



MAY/JUNE 2017 UPDATE

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

We hope this update finds you and yours well. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, friendship, and support. We are thankful for your faithfulness to the Lord and His work in this world! As always, it is such a joy to share with you how God is working here in England. This update for May and June is packed with God's blessing and answered prayer!

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

This month was yet another packed one with ministry and moving. God is truly working at Breck Road Baptist Church in Liverpool. We have seen countless answers to prayer and God bring people under the sound of the Gospel. This month we held our first-ever church-family dinner– a time of outreach and fellowship after the morning service. It was a blessed day as many came, bringing food along with them. The friendliness of the Liverpool people is remarkable. With the Sunday School starting at 3.00 that afternoon, it was difficult to clean-up from the Sunday Dinner and set up for Sunday School (held in the same room) due to everyone wanting to linger and fellowship. What a lovely 'problem' to have!

VISITATION EFFORTS

The visitation efforts on Saturdays have been a huge blessing, as well. God has brought in several adults, and children, as a direct result of door-knocking and follow-up. This has been a source of true encouragement! One of the families that has been attending the church faithfully in the recent weeks invited us into their home for a meal this month. God is doing a mighty work and is beginning to really open hearts and doors in this amazing city. We are so thankful to play a small role in His mighty plan!

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

God has really been working in the children's ministries at the church! Being nearly 4 months old, the Sunday School and Friday Youth Bible Club are beginning to grow tremendously. Just the other week we saw 32 children and 1 adult come out! Praise the Lord! It is such a privilege to share with these precious children how the Bible can impact their lives and be real to them; as this is a completely foreign concept to most. Please help us pray for these children, as many come from Catholic homes, that they would be faithful to attend and even understand how they can know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

ENGLISH CLASSES

We are thankful that the Lord continues to bring new people in to the English Class. We are beginning to average between 3 to 4! Two of the ladies, from the Congo, have even been faithful to attend the morning service on Sunday, as well as allow their children to attend the Sunday School. We are thankful for the opportunity to share the gospel with them each week in the reading lessons.

WE'VE MOVED!

What a blessing to finally be settling in at our new-to-us home in Liverpool! God truly provided this lovely home for us, answering many specific needs through prayer. We are also very grateful for the help of some of our fellow missionary team members as they helped us move out of our old house in Birmingham and into this new one in Liverpool in just two days! Below is our new home address:

**24 Manderston Drive | West Derby, Liverpool
L12 4DA | England, United Kingdom**

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY AND PARADE

The Sunday School Day and Parade was a special blessing this year! We prayed earnestly that, even though the Sunday School was just a few weeks old, God would allow us to take a child to the Sunday School Day to represent Breck Road Baptist Church during the procession. God answered our prayers exceeding our expectations! God allowed us to transport two girls from the Sunday School down for the parade! They marched with the church banner on the whole route! Nearly 500 people attended the Sunday School Day and Parade this year; several new Sunday Schools (including our own) were there, as well. It was such an exciting day as we marched down the High Street of Blackheath to hymns being played by a marching band, banners held high, and smiles on all faces! God held off the rain, too, which was an extra blessing!

CROWN HALL GRADUATION

This month was the first-ever Crown Hall Graduation for Tristan and Danny, two young men from England who have completed a one-year Bible programme, called the GAP (Gospel-Apprenticeship-Programme) year. Jared and I both have had opportunity to teach them throughout the semester; Jared in a Bible class and me in music practice. The graduation day was a blessed time for the families of these young men to hear what God has been doing in their lives and for the Lord to solidify the work He is doing in their hearts. Danny was with us in Liverpool each weekend of last semester and was instrumental in the preparations for the opening day of the church. Tristan is an excellent preacher and has been a huge blessing assisting in the ministries of Oxford Baptist Chapel and East Birmingham Baptist Chapel. Please pray for these two young men as they seek what God would have their next step be in service to Him.

D1 LICENSE TESTING

EXCITING NEWS! Jared and I have PASSED all of the stages of testing and have officially acquired our D1 LICENSING for driving a mini-bus! Whew! Thank you so much for praying for us with this process, as well as giving to see it fully covered financially. We stand in awe of God's goodness!

THE CHURCH HAS A MINIBUS!

On the day that I (Joy) passed my D1 Licence test, we drove to Wales to purchase a minibus for the church. God graciously provided all of the funds needed for this lovely minibus (15 seater) through the sacrificial giving of Christians throughout England who desire to see children in the north of England reached with the gospel! We are so humbled and thankful for this amazing blessing to the work at Breck Road. Since it's purchase, God has filled the seats each week, causing us to make multiple trips for the Friday Youth Bible Club and Sunday School! God is truly worthy to be praised!

SAYING 'SEE YOU LATER'

Danny and James were such a blessing this past semester as they worked long days, sometimes into the wee hours of the next morning, in preparation for the church plant of Breck Road Baptist Church. On their last weekend in Liverpool, we gave them each a lock and key. After writing a Bible verse reference, their name, and date, they fastened the lock to a gate at the Albert Docks in Liverpool and threw the key into the Mersey River; symbolising the locking away of all that God has done in their lives during their time here in England. Please pray for Danny (from England) and James (from Florida) as they pray about what God would have them do in the future. It was during a semester such as this that God changed Jared's heart and called him to England, so we never want to underestimate what God can do through small things!

REVANGELISE GOSPEL MISSION: LIVERPOOL

This month we held a Gospel Mission at Breck Road Baptist Church. This was a three-day meeting with a gospel emphasis. Nearly 7,500 gospel leaflets were distributed in areas around the church and through doing open-air in the city centre. We saw several people come to the evening meetings, as well as the nightly Youth Bible Club. Please pray for the homes that have received, not only an invitation to our church, but an invitation to know Jesus Christ. Please pray for fruit from this concentrated gospel-sharing effort.

VISITORS FROM THE STATES!

It was so lovely to see one of our supporting Pastors and his sweet daughter this past week while they were in England! Thank you to all who faithfully pray for, correspond with, and give towards our ministry here and the furtherance of the gospel in the UK. You are a HUGE blessing to our lives.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the upcoming Gospel Missions in Manchester to take place on 23 to 25 June.
- Please pray for the Cities of Manchester and London with the recent terror attacks. We are thankful for a response team that was able to go to both of these cities and distribute Gospel Tracts to the hurting and seeking people.
- Please pray for Camp Victory and the preparations that are being made as it quickly approaches! We are praying for several of the Sunday School children from Breck Road Baptist Church to be able to attend for the first time this Summer. Please pray with us for favour with their families.



During the Gospel Mission we went out each afternoon and did open-air work in the City Centre of Liverpool. Here, Jared and Tristan are street preaching. We are thankful for several good conversations had with different people. One gentleman has come to the church twice now as result of the open-air work done during the Gospel Mission.

