

20TH

Acts 5:12-42

BOTSWANA Pop. 1.9 Mil. UK 9 Francistown

On Sunday we heard that Patience, a young lady who has attended the meetings in Francistown for some months, trusted the Lord recently. In October, following the short series of Gospel meetings, the mother of twin girls, one of whom is in fellowship and the other to be received soon, also made a profession of faith in Christ. Naledi, a young sister, has asked to be baptised. On Sunday 15th the Block 6 Sunday School was combined with the assembly Sunday School at the hall. A good number of children, parents and believers were there and John spoke as requested. Please pray for blessing.

C. 1999 (3) December 2015 JOHN/ONTY BANDY

21ST

Acts 6

NEPAL Pop. 30 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

Our first night of meetings was not promising: the hall was only half filled. The believers went to prayer and numbers improved. On the 3rd night Sanjana, a drug addict and alcoholic, was crying bitterly. Two days later she trusted the Lord. Maya Rai, converted to Christianity while working in Hong Kong but had no idea of what it means to be a Christian. As she attended her confusion increased when she learned that salvation is through faith in Christ and she wondered 'where she stood'. A few nights later she, too, trusted the Lord Jesus at 8 am. At 4 pm she came to tell her "story of salvation".

10/1/16 CHARLES DAVIDSON (N Ireland)

22ND

Acts 7:1-29

NEPAL Pop. 30 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

I have just received an update from Tikaram telling of 3 girls, Susmita, Yarusa and Phibi, and a boy, Sujan, all from Pachis Bigey have professed faith in the Lord. Others showed interest and need your prayers.

13/1/2016 CHARLES DAVIDSON (N Ireland)

23RD

Acts 7:30 to 8:4

BRAZIL Pop. 200 Mil. UK 40 Porto Alegre

The gospel meetings which Lindsay Carswell and I had at Alvorada continued for 7 weeks and several professed to be saved. On Friday these believers are to be baptised in Fatima. Two are about 60 years of age and the other is a lad of 16. Last month two were baptised in Porto Alegre, 1 in Itati and another in connection with the assembly in Novo Hamburgo. Prayer for them and further blessing is appreciated.

C. 1952/58 December 2015 HARRY/BETH WILSON

24TH

Acts 8:5-40

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lutsk

The assembly continues to grow. Please continue to pray for Sasha and Olgo and their 2 children, refugees from the East. Olga was saved in June, Sasha shows interest and has many questions. Ira professed to be saved in August and was baptised in December. Another 2 refugees are attending- Tanya professes to be saved but we are not sure about her blind son Daniel. Our biggest meeting in 2015 was when we addressed 1,275 young people and 156 teachers and hundreds of parents and visitors. Please pray for them.

C. 1993 December 2015 TIMOTHY/RHODA SLOAN

25TH

Acts 9:1-31

BRAZIL Pop. 200 Mil. UK 40 Novo Hamburgo

We have just finished 4 weeks of gospel meetings held in a poor area where some young brethren had been visiting for leaflet distribution. There seemed to be an interest and inquiries were made about the use of the "village hall", which we rented for meetings. Throughout the 4 weeks we had people from the area attending and good support from the believers. We were assured that we can have the use of the hall again. Please pray that the Lord will bless the seed sown and that we will be guided as to when would be a good time to have further meetings.

C. 1967 December 2015 TOM/DOROTHY MATTHEWS

26TH

Acts 9:32-43

EASTERN EUROPE Writing from Scotland

Romania – we visited the Hungarian assemblies in Tigu Mures and district and were encouraged to see the brothers in the newly planted assembly at Glodeni take their responsibilities seriously. The assembly in Tigu Mures started with 2 in fellowship, now there are over 40. Also, gospel meetings were arranged to which a good number of unbelievers came, some hearing the gospel, for the first time. Together with work at Borsc they expect to baptise 6 new believers. Please pray for these isolated believers and their work.

