

The Mansfield Family

Missionaries to **Liverpool, England**

“...they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints” 1 Cor. 16:15



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Dear praying friends,

This summer we have seen God's hand working in exciting ways, but we have also experienced discouraging lows as the Devil fights our every effort! Our biggest challenge has been the faithfulness and spiritual growth of church members. It's happened so many times...someone gets saved and baptized and are so eager to serve the Lord and then fall away as soon as the Devil applies some pressure to their lives or they find other interests. Since Catholic and Anglican are the main religions in our area, Baptists are looked at as a cult and their family and friends mock and plead with them to be “what they used to be!” So many people that we have poured our time and energy into and pinned great hopes on have just disappeared and won't return texts or phone calls. We are learning that it's the British way to ignore a problem so as not to “make waves!” This, as you could imagine, is very discouraging for us. The new couple we were so excited about in our last prayer letter has just given us back all the books and resources they borrowed and said they won't be back. They said, “It's too far to drive,” but we're left wondering the real reason. ☹



On an encouraging note, our Holiday Kids Club (which is like a VBS) was absolutely fantastic! Our faith was a bit small and we had to quickly add more to our prepared crafts and snacks! ☺ Over 60 different children came during the week—most walking in from local neighbourhoods! We didn't want to say “see you next year” as they left but knew we couldn't invite them for church on Sunday as we don't



have the room in the back or the help as my wife teaches the normal church kids by herself as I preach! So we decided to start a new weekly kids program. Because we can't count on anyone in the church to be faithful to help us (some weeks we have 6 helpers, sometimes it's just my wife and I) we decided to run the program on Sunday afternoons to allow us to use the bigger auditorium area and be able to run it ourselves. On average, 20 children attend each week with the majority being children whose parents walk them in from the surrounding streets! We are thrilled with the success of this new ministry and pray we can reach their families! We have become more accepted in the community and have seen several souls saved and baptised including our own children! Pizza game night is scheduled for next week as well as a baby shower for a 15 year old who's been coming!

Please pray the Justin Williams family will be able to join us soon. They are on furlough trying to raise the needed support to come join us in the work here. Having trained supported help will be a game-changer and such an encouragement! Please pray for my wife as well as she cares for and homeschools our 6 boys and nears the time for our 7th boy to be born at the end of November. We appreciate each and every one of you!

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