



Dear Praying Friends and Family,

Happy new year! We trust that God blessed each of you with a lovely Christmas season and that you have entered into this new year with a renewed desire to see the work of the Lord go forward throughout the world! God has been doing some amazing things here, in England, and we are eager to tell you about the many answers to prayer– your prayers– that we have been privileged to witness.

Another Year is Dawning by Frances R. Havergal
*Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise, Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace, Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast; Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service, of witness for Thy love, Another year of training for holier work above;
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.*

Breck Road Baptist Church

What a blessing to see how God is bringing in more people to Breck Road Baptist Church. Each Sunday in the

services, the ages of persons attending range from 2 years old to a couple in their 70's; representing at least 5 countries (sometimes more)! A nucleus of people is starting to form and we are beginning to have 'regular attendees,' which is such an encouragement! We are enjoying the blessings of ministering to and growing these relationships on a weekly basis.

We held a church work day one Saturday in November and it was amazing to have **several people who attend regularly come out to help work on the property**— doing tasks from scrubbing toilets to cleaning the kitchen to gardening outside. Some of the teenagers even came along and were a tremendous help! Please help us pray for several of the adults who are attending the services faithfully, but are not professing Christians.



Distributing various tasks at the church work day.



Dusting and cleaning windows!



The kitchen cleaning team. Zoe (the teenage girl pictured left) was the first young person to ever attend the Sunday School.



Cleaning up behind the church.

A Friend from Mongolia

In our last ministry update we asked prayer for a university student Joy met in the open-air called Sheena. She is from inner Mongolia and had met Joy for coffee before the Christmas season, expressing an interest in knowing more about the Bible and maybe even coming to church sometime. All December Joy kept in contact with her, encouraging her to attend one of the special events at the church or one of the services. Just the other Sunday **Sheena agreed to have to Joy pick her up for the Sunday morning service!** That was her first time being at a church or church service anywhere, ever before. She listened intently to the gospel message, following along in a Bible that Joy had given to her. We are so thankful that she has expressed

further interest in, not only coming back to the services, but possibly even attending the English classes on Friday! Praise the Lord for this open door.



We were so excited to see some snow in December...Not quite as impressive as what the US got this winter, but we'll take what we can get!
Ha!



Each Sunday evening, after the service, we have a time of fellowship with a cup of hot tea and biscuits (cookies). This was taken during one of those times over Christmas.

New Life in Christ

Nearly every Friday Jared has been able to meet with a man for a Bible study. We met him in the city centre during an open-air meeting. He started coming to the church last summer, during the 3-day Revangelise: Gospel Mission, and has been attending faithfully ever since. One Friday, Jared went to his home for a visit and the man explained that he had been broken over his sin for some time now and knew that He needed Jesus Christ's forgiveness. That morning, after Jared showed him several passages from the Bible concerning salvation, **the man repented of his sins and made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour!** What an answer to prayer! It has been a joy to see fruit begin to grow in his life since this time. He is a former professional musician and nearly every Sunday evening asks Joy to make copies of the hymns from that service so he can go home and play them for himself. So far, one of his favourite hymns is 'At Calvary:'

**Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died,
On Calvary.
Mercy there was great, and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty,
At Calvary.**

It is amazing how the simple, yet profound, hymns of the faith can speak so tenderly, yet powerfully, to the heart of even a professional musician, by today's standard! He also came along to help serve at the Ladies' Christmas Gathering, which was a great help to us and a fun time of fellowship for him. Please keep Sid in your prayers as he continues to grow in his new life in Christ.

Ladies' Christmas Gathering

In December we held a Ladies' Christmas Gathering (inspired by the one hosted each year at our home church, Temple Baptist in Powell, Tennessee) where we encouraged the women attending the church, the English classes, and the mothers of our Sunday School children to come out for a nice dinner and evening of fellowship. What an incredible blessing to have so many women attend this gospel-centred Christmas event! It is easy to say that 85% of the women there that evening would not be professing Christians nor would they agree to be attending church regularly anywhere. Along with those from Liverpool and Oxford, there were **women from Morocco, Spain, Syria, Romania, Italy, the Congo, Sri Lanka, and Burma**. A professing Muslim lady from the English classes even came! What a truly amazing gospel opportunity! Julianna Morlan (our friend and the Missionary/Pastor's wife from Oxford Baptist Chapel in Oxford) was the special speaker and shared a wonderful Christmas-centred talk on 'The Greatest Gift.' There was laughter, smiles on all faces, and our hearts were overflowing with amazement as we watched God bring in lady after lady; many of whom we had been specifically praying would come. One of the women who attended (originally from Morocco) said that it was truly amazing to have such a welcome for people from all places and walks of life. She told Joy that she has never before been in a church where she felt that and it was so unusual. She asked what it was and Joy was able to tell her it was the love of Christ and clearly give the gospel. Please, please pray for the gospel seeds that were planted through this special evening. We are still in contact with many of the women who came and are praying for God to do a mighty work.