11/1/16 MITCHELL/HELEN CARGILL

27TH

Acts 10:1-23

REPUBLIC of IRELAND Pop. 4.6 Mil. UK 16 Dublin

The Saturday night youth work continues every alternate week with my son, Derek, taking responsibility. Numbers remain encouraging and a lot of those attending profess to be saved. Please pray for them as they find it tough to live for the Lord in their homes and schools. Also please pray for the Sunday School work, which is small and quite discouraging.

C. 1966 23/12/15 JEAN McALISTER

28TH

Acts 10:24-48

TANZANIA Pop. 46 Mil. UK 6 Moshi

On a visit to the 3rd largest secondary school in Tanzania I addressed around 600 students: it was a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel for about 40 minutes. I have also attended 3 graduations, lovely times at which many students have told of their personal faith in the Lord. Through October/November I was able to get 160 Bibles into the hands of students. Please pray that these students will grow spiritually and that many more will trust the Saviour, and for a young Muslim boy I met in Moshi. I gave him a NT and some gospel literature.

C. 1964 December 2015 RON/MARIA CUNNINGHAM

29TH

Psalm 19:7

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Hatton

Previously I wrote of some Hindu men who attacked my home. Some attended a gospel meeting at which Phil Coulson (Scotland) addressed over 200 people. After that they started attending our meetings with the intention of disrupting them. Wondrously, God has intervened and they now attend regularly and listen in silence: what a change! Please pray that they will trust the Lord. We have started a work in Samagi Mawatha, a distant area from here. Please pray for a couple and their young son who are attending.

C. (Sri Lanka) 6/1/16 SUPPIAH SIVAKUMAR

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Colossians 3.23

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**LOOK ON THE FIELDS****ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

With Daily Scripture Readings

1ST

Matthew 22:15-46

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

We were encouraged to return to Baudureliya for 3 nights in the gospel, the third time in 6 months that gospel meetings had been held there. 14 of those who were saved in June have now been baptised. To see all attend each night and bringing other members of their families was a blessing. Please remember them in your prayers, especially since there is no assembly there, as yet. They gather under a roof with no walls and up to 100 attend for the preaching of the Word on Sundays. Ajith Peiris from Colombo keeps in touch and visits twice a month.

15/12/15 CHARLES DAVIDSON (N Ireland)

2ND

Matthew 23

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

The biggest meeting is always the Sunday School prize giving. Over time it has got bigger, and this time was no exception. It is not just the numbers that encourage, but the growing knowledge and understanding of Bible stories and the number of Bible verses that they can quote. Two bus loads came from Kuennigla and another bus from Badreyle, which meant that many had another opportunity to hear the gospel. We leave them with the Lord who is not willing that any should perish.

15/12/15 CHARLES DAVIDSON (N Ireland)

3RD

Matthew 24:1-28

NEPAL Pop. 30 Mil. Kaski

Last month 31 of us took the gospel to 2 villages. The response was very good with 145 attending. For some it was the first time they heard the Gospel. Please pray for them and also for a village which a brother from here visits to conduct short Bible courses. Please pray for his wife and 3-children's salvation.

C. (India) 8/1/16 MATHEW PHILIP

4TH

Matthew 24:29-51

BRAZIL Pop. 200 Mil. UK 40 Ibate

Please pray for Leandro and Maresa, a young couple that were baptised and received into fellowship this year. He is very outgoing and has already brought friends to hear the gospel. Maresa's family is very RC, but we were pleased to see her mother and relatives attend her baptism. This week we plan distributing some calendars. Please pray this effort will result in some attending the meetings and in the salvation of souls. Remember also Sr. Vitor, he has been attending meetings; he can't see that good works will not save him. C. 1998 (Brazil) (2) December 2015 MARCO/JANICE GEBARA

5TH

Matthew 25:1-30

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 52 Mil. UK 7 Bellville

Please pray for those with whom we have had opportunity to give personal witness - for **Martin** who requested a visit: for **Terence** is suffering from brain cancer. We do not believe he is born again. Rodney had a good opportunity to talk to him and hopes to go again soon: for **Henry** who had no understanding of the gospel when Rodney asked him if he was born again. Now, after having the gospel explained on a few occasions, he has told us that he has trusted the Saviour. C. 2001 (6) December 2015 RODNEY/JOY BROWN

