

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 Family and Friends,

We hope this update finds each of you doing well, in good health, and trusting God for great things in 2017. Some **big things** have happened since our last update, so we are quite eager to share with you how God has been leading in our lives and ministry here, in England. The question is, where to start? Let's go back a few years...

In the Spring of 2010 God allowed me to come to England through an internship programme at Crown College of the Bible in Powell, Tennessee. I was able to spend four months here, during which I stayed three days in the city of Liverpool. It was after my time in this city that God began to greatly impress England, specifically Liverpool, on my heart. During a conference at our home church, Temple Baptist Church, I surrendered my life to the Lord's work in England, praying for Liverpool and always desiring to see an open door there.

Fast forward to today! It's been nearly **one year** since our move across the pond, **seven years** since my initial visit to England. God has taught Joy and me so much while we have had the opportunity to minister and learn under missionary James Zenker while stationed at Beeches Road Baptist Chapel in Birmingham, England. However, we continued, along side the other church-planting missionaries here, to pray for the North of England, especially the city of Liverpool.

Little did we know how God was going to answer our prayers! Just in the past few months Pastor Zenker was contacted by a man in Liverpool who was in possession of a church building. He asked if there was anyone who would be willing to minister in this particular building and see a ministry started. He said he is getting older and was afraid it would be turned into a mosque (as many closed churches here do). After much prayer and God's miraculous working, Joy and I were asked to pray about pioneering this unique church-planting opportunity. Needless to say, after having been praying all this time, **we knew this was of the Lord!**

It is so thrilling to see God answer these prayers in such a way and open this amazing door of opportunity! We are now moving full-steam-ahead and are excited about the opening service on **Saturday, 18 March at 3.00 PM.**

In addition to this exciting news, we also received word that our dear Pastor and his wife, Mrs. Sexton, will be able to come over (Lord-willing) to England to share in this very special opening day! What an encouraging thing this is because, had our Pastor not have had a burden for England and started the work here, I would not have had the opportunity to come over as a student, which **impacted my life forever**. To see God work out the details and allow our Pastor to be here for this special day is such a sweet blessing.

Please pray for us as we sort out the many details of beginning this new church-plant work and prepare to make the move up to the north of England within the next several weeks. Naturally, as with any pioneering church-plant, there are **several** immediate needs that will need to be met before the opening day. We ask that you please pray with us for God to provide the much-needed funding and materials to fix-up the building (as it needs several cosmetic repairs/updates) in order to have it ready for 18 March.

We are **trusting** God for wisdom and provision in this **BIG STEP of faith moving forward**; and **praising** Him, also, for this **phenomenal answer to prayer!**

**We also thank each of you for praying and giving to our ministry so faithfully.
We know that we would not be here, soon to be reaching the people of Liverpool
with the Gospel, if you were not faithful to the Lord's work there.
We are so blessed to be a part of your missionary family.**



THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR US!

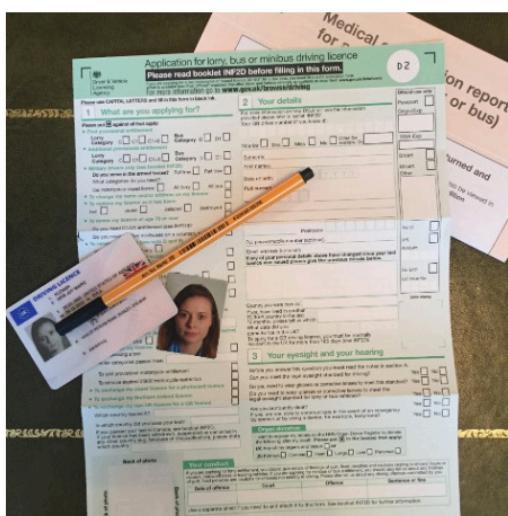
In December we both **passed** our British Driving Licence test on the **first try** (which isn't always the case for England) and are official UK driver's Licence holders!



The ESOL classes have started back for 2017 and this is one of the classes that Joy has helped in, located at a library in a predominately Muslim area in Birmingham. We praise the Lord that 21 students on this day heard the Bible taught through the reading lessons!



The Christmas Carol Service at Beeches Road Baptist Chapel was an AMAZING Sunday afternoon of Christmas Songs (Joy played the piano), the Sunday School Children's Christmas Programme, and mince pies and tea after.



We have started the tedious application process for our D1 licence, which will enable us to drive more than 7 people. Please pray we can get the appropriate documents and finances needed to move forward with the three different testing stages before moving to Liverpool. Picking up people for Sunday School and church is dependent on receiving this licence.



Jared's 'world famous' snowman Oreo balls (which won a first place, blue ribbon in a cookie contest in Christmas 2015) on display at the Crown Hall Christmas Party. Out of the 150 made, about 7 were left after the party! (haha)



We are thankful for our first Christmas here! This sweet family invited us into their home for a traditional (and quite yummy), English, Christmas Sunday Dinner. They even sent us home with a bag of goodies after!



God has been blessing the Sunday School at Beeches Road in a great way. Even in the bitter-cold, winter temperatures, many children have still been coming out each week to Sunday School and Tuesday Sword Club! Praise the Lord!

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