

GRISSOM FAMILY PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND



Greetings from the Grissom family,

19 February 2021

As I'm writing this news letter, the country of England has maintained a national lockdown since December with the exception of 5 days during Christmas. As reported in the news, all non-essential businesses and restaurants were forced to close their doors until the restrictions are lifted. While many shops are now going out of business on the High Street, having their store fronts windows painted shoe polish white, one will find a large increase of bicyclist and unmarked delivery vans making their deliveries from online services. In such a time, as mentioned, we praise the Lord for the management team of our current location of Lighthouse Baptist Church to keep their doors open when it is not cost effective for their budget. We thank you for your prayers and support allowing us to give an update from Plymouth.

Christmas in Box: Since we are not allowed to minister door to door or in the city centre, we had to think outside of the box to share the gospel and build relationships. Last year, the Lord gave us a great yield with our vegetables from the Ruth Project, including eleven families who has allowed us into their lives, sharing the gospel message with four of the families. In mid November, we began to think of how we can minister during the holidays seasons. The Lord directed our path to a volunteer group for the Cornwall and Plymouth Devon community that aids in helping the vulnerable in Cornwall and the homeless in Plymouth. In their little warehouse, they were collecting shoes boxes and items for the purpose of Christmas in a box. Christmas in the box is using shoe boxes filling them with basic necessities for the adults and children, then wrapping them as Christmas presents. As they were needing supplies and boxes for Plymouth, they kindly accepted our offer to provide the needed items and boxes. In turn, we were allowed to help pack and deliver many of the Christmas boxes during their soup run for the homeless on the third Saturday of December.



Praise the Lord for visitors! Micheal, the gentleman on right has invited many of his friends and family members to church. All seem to have enjoyed the meetings asking a few questions after the service. Emily, the lady in the centre of the picture, was asking a few questions about her christening and confirmation. After explaining Jn 14:6, she was willing to receive a gospel leaflet before she left for the evening.

Michael is also responsible for organising collection points in villages north of Plymouth: IvyBridge, Bittaford, SouthBrent, Ashburton and the city centre of Plymouth. Big Mike had a burden to get involved, asking businesses and individuals for supplies. One shoe store donated 200 shoes boxes while Sara (in our photo to the right) donated items, as well as her time collecting from these villages delivering them to our collection point in IvyBridge.



Moving House: Late October, we received a phone call from our land lord informing us that she decided to sell her property. As we began to search for another rental, we found very little to choose from as the housing market for rentals are in high demand. As soon as a rental would come available, someone would have a contract on the property. Praise the Lord, the second week of December, we found our new home called Bramblewood. We moved into our property on the 28th of January, 2021. We had help from the Gossmeyer's and the men who we have been working with in Plymouth. Praise the Lord for great friends! Praise the Lord for those who we have been ministering to that desired to come out and help as well! As one would imagine, we have been busy and preoccupied since October.

Prayer request: It is hard to believe that our visas will expire on the 28th of February 2021. We have submitted our new documents to the United Kingdom Visas and Immigration office while awaiting our bio-metrics appointment on the 9th of March. We will receive a decision for the approval of our visas eight weeks after our bio-metrics appointment. Please, we ask that you lift our family in prayer that our documents and visas are approved to minister for another two years in Plymouth.

Please pray for the following:

Duncan and Carol Elliot: Carol has spine cancer.
Carl and Ally: Salvation
Tommy Hatfield
Richard and Merryn Gilbard
Cameron Green

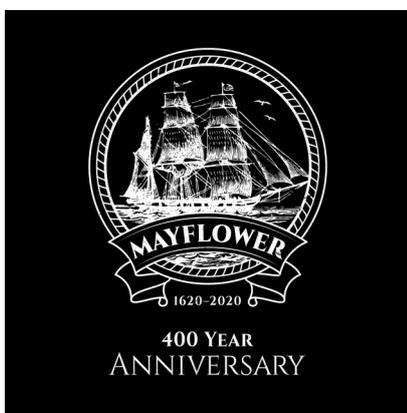
Matt and Mandy Nutbean: Mandy's surgery
Jessica and Ryan: Business to improve
Ramon and Michelle Blackhurst
Bill and Venessa Jones

All of the above are in need of salvation. Four of the families have invited us into their homes. We have shared the gospel with all but two families. We are praying for the right timing as we labour to build a relationships with the above mentioned. Lastly, please pray for Mike. Michael has taken a hard hit losing twenty-one of his friends and family members during the lockdown beginning March of 2020. The final blow for Mike is when his sixteen year old son attempted suicide in a public setting. Thankfully, an adult intervened until the local authorities arrived to care for Cameron.

In closing, we end this news letter with thanksgiving for all the Christmas cards and offerings that we have received over the holidays. Just a few weeks ago, we received Christmas cards from Tennessee and Nebraska. The Lords timing was perfect! Your sweet, encouraging words were uplifting to our family as we were praying for Mike and Cameron. From our family, we thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely,
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