



The Kleman Family

REDEEMING THE TIME IN LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

Hello, Praying Friends and Family!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our latest ministry update. We are thankful for your faithfulness to the Lord and His work through praying and giving. We know that we are here because you continue to hold the ropes and be surrendered to Him. We hope you have a truly blessed Christmas and that 2024 brings incredible blessings and answers to prayer for you and yours.

"Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the gift of God to man: His unspeakable gift of His Son, and the gift of man to God: when we present our bodies a living sacrifice." ~ Vance Havner ~

Thank you.

Family Update: We Are Having a girl!

This Summer God blessed our family with another sweet baby to love. Joy is due in March of 2024, so not too much further to go now. We were shocked when in early Autumn we learned that God has given us a little girl this time! Our world is going to be turned upside down for sure! Wesley and Wyatt are thrilled at the thought of having a sister and oo-and-ah over the little clothes that people have graciously given to us already. Joy's pregnancy was rough at the start, but with the extremely busy Summer she had, she isn't sure if it was baby or schedule that made it so rough—probably a combination of both. However, she is doing much better these days and is thankful for good health and check-ups with the midwife thus far. But She does covet your prayers as the due date is quickly approaching!

Holiday Bible Club & Jared's Urgent Trip to the States

This Autumn was a bit unusual in the regards of our Holiday Bible Club. The schools across England broke up on different weeks this year, so we were able to take a group from Breck Road down to the newest church plant in Crowborough, England (south of England). This was about a 5-hour car journey. The family who is leading the work at the Jarvis Brook Baptist Chapel, Carl and Charmaine Houser, just had a baby so a group of 8 people from our church went down to run their Holiday Bible Club and be a help to them. The Lord blessed the 3 days in many ways. It was a challenging and growing experience for the young adults from our church who went a long, so that was encouraging to see. What a privilege to be able to work together for the furtherance of the gospel in this way. That next week was the Holiday Bible Club at our church, Breck Road. A curve-ball was thrown at us, however, when we received a phone call from Jared's parents saying that his dad, Frank, was to have emergency open heart surgery that same week. After prayer and seeking council, Jared felt he needed to be there for his family and flew out on the Monday of the Holiday Bible Club. God intervened on behalf of his dad and the HBC incredibly! First, the surgery was successful and Frank is nearing a full recovery. Secondly, our church rallied together and worked so hard at making the Holiday Bible Club the best one to date. We prayed for 100 children to come throughout the week and on one night we had exactly 100 young people! Throughout the week we saw 114 young people attend the 3-day Bible club. We had more volunteers from the church than ever before and Jonathan and Gracie Heaton (church planters of Edward Street Baptist Church in Carlisle, England) came down for two of the days to help lead/run things. What could have been a stressful situation God turned into a tremendous blessing and growing time for our church. It is safe to say that all hearts were encouraged (and tired!) after that week. The two weeks of Holiday Bible Clubs back-to-back were a great reminder to us that it is a real blessing to be a part of the Crown Christian Heritage Trust and the church-planting efforts that God is continuing to advance. It is wonderful to labor together and to raise up the arms of others, as well as have them come and be a strengthening agent for you, especially in times of need. The two weeks were also a brilliant reminder of how God definitely goes before us and "works all things together for good" if we would just trust Him and go forward by faith to the work that He has for us to do.



ESOL Christmas Party



One of the two ladies baptized this Autumn



Record-Breaking Holiday Bible Attendance!



Gospel meetings in the Netherlands

Mission's Conference

By the time Jared returned from the States and helping his family, he came straight into the first night of our Mission's Conference. A highlight of this year's Mission's Conference was the opportunity to hear from a man from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe who has given his hand-built property over for the work of the gospel there. Just this Summer Joy and I were able to travel to Zimbabwe with a small team from the CCHT for a week and see first-hand the incredible door God has opened. We all traveled into remote villages to hold Bible meetings, held a Bible study in the local market and did our best to encourage believers who are disabled or dealing with discouragement. It was a life-changing trip for Joy and me, allowing us to see how the harvest is plenteous throughout the world, but the labourers are few. Our church has been praying for Zimbabwe ever since. During the mission's conference our young people decorated shoe boxes and our church families filled them with items such as Bibles, pens, toys, etc. for children and adults. These shoe boxes were recently taken to Zimbabwe with another team of people from the CCHT to distribute. Please pray for this tremendous open door in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and for the new church-plant and the almost daily Bible studies that take place. God is at work in the regions beyond and we are incredibly blessed to be able to take part in it and witness it first-hand.

