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Dear Praying Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support during the months of September and October. We have experienced God working in numerous ways and are thrilled to share them with you! As you will see (or read), the past two months have been very, very busy...

In September, all of the Crown Hall trainees were able to participate in a 3-day Oxford Symposium. This is a fantastic opportunity for apologetics training and practice held in Oxford, England. Despite being 5 months along in her pregnancy at that point, Joy was still able to attend the symposium again this year as the girls chaperone and helped in other ways throughout the 3 days. She always enjoys this week. What a blessing to see so many people receiving gospel literature and sharing in conversations about salvation and creation and the Bible. Professor Andy McIntosh, a Christian and scientist from the University of Leeds, addressed the question "Has Science Killed God?" during a final lecture on the last evening of the symposium. It was incredible having the auditorium where the meeting was held nearly full with people from the open air opportunities. Several with atheistic beliefs were bold during the Q&A time, which provided another fantastic opportunity for the gospel to be shared. Please pray for the seeds that were planted in peoples hearts during this week and for fruit to come in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

The autumn semester at Crown Hall has begun! We are so thankful for the trainees from Crown College in Powell, Tennessee, who have come over to train in the ministry and gain practical experience. It is such a great opportunity to influence and help these young people in their sincere desire to serve the Lord. Jared has been teaching two classes each week at Crown Hall this semester and Joy has been teaching one class each week. On the weekends three of the young people, Chris and John and Loren (i.e., 'Team Liverpool'), come up to Liverpool to help at the English Classes, the Friday Sword Club and Sunday School, visitation, church maintenance, and more! They have been a great help to the ministry here, especially with Joy expecting, and we are really praying for God to do a great work throughout their time in England.

During the autumn school break we were able to hold a 3-day Holiday Bible Club (aka: Vacation Bible School). The theme was on the life of Queen Esther and living for God for 'Such a Time as This'. Several people from the church came out on the Monday before the Bible Club to help build a set, organise the object lessons and materials needed for each day, as well as help construct activities for the game time. We were praying for God to allow us to see 80 young people come to the Holiday Bible Club throughout week. What a blessing to see a total of 102 young people attend the Holiday Bible Club, with 83 being the most attended evening!

Another huge blessing happened that week, as well: In order to collect all of the children in a decent time frame, we praise God for providing the funds needed to hire a third minibus for the week through the giving of those who have been attending the church! This enabled us to make several trips in each 15-seater to get all of the young people to the church. Though the lifts still took a long time (about an hour and half to collect/drop off), it was much better having the three buses rather than just the two, especially for that many children! We are not in a position financially where we can purchase a third minibus for the church (with running costs and insurance, etc), so we are seeking God's will about continuing to hire a third minibus each week to collect the children for Friday Sword Club and Sunday School. The agency has agreed to a very reasonable cost (£80.00 each weekend) for us to do this since Jared is able to drive with his special D1 licence, so please help us pray that God will provide the extra finances needed to see this happen! It would be a tremendous help, time saver, and means to see more young people reached with the gospel.

This autumn we have seen God bless the children's ministries at Breck Road Baptist Church in a tremendous way. Each week anywhere from 60-70 young people are bused (in two 15-seaters) in to the Sunday School and Friday Sword Club to learn about the Bible, sing hymns of the faith, and memorise Scripture. God has been bringing in young people from all over the world: England, the Congo, Burma, China, Romania, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Italy... What an incredible blessing to see God's Word being planted in their heart and to experience the joy on their faces when they receive their very own Bible. Many of these young people are hearing the gospel and truths from God's Word for the very first time. Please, please help us pray for this work amongst the children. Please help us pray for more labourers to help in the Sunday School and Sword Club, as well. We are in great need of this, especially as the Crown Hall trainees will be leaving in just a months time!

We have been very excited about the teenagers who have been coming along to the Sunday School and Friday Sword Club. This is a real answer to prayer! Because of their age and interest in the Bible, we have begun a monthly Youth Rally with the desire to encourage those who are 11+ in the things of the Lord. Once a month they are able to come to the church for a Bible message, hymn singing, a time of activity/games, and a snack. We also wanted to start the Youth Rally because of some lads, in particular, who were originally not interested in attending the Sunday School or Sword Club. Seeing them week after week on visitation, we had a strong desire to see them reached with the gospel, as well. We rejoice in God's goodness that, since beginning the Youth Rally, these lads have not only come to each month's meeting, but now, to our surprise, they have even started coming to the Sunday School

and Friday Sword Club! What a tremendous answer to prayer— to God be the glory!

A traditional 'English Breakfast' here consists of bacon, eggs, sausage, toast, grilled mushrooms, tomato-based baked beans, and fried tomatoes. Just as it sounds, it is a hardy, filling breakfast; and something men really enjoy (ha!). To help strengthen the relationships between the men who attend the church, as well as a means to reach out to their family and friends in the area who perhaps wouldn't attend a church service right off, we have started a monthly Men's Breakfast. One Saturday morning a month men are encouraged to come to the church for a time of food, fellowship, and a Bible talk or testimony. Thus far the breakfasts' have been a great encouragement! We have seen husbands of English class students come, friends of men who attend the church come, and other men from the surrounding area come along, as well. We believe that God can (and will) use this simple means to have a great gospel effect in the community. Please help us pray to this end.

This year's Harvest Sunday was very special. We had a lovely table at the front of the church decorated with fruits, vegetables, and grains to picture a 'bountiful harvest' and the blessings God gives us every day. During the service, several families of Sunday School children came, as well as several adults for whom we had been praying specifically. The young people of the Sunday School sang a medley of missions-themed songs and, after a gospel message, everyone was invited to stay for a fellowship of international foods! It was truly a joyous day praising God for His many provisions.

This semester we have seen God's blessing on the English Classes in a great way, as well. A lovely group of Brazilians, Chinese, African, and Polish people come out each week. It is also a blessing to have two ladies from the church helping with the classes now, as well. One assists Jared with the beginners class and the other (the lady who made a profession of faith that we shared about in the last update) helps look after the children. Seeing the change God is making in her life has been remarkable. She has been so cheerful and faithful and has even been praying for the babies that stay with her during the classes on Fridays. What an incredible difference Jesus Christ makes in one's life! The English Classes have been a great evangelistic tool as we have had several students attend the Sunday morning services at the church.

During all of the hustle-and-bustle of the autumn ministries and events, God closed the door on the current home we were renting in Liverpool. The landlords desired to move back in and we had just a 3 to 4 week time frame to pack everything, find another home, and move properties. We praise God for wisdom, protection and strength as those weeks were very, very hectic (we literally moved the Saturday before the Holiday Bible Club was to take place!). God, however, never fails to provide for His children and He was so faithful to open the door for us to another lovely home to rent in a quaint area of Liverpool. We are now moved in and getting settled— just in time for Baby Kleman's arrival in January. Our new address is provided below:

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Thank you so much to all of those who have been praying for Joy as she carries our first child. Joy is so thankful that she has, to this point, had a safe and healthy pregnancy. Experiencing no real morning sickness, she has been able to carry on for the last 6 months as usual: working in the Sunday School and Sword Club, teaching English Classes, playing the piano for the services, doing visitation, teaching a class at Crown Hall, and more. Now that we are only 8 weeks (being November) away from baby's arrival, she is just now starting to slow down a bit due to tiredness. Thank you so much to those who have been praying for her and for the baby. Every midwife appointment has had a great report of both being healthy and happy. It is truly amazing to feel our little boy move and kick now— what a wonderful blessing!