Joy speaking to the women at the Ladies' Christmas Gathering.



Julianna Morlan sharing a Christmas talk on 'The Greatest Gift.'



These men helped in an extraordinary way during the Ladies' Christmas Gathering! Thanks to them the food was cooked, served, and even cleaned up! AMAZING! This was taken after all was said and done; hence some of the casual attire, tired smiles, and Christmas crown on Josiah's head. Ha!

Pictured left to right: Garrett, Sid, Josiah, David, Jared

Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol service was a tremendous encouragement! A great group of young people in the Sunday School presented a special Christmas Programme singing 6 different hymns and some of the teenage girls read verses from Luke 2. Several family members of the young people came to hear them sing and were also able to hear a clear, gospel message. We give God the glory for such a sweet service! You can see a video of the entire Sunday School Christmas Programme on FaceBook if your search @BreckRoadBC.



What a blessing to see so many parents and visitors at the Christmas Carol Service!



The Sunday School Christmas Programme was a great encouragement!

A Christmas Miracle

Over the Christmas season we received so many kind Christmas cards and care packages filled with goodies! Thank you so much to each one who sacrificed to give towards those things and took the time to send us a special Christmas package from the States. It was so fun opening it all and reading the cards...your thoughtfulness and love means so much!

In our last ministry update we had shared how the Sunday School and church were praying for a second bus due to growth and the length of time it was taking to pick up all the children with just the one bus and our personal van. Well, a huge blessing and gift received from the Lord, which could be adequately categorised as a true '**Christmas Miracle**,' was the provision (unexpectedly to us) of the necessary funds to, not only purchase a second minibus for the Sunday School, but to insure us as drivers (which can be quite expensive in England), as well! We were both in tears at God's provision and the timeliness of this 'miracle' was truly of the Lord. We praise Him for this great blessing and for meeting this genuine ministry need in the way that He did. We truly just stand in awe of it all! Thank you to those who have been praying with us regarding this need.



PRAISE THE LORD for providing this second minibus (the navy one) for the Sunday School!



Dedicating the new minibus to the Lord's work.

Jared was able to purchase the second, new-to-us minibus (15-seater) from Nottingham, England. It is in impeccable condition and even has the same printed seats as the first minibus! The young people have been praying for a second bus for some time now, so this experience has been a true witness to them of God's faithfulness, provision, and the power of prayer. It has been sweet to see them share with their friends and family how God answered THEIR prayer– it has become quite personal for many of them. On the first Friday that we were able to use the bus for the Bible Club, Joy told one of the girls that God had answered their prayers and had provided another bus (Jared was actually driving it on a different route at the same time). The little girl urgently pulled out her cell phone (which typically are not allowed, but this was too sweet to stop), rang a friend, and said '**Hey, you know how we were praying for another bus for Sunday School? Well, we've got one.**' and hung up! Ha! We don't know who she was talking to, but what we do know is: even a navy blue minibus, in the middle of Liverpool, in the north of England, can be used as an instrument in which to point people to Christ and be a witness of how **God truly does answer prayer!**



Joy doing an object lesson/skit dressed as a scientist during the Friday Bible Club.



On one of the first nights using the **two** minibuses, God filled both buses and we still needed to make a second trip!



Saturday Sunday School Christmas Party
and Programme Practice



Enjoying pizza at the
Sunday School Christmas party!



'Til We Meet Again

It was such a blessing having Josiah (left) and Garrett (Right)—two of the Crown College trainees—helping at the church over the weekends during their semester in England. They truly had a heart for the work and people of Liverpool and we praise the Lord for using them in the ways He did during their time here.



The Christmas Party at Crown Hall was a lovely, snowy evening! A group from Breck Road drove down with Joy and I for this great time of fellowship together with Christians from across England. (Pictured: Crown Hall during the party)



We have enjoyed getting to know Lucia, a lady from Peru, over the past few months. She is a Christian who served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. She is here learning English and began coming to the church in the summer. We were able to go with her to a special Peruvian restaurant not long ago.



Forget the Drive-Thru

Yes, folks. You see correctly. This is McDonald's (or Macky's as the British young people would call it). And yes, that is a DELIVERY man with *Uber Eats*. You can now officially order McDonald's to your home or work via a press of the button on your phone! But, no. Even with how busy everything gets around here, we have *yet* to give it a go! ;) Haha!

With the New Year...

As we enter into this new year of ministry and serving in the Lord's work, our desire is to see God do a mighty work, not only in Liverpool, but throughout the United Kingdom, Europe, and the world! Please pray with us for the various upcoming events in the life and ministry of Breck Road Baptist Church, as well as the Crown Hall. We appreciate each one of you who take the time to read our updates and pray with us for the people, ministries, events, and needs mentioned. We would not be here were it not for you dear people holding the ropes in the States and being faithful to what God has given you to do there. Thank you for your love and support and prayers throughout the years. **May you see much fruit in 2018!**

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