



## JARED, JOY & WESLEY KLEMAN

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Winter Ministry Update

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## Dear Praying Friends and Family,

We pray that this letter finds you and yours enjoying the new year and already experiencing God's blessing. Along with encouraging updates with the ministry here, we have an exciting family announcement to share with you (which is the reason for the delay in the sending out of our update until now), as well a very urgent ministry need.

God has truly been working in our family, in Liverpool, in England, and in other parts of Europe, as well. Thank you so much for your faithful giving and praying— these reports are fruit to your account, as well— and we pray this update is a real blessing to you as you read.

### INTRODUCING Wesley Michael Kleman

*12 January 2019 | 1.05 pm | 6 pounds and 7 ounces*

We were thrilled to welcome Wesley into the world, 5 days before his due date. We are grateful for God's protection over him and Joy during the pregnancy and delivery. After nearly 30 hours of labour, our 6 pound 7 ounce Wesley Michael made his entrance at 1.05pm on 12 January 2019— immediately stealing our hearts! We are so very thankful for this little bundle of love that God has given to us and are thankful to all of those who prayed for his safe delivery.

Thank you, as well, to all of those who sent well wishes to us via txt or messenger or email. Also, we are so grateful to those who sent gifts along with Joy's parents (who were able to come for the two weeks following Wesley's birth) or posted packages to us for this occasion. Your thoughtfulness was so meaningful to us and we are truly overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us and to our sweet Wesley.

*"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalm 127v3*

### URGENT MINISTRY NEED: Visa Renewals

It is hard to believe that nearly 3 years has passed since our move to England! We have witnessed God do so many miraculous things and are eager to see what awaits in the future. That being said, it is time for us to begin our visa renewals. Unfortunately, this is costly and time consuming process with much research and paperwork. There is urgency in the matter because we only have until the middle of March to attain the required funds and submit our completed visa renewal applications. The total cost of our particular visa renewals (now including Wesley) comes to a tightly estimated £4,000.00 (\$5,180.20 USD). Would you please help us by:

- 1) Considering giving towards the funds needed to complete this process as we wont be able to apply if all funds are no acquired and
- 2) Praying that we will complete all the paperwork properly and experience a quick approval process without any complications or delays.

### Proud to be an American

At only 3 weeks old Wesley made his first trip to London as we needed to visit the US Embassy to apply for him to be an American citizen and get his US passport. We are so thankful that the trip was very smooth and that his paperwork was swiftly approved! Please pray for his documents to come through the post quickly as it is required for the visa renewal process!

## **Revangelize: Europe**

Jared had the opportunity to go into Europe during the anniversary of Armistice. It was a great privilege for him to walk the battle grounds where many sacrificed their lives for our freedom as well as to give and hear lectures on various Christian military personnel and martyrs of the faith who stood for Christ during perilous times. The group was able to visit 3 countries and see thousands of gospel leaflets distributed and have many gospel-centred conversations. While in Paris a unique opportunity came when 70 world leaders gathered for centenary commemorations of the Armistice to end the Great War. They were able to see the motorcade of President Trump as well as other world leaders. What an incredible opportunity to be in Europe for "such a time as this." Please pray for the gospel seeds planted during this Revangelise trip. Though the Great War is over, may God do a great work in these cities where the battle for souls still rages!

## **Ladies' Christmas Gathering**

This year was our second-annual Ladies' Christmas Gathering. It was such a special evening together as we reached out to ladies in the community—churched and unchurched. Our friend Julianna Morlan (serving in Oxford, England) gave a lovely gospel talk and challenged the women to receive the True Gift of Christmas. Several ladies from the English Classes came, several Sunday School mums came, and even our new neighbour came out for the evening, bringing a friend along with her! We praise the Lord for opportunities such as this one to plant seeds of the gospel and to share the love of Christ. One lady (a new acquaintance who had heard about the Ladies' Gathering on FaceBook) left in tears saying that her husband had just passed away and she was not sure if she would get a full Christmas dinner this year or not. She was touched that we served a full Christmas dinner that evening and would open the church doors and our hearts to her at this time. What a blessing! Another encouragement was the great group of men who came out to help serve the food and wait the tables. They worked so hard and it was lovely to see the happiness on their faces as they all worked together with Jared to make the evening a great success for the women. Please pray for the ladies who heard the gospel that evening and for the relationships that are being formed.