6TH

Matthew 25:31 to 26:2

ARGENTINA Pop. 42 Mil. UK 6 Oran

Presently it is intensely hot (in the 40's!). In January the young people have their camp away from the heat of Oran. For many years we were in charge of the camps, but have now stepped down for those younger than us to take over. We have a friend who has a house in the village and we hope to be away from the heat for a few days and to be able to see the young ones enjoy their holiday. Many through the years have come to know the Lord while at camp. Please pray that some will trust the Lord. C. 1963 December 2015 DICK/IRENE ROBERTSON

7TH

Matthew 26:3-30

ANGOLA Pop. 20 Mil. UK 1 Writing from England

We thank God for all planned work completed on our recent trip: the work on the Griffin's house in Biula.; a welded lid made and fixed on the water tank at Camundambala School; the agricultural workshop made secure for the tractor, digger, concrete mixer, allowing them to be left there while we are out of the country; the other workshop cleared for vehicle maintenance and much more. There remains much more to be done. Please pray that we will be guided as to our next visit (dv). C. December 2015 JONATHAN/RUTH SINGLETON

8TH

Matthew 26:31-57

FRANCE Pop. 65 Mil. UK 40 Lyon

The Emmaus courses have picked up and Brigitte, with her mum in intensive care, is rushed off her feet. Please pray for her physical and emotional strength. My studies with Nicolas, Sam and Colin restarted this week. May the Lord help these gifted young men to persevere in serving Him in Lyon. I planned to spend time this month writing a book I started 2 years ago, but can't find the time! C. 1980/84 (4) 7/1/16 DAVID/BRIGITTE SUTHERLAND

9TH

Matthew 26:58-75

REPUBLIC of IRELAND Pop. 4.6 Mil. UK 16 Coothill

Last week the ladies of the assembly organised an outreach. Around 60 ladies attended and the gospel was clearly presented. Also, Christmas services were held in Drum and Smithborough: around 160 attended the one in Drum. Presently I'm distributing 3,000 gospel calendars/tracts/invitations in Coothill and rural areas. February through March we hope to conduct around 50 prize-giving services. Well over 5,000 will hear the message of salvation - please pray for blessing. C. 1992 26/12/15 NOEL/LIZA McMEEKIN

10TH

Matthew 27:1-26

BRAZIL Pop. 200 Mil. UK 40 Writing from N. Ireland

As on previous visits we prepared Portuguese tracts, CD's and calendars for distribution to Brazilian workers in Gort area. The weather was stormy but between showers we visited the housing Estates around the town and the Fisk Slenoid factory: we and the gospel materials were well received. Later we travelled N East to Athleague, to Kepak factory where a number of Portuguese speaking workers are employed. Please pray for the salvation of these dear people. We look forward to revisit Brazil later this year. C. 1968 13/1/16 HARRY/JEAN REID

11TH

Matthew 27:27-44

FRANCE Pop. 65 Mil. UK 40 Nantes

It was good to see some present for the first time at our Christmas outreach programme, in particular the family and friends of a young couple who have been coming along for several months. The young couple have a lot of problems and we are spending time regularly with them. In spite of their difficulties, they invited their friends and family along. Please pray for them and their friends, that we will have further opportunity to share the gospel. Please pray for Rob and Karen, American missionaries, whose 4 year-old daughter, Lucy, has been diagnosed with cancer: she is precious to us all. C. 1985/88 (4) 13/1/16 GERRY/DOROTHY SEED

12TH

Matthew 27:45-66

ZIMBABWE Pop. 16 Mil. UK 7 Bulawayo

For the first time for a few years I have not been able to help our rural believers with seed and fertiliser. As it turns out this seems to have been of the Lord because it looks as though this year will be one of severe drought and the seed and fertiliser would have been a waste. The planting rains, which were due in December failed to arrive and temperatures have been in the 30's for quite a while. Please pray for the poor believers and for the work here. C. 1976 13/1/16 DERYCK/JONES

