

The VandenHurks

Jonathan, Natalie, and Laura

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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

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BIRTHDAYS

Jonathan, 3rd December
Natalie, 2nd June
Laura, 11th March
Anniversary, 27th July

GOALS

- To glorify God in all we do.
- To follow Christ in evangelism and discipleship.
- To plant / replant New Testament Churches.

Missionaries to the United Kingdom

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years..." Hab 3:2

Isaiah 40:31 is on my heart today, "*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength... They shall run, and not be weary; And they shall walk, and not faint.*" May God grant each of us in our own lane of the race to wait on Him for the renewal and strength here promised. The ministry recently has seen **new beginnings, continuation, and completion.**

New Beginnings:

- It was an honour to take part in **evangelism** with new church plants in **Colchester, Boston, and Bourne**, and we are trying to emphasise these for prayer and practical help. We also visited the Pavitts in **Hartlepool** for a special day of evangelism.

- A former member who moved to another city has a teenage son, **Ovandje**, who grew up in Africa, but moved to England in recent years. He was asking questions about salvation, and came on the train to Peterborough. After the service our coworker Amanda Baker **led him to the Lord.**

- **Harvey** was on holiday a few months ago in Colwyn Bay, Wales, with his fiancé, where he visited a church for the first time. Harvey responded to the Gospel preached by Pastor Leonard James and placed his **faith** in Christ. They are now regularly attenders here in Peterborough. I had the honour to **baptise** Harvey and they are planning their **wedding.**

- **Peter** began attending our church recently. He has been a Christian witness for many years, but I **baptised** him in the river at 71.

- **Hannah** has began attending regularly with her mother in recent months and shared her testimony of trusting Christ years ago. She followed the Lord in **baptism** as well.

- We were honoured to take eight children and six teens to Camp Victory, along with a special friend, Gwyneth Mitten from Florida, who stayed with us in England for three weeks. Three boys in the tent I was in charge

of asked me about salvation, one for assurance & two **placed their faith in Christ.** - We also have had **three Romanian families** join our services in recent months.

Continuation: Thank you to the **two churches** who gave so generously towards our need for a larger facility. While we continue splitting the congregation into two groups, we look to rent a larger facility every once in while. **Masks** are no longer a legal requirement as of 19 July. Natalie and three others have taken turns leading the **Friday ladies studies.** **Sunday School** was consistently well attended even without the minibus. Natalie enjoys helping teach the teens. The teenagers also enjoyed a **hike** in the Peak District and a **football** tournament is planned for next week. I preached at our annual **Men's Breakfast Barbecue** again this year. And we had a special **baby dedication** service for the three babies mentioned before.

Completion: We enjoyed completing another three years of the Monday night **Evening School of the Bible** and had a special **graduation** service for the three who finished all the course.

After many months of difficulties from the virus, may the Lord help us all to **continue** and to pray "*that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God*" (Acts 20:24).

Personal News: Thank you for Natalie's 38th birthday messages and congratulations on our 14th year of marriage. The Lord has been faithful and so good to us.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jonathan, Natalie, & Laura V.
Ephesians 3:20-21



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