

THE KLEMAN FAMILY

REDEEMING THE TIME • WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME



Joy took this picture of the city of Liverpool

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Dear Praying Friends and Family,

Thank you so much to all of those who have prayed with us concerning the opening of the new church plant of Breck Road Baptist Church in Liverpool, England! So much has happened and God has already been blessing! We are thrilled to share these things with you and trust that you, too, will be encouraged by God's work moving forward.

WINTER RETREAT | In February, we had the opportunity to help, organise, and attend the annual Winter Retreat of the Crown Christian Heritage Trust. Throughout the week several sessions were held to encourage Christians in their walk with the Lord and allow opportunity for many to share how God has worked in their lives since the retreat the previous year. This was such a great week! Many new people attended this year, which was a real blessing, and it was wonderful to see so many younger adults with a desire to see the work of the Lord go forward in England! During the retreat, one young man made a profession of faith and another felt the Lord was leading him into the ministry full time! What an encouragement! After the retreat, there was a work day in Liverpool at the church plant. Nearly 30 people came to the church and helped with the various projects in preparation for the open day. We are so thankful for all their help in seeing this work reopened.

BRECK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH | For several weeks leading up to the opening day there was an outpouring of encouragement for all that God is doing in Liverpool. Not only have friends from America sent kind messages and text messages and calls of excitement, but people from across England came to different work days for painting, gardening, and cleaning the building. There was also a huge outreach day where people from the church plants in Blackheath, Birmingham, Oxford, and Brighton, as well as others, came to assist with door-knocking and leafleting around the church, as well as doing open-air (street preaching and leafleting) in the city-centre! As a result, close to 5,000 Gospel Tracts were distributed! Saturday, 18 March was the dedication service and official opening day of Breck Road Baptist Church. It was such a lovely, surreal day! Almost 250 people attended from England and Northern Ireland, as well as the academy students from our home church, Temple Baptist Church in Powell, Tennessee, and those from Crown College, who are training at Crown Hall this semester in England. Pastor James Zenker did a wonderful job leading the service, which made it a special day for us. Our Pastor, Clarence Sexton, was unable to attend in person, as originally planned, but he was able to join us via FaceTime so that was encouraging! The former pastor of the building, before it closed, was at the service that day and a baton was passed from him to Jared to symbolise the work going forward from one generation to the next. After the service, we walked to a park about 5 minutes down the road, where there is a gorgeous overlook to the city of Liverpool, and had a special time of prayer. After this phenomenal, enjoyable, exhausting day, we reflected on the 6 years that God has been orchestrating the details of this great door of opportunity. Once more our hearts were truly amazed at His providence and guiding— what a mighty God we serve! Now, six weeks into the church plant, 24 people from Liverpool attend the Sunday Morning service just last week! What a blessing.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you so much for praying for the funds needed for many of the projects that needed to be completed before the opening of Breck Road Baptist Church! God allowed so many of YOU to be such a blessing to the work here. We praise the Lord for His provision and are truly encouraged by the generosity you have shown through giving so sacrificially. Thank you for being used of the Lord to help in the beginning of this new opportunity for the Gospel to go forth in Liverpool through Breck Road Baptist Church!

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | We have met several people from the community near the church who have been very favourable of the church opening, especially the children's ministry. We began a Youth Bible Club on the Friday after the opening day and had two children and their dad come! The next week two more children and their mum came, as well as a teenage girl! For the past few weeks now we have had seven (including two parents who stay during the whole club) come to the Bible Club!

On Easter Sunday, we began the Sunday School at Breck Road Baptist Church and saw a sweet girl come. The following week was our first-ever Holiday Bible Club (Vacation Bible School). Throughout the week God gave us great favour in the community and over the three days, 8 children came! As a result, on that next Sunday, we held an awards ceremony and most of the children came with either their parents, grandparents, or friends. That day God brought in 24 people from Liverpool, 18 of them being first-time Sunday morning visitors! What a blessing! It is such a joy to see God blessing the door-to-door visitation efforts. That afternoon was the second Sunday School week and the same children returned, one with a friend, giving us 8 precious little ones with whom to share God's Word! What an amazing answer to prayer and honour! Please help us pray for the Lord to bring in more children from the community and for the Gospel to begin to work in their lives.

ENGLISH CLASSES | God has blessed us with two students so far for the English classes. One lady is from Iran and the other from Costa Rica. Joy was particularly thrilled about meeting Maria, from Costa Rica, as she lived there when she was a little girl. Joy could speak with Maria in Spanish and was truly encouraged that the Lord would bring someone from Costa Rica (in Central America) to our class all the way in the North of England! Please pray for these ladies as they have opportunity to hear the Gospel each week through the English lessons.

D1 LICENSE UNDERWAY! | Another way God has answered our prayers recently was through the financial assistance towards our D1 Minibus License. One of our supporting churches graciously gave the needed funding towards our process of obtaining this special license that is required for us to be able to legally drive children to Sunday School and other events in a minibus (15+ seats). We have completed step 1 of this process and have already begun steps 2 and 3. Please pray for us as we go through the tedious testing for this special license in just a few days!

WE'RE MOVING! | For the past several months we have been driving from our home outside of Birmingham up to Liverpool (2-3-hour drive depending on traffic and road works) on the weekends. As you can imagine, this is quite the undertaking to do every week. Just recently, however, the Lord has opened the door for us to find a home in Liverpool to rent- just 13 minutes away from the church! All the paperwork was finalised just this past week and, Lord-willing, we will be moving the second week of May. We will update you on our new address once we are officially settled in and able to receive mail at that location.
