

CHARTERING SERVICE

Since the start of the year, we have sensed the Lord leading us to form an official membership and charter/ constitute the local assembly at Jarvis Brook. We prayed for the Lord’s clear leading in these matters and on 28 September, the Lord brought 8 members together to sign the charter. It was a joyful occasion as we reflected back on how the Lord preserved the chapel since it had been closed for 4 years and allowed it to reopen for His work, and now has brought in several faithful believers to form a church body. Many Christians from across the country joined us for the glad service and we are thankful to now weekly meet as an official membership.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

We were very excited about Holiday Bible Club this autumn since we sadly weren’t able to have one in the spring due to the timing of our return to the

States. We were praying that the Lord might use this special event to build the Sunday School and that He would bring in 20 children by the end of the week—and thought even this would be something spectacular. We were bowled away when by the final day, the Lord had brought in nearly 50 children. It was so humbling to see the Lord answer prayer so plainly before our eyes and bring in many new children, who were then bringing friends as the club continued throughout the week. The vast majority of these children are from backgrounds without the Lord. It was a real highlight this year for us and our church people and we give thanks the Lord that His Word went out to so many local children and, we trust, will not return void.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Since our Harvest Sunday in mid-October, we have seen numerous visitors come into the meetings each week, some for just one service and others returning more regularly. Nearly 1000 Gospel invitations were distributed for our Christmas Carol Service and we prayed that the Lord would use it to bring all these visitors once again, and more, to hear His Word. We give thanks to God for nearly 60 in attendance at the service—including several neighbours we have invited to services many times but had not yet come. We were pleased a few days after the service to speak with one of these neighbours who had questions about what was shared in the service and had even discussed it with another neighbour who had been in attendance. These are the Lord’s works—and they are marvellous in our eyes!

PLEASE PRAY...

- For the children who heard the Gospel at Holiday Bible Club and many who have now joined our Sunday School to be saved.

- For the salvation of the many visitors who heard the Gospel this autumn and in the Christmas season.

IN CHRIST, THE HOUSER FAMILY