13TH

Matthew 28

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lviv

We are deeply thankful to God for His protection throughout the last year, both for us and for the assembly in Lviv. We continued our visits to the different orphanages, 4 mountain villages and many personal contacts with the gospel. We distributed 5,000 Gospel Calendars. Please pray that the texts displayed in homes, offices, schools and orphanages will "bear fruit" in salvation, and for the assembly and us as we endeavour to lead and guide the believers in New Testament principles. C. 2010 10/1/16 EDMUND/AGNES JOHNSTON

14TH

Acts 1

JAPAN Pop. 128 Mil. Writing from N Ireland

We have just arrived back in the UK and thank the Lord for His gracious blessing in Japan. In particular, I was delighted to hear about a man who attended a gospel meeting last February when I was there. It seems he was saved on that occasion, and was baptized and added to the assembly in October! It gave me no small encouragement that God blessed our short visit to Japan. Please pray for further blessing. C. 2001 (2) 9/1/16 ELTON/RUTH FAIRFIELD

15TH

Acts 2:1-21

ZAMBIA Pop. 14 Mil. UK 30 Writing from Scotland

Zambian economy continues to struggle for many reasons, not the least of which is the fall in Copper prices. However, it is great to hear of the President asking for national prayer for this and for rain for the growing season: it is great to know that the Lord answered with an overabundance in some places. Being the hot season the folks are cultivating the fields: they go from Monday to Friday, walking up to 3 hours to reach the fields: when there, the believers meet each evening for fellowship and prayer. We are working on a number of tracts to be translated into the Bemba language. C. 1996/74 9/1/16 ROBERT/MARGARET MUIR

16TH

Acts 2:22-47

BOLIVIA Pop. 9.5 Mil. UK 10 Cochabamba

The prison Christmas programme went well. We try to make it happy for the 60 ladies. Mario gave the message, Gail prepared a few games and we set the tables nicely with cups and plates, which they get to keep as a small gift. We gave Bibles to those who had been faithful and given their memory verse each week. We also had a calendar for each. Please pray that many more of those ladies will trust the Lord. After the message at our assembly Christmas outreach 6 people trusted the Lord. Please pray for them and the work. C. 1977 9/1/16 MARIO/HELEN PONCE

17TH

Acts 3

TANZANIA Pop. 46 Mil. UK 6 Dar-es-Salam

At present it is the hottest and most humid that we have experienced. Together with those returning to Class 2 we look forward to welcoming 25 new precious children: fertile ground into which we may sow the good seed of the Word. May we count upon your prayers to water this spiritual work in their hearts? We look to the Lord for the needed strength and grace to continue to serve Him with joy. Please pray for Pendo to return to the fellowship. She left home secretly to make her own way in the world. She has returned after discovering that the world is not a very welcoming place! C. 2002 (2) 8/1/16 STEPHEN/GILL DAVIES

18TH

Acts 4:1-31

FRANCE Pop. 65 Mil. UK 40 Bouc Bel Ai

This year has been encouraging in general and we have seen growth in our work. Several radio stations have been added to the list of those who broadcast our programmes, which now numbers around 60 throughout the French speaking world. Numbers working through the courses, new and old, is as encouraging as ever: many enrol for courses from countries in the French speaking world who have never been in touch before. As to literature, we have added new books and others have been re-edited. C. 1973 December 2015 GRAHAM/ALISON BLACK

19TH

Acts 4:32 to 5:11

MACEDONIA Pop. 2 Mil. UK 6 Bitola

We are thankful for the faithful believers who meet with us in the assembly. We have enjoyed another year of God's grace as we have reached out to different individuals and families. Some showed promise and then stopped coming to the fellowship. Please keep Leon and Svetlana in your prayers. Two of our students are based in Skopje, which means we miss them. The mother of Milena, a student mentioned in former letters, now comes to the assembly: her husband is hostile to their attendance. Please pray for him to have a change of heart. C. 2000 December 2015 OLIVE WILSON