## **Sunday School Christmas Fellowship**

The young people of the Sunday School & Sword Club enjoyed an end-of-the-year Christmas fellowship and programme practice this on the Saturday before the Carol Service. What an incredible blessing to see nearly every faithful Sunday School young person in attendance! The room was at max capacity. It was also very encouraging to see some of the people who attend the church come out to help set up and serve and clean up. It's such a joy to see God beginning to knit people together in and for His service.

**Weekly Bus Hire** } We praise the Lord for how He has blessed the children's ministry at Breck Road! With the growth in the Sunday School and Sword Club, however, we are in desperate need of hiring a third minibus each weekend to allow us to transport all of the young people to and from the church. We are not in the position to purchase one at this time due to insurance costs and other variables, but we are in dire need of having another means to get the young people to and from the church. Thankfully, God has led us to a minibus charity that has offered to give us a discounted rate of £80.00 per weekend (\$106.00 USD). Please help us pray that we can attain these funds each week in order to continue bringing in the young people who desire to attend the Sunday School and Sword Club.

## **Christmas Carol Service**

The Christmas Carol Service this year was a very busy day as the Sunday School has grown over the Autumn. Using three minibuses (two ours, one hired) we transported nearly all of the young people of the Sunday School to the morning service. They were so excited to be singing that several were already dressed and outside their doors waiting on the bus when the lifts came around! They all did a fantastic job singing hymns and quoting Scripture by memory—it was a huge encouragement to hear. Following the service we served minced pies and tea and it was amazing to see how many adults lingered to fellowship with one another. Usually it feels as though they rush off quickly, but on this day they all stayed for nearly an hour after the service talking and laughing and building friendships. It was such an encouragement to see! We rejoice in God's great blessing on this special day.

## **Winter Youth Rally**

The Winter Youth Rally was great fun. All those who have been faithful to attend the Youth Rally and/or Sunday School were able to come to the church for a Bible message and time of hymn singing before went on a special ice skating activity. What a blessing to even have one of the young peoples' family sponsor hot chocolate and cookies for everyone! Please help us pray now for what God will do through the Youth Rally in 2019 and in the lives of these sweet young people.

## **Men's Breakfast**

What a lovely final monthly Men's Breakfast for 2018. 14 men from the community and all walks of life enjoyed great food, great fellowship, and a stirring testimony at the end. It has been a blessing to see how God has used the Men's Breakfast each month to encourage men in the community, those who are Christians and those who do not profess Christ. This ministry has proven to be a great gospel tool. We look forward to starting back the Men's Breakfast in the new year and seeing how God will use it in the lives of those who attend!

## English Classes Christmas Party

We enjoyed a sweet time together at the English Class Christmas party with mince pies, a Candy Cane culture lesson, a Nativity vocabulary quiz, a reading lesson on Luke 2, and a fun game of “wrapping” the best gift (a person) as a team! God has truly blessed the English Classes this semester— allowing us to minister to people from countries like Africa, China, Brazil, Poland, and several others! Sharing the true meaning of Christmas was very special.

We were so pleased to see over 20 students return to the English Class in January when they started back up! Just the other Sunday one of the beginner students even attended the Sunday evening service and brought along her husband. What an answer to prayer!

## Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for the annual Winter Retreat that is coming up 11 to 15 February. This is a time when people from all across the United Kingdom come apart for a week of Spiritual refreshment and Christian fellowship.

2. Please pray for the Lord to raise up more labourers for His harvest, specifically here, in England. There is much gospel work that needs to be done!

3. Please pray for a Muslim family that has recently started attending our church. They are genuinely searching for peace and are not satisfied with Islam. It is unique opportunity and we are grateful God has allowed our paths to cross. Please pray for their clear understanding of the gospel as a language barrier is somewhat of a challenge, especially with the husband.

4. Please pray for our visa renewal process, the funds needed, and Wesley's paperwork to arrive on time!

5. Please pray for the needed funding each week for the third min-bus hire for the Sunday School and Sword Club.

**Pictured below is Wesley at the US Embassy in London, the Men's Breakfast, the Ladies' Christmas Gathering and Sunday School.**



**Pictured above is Wesley being introduced to Sword Club and Joy teaching in the English Class.**