

The Vanden Hurks Jonathan, Natalie, and Laura

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
- To follow Christ in evangelism and discipleship.
- To plant / replant New

Testament Churches. the United Kingdom

Lord, revive thy work in the midst of

the years..." Hab 3:2

We are writing from Georgia on our summer furlough. It has already been an honour to visit 14 churches in the last four weeks to say THANK YOU for their prayers, encouragement, and support, or to meet new friends and present our ministry. People have been so kind to us already, including a gentleman in Statham, GA, who bought us two new tires after we had a flat and a missionary to the Netherlands who let us borrow his truck to get to our evening meeting. Thank you especially to Scott and Cassie Caudill who have just arrived in the UK and will be preaching in Peterborough for the next six Sundays. Between Sundays, they will also be looking at some other nearby cities in England that need independent Baptist churches and visiting MWBM missionaries in Wales, Belgium, & Italy.

Since our last letter, we had wonderful Easter evangelism and services, a very blessed time with friends from Bible College in London for outreach and a Gospel meeting during the King's Coronation, and baptism services for four young people at the church and river.

Before this trip, we praise God for the \$74 round trip tickets we found to Israel in celebration of Natalie's 40th birthday, which coincided with the nation's 75th anniversary. It was an interesting week for all three of us. Other praises & prayer requests include:

- A new nephew, Owen, who we met recently. We meet another niece very shortly.
- Natalie finally had an appointment for various symptoms, where the doctor diagnosed possible Crohn's disease. Pray for ongoing tests and diagnosis.
- Natalie's mother Patricia has a fractured and possibly degenerating spine and is in terrible pain with it. We pray it will heal and is not a permanent loss of mobility.
- We said goodbye to two families, the Taylors moving to Australia, and the Prentices, moving to a nearby church in Boston. We praise God for their ministry amongst us and the various next steps they have made with the Lord, from salvation, baptism, baby dedications, and even graduations from our School of the Bible. We will always keep them in prayer.

As we flew eight hours "across the pond" a few weeks ago, I remembered it was ten years ago now that we moved to England in 2013. That trip had been eight days across the Atlantic by ship! The captain had told us we would be passing over the Titanic at night. As I stood alone on deck, I thought of John Harper in his final moments swimming person to person in those icy waters crying, "Are you saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!" I dedicated myself there to use whatever time we would have in England to go person to person with the same message. As we go back at the end of August, may we speak with that same urgency as a dying man to dying men. We know this world is a sinking ship, but we know the way of salvation! God bless you today!

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