Netherlands Gospel Mission

Another amazing door that has been open is in the Netherlands. We have shared before how we've been able to travel with a group from the CCHT to the Netherlands and hold gospel missions. This Autumn we were able to go again with a large group of workers and the Crown Hall trainees to hold a week-long gospel mission. During the daytime, several teams of people went into the schools where they were given class periods to open the Bible and teach the gospel, answering the young people's questions concerning faith in Jesus Christ. Jared loved these mornings and was able to have some very good conversations with the students and teachers-- some whom he still has contact with and who are considering coming to the Winter Retreat we help put on in February. In the evenings we held a Bible-centered service and saw over 60-80 people attend each night. These people are genuinely seeking the truth. They desire to know God but have been taught a tainted gospel and are able to use these gospel missions as times to speak with people about God's Word and what it says about salvation. It really is amazing! Please pray for this door to remain open and for God to use the monthly trips made to see many brought to Christ. The next trip is at the end of December and Jared is helping to lead the trip and will be speaking several times.

Winding Down the Year

Youth Rally

We held the last Youth Rally for 2023 the other week and it was a fun and encouraging night. God has done a great work in the Youth Rally this year with the average attendance each week being between 25-30 teenagers. We have seen some of these teens take real steps forward and we ask that you pray for them as we enter the new year that their faith will be strengthened. Many still do not profess Christ, so that is a great burden we bring before the Lord, as well.

The English Classes

Our evangelistic English Classes have been a source of encouragement and joy, as well, this year. The Christmas party held not long ago was a sweet time as the birth of Christ was heard by many for the first time. Our students come from across the world-- God has brought the world to our doorstep. It is a privilege to share with them the gospel each week. Several have attended services and even recently we saw about 6 attend our Ladies' Christmas Gathering. Another highlight of these classes is they are run completely by ladies in our church! It is a blessing to have these women in our church develop such a burden and love for this ministry. Praise the Lord!

The Sunday School

The Sunday School experienced great growth this year, especially following Holiday Bible Club. We have 3 junior Sunday School classes that meet and a separate teen class. We are praying about dividing some of the junior classes further, as well as praying about God's direction for the purchase of another minibus. Just the junior rally time averages 65-70 young people weekly. The teen class sees between 15-20 young people come in each Sunday. We currently have 4 minibuses, but ideally could use another one to help ease the load (as well as pick up and drop off lengths!). Please help us pray that God would provide the funds needed for a 5th minibus in the new year-- how amazing would it be to another vehicle to the "fleet" bringing these young ones under the sound of the gospel. Just this last week was the last Sunday School for 2023. We were able to give away 5 Bibles to new young people who have attended 3 weeks in a row! It was also precious to hear their voices sing out carols about Christ's birth and quoting Isaiah 9:6. Please pray for these dear ones and for many to come to faith in Christ in 2024!

The Ladies' Christmas Gathering

Our annual Ladies' Christmas Gathering was held just last week. It is always a highlight for Joy and the women in the church. This year's was the most encouraging one yet. Nearly 70 ladies attended the evening and came from all arms of ministry of the church, as well as the church plant in Welshpool, Wales and the church plant in Carlisle, England (the North). We had ladies from the English classes come, Sunday School moms, and the co-workers or friends of ladies in the church. Joy was able to give a Bible talk on Luke 2 with the theme of the shepherds and "What to do when your silent night is disrupted." She has been contacted by several women saying it was a "word in season." Praise the Lord. 9 men from the church (not including Wesley and Wyatt, of course, who dressed in their best for the occasion and helped as well) even volunteered as waiters for the evening, which was great fun! Afterwards there was a lovely crew who stayed behind to get everything back in order. So that was a great blessing, too! Overall, we are thankful for the new contacts made through this evening and for the unifying time that it was for the women of the church.

Breck Road Baptist Church

We are truly thankful for how God has been growing Breck Road as a church over the past year. Just the other Sunday we were able to hold another baptism service for two young ladies in the church and will be welcoming several new members into the church in the new year. This Autumn a young adult ministry was started by a solid young man in our church. They gather each week to talk through a passage of Scripture and pray together. This has been a sweet and unifying time for the many young adults (college and career age) who attend the church. This year we were able to set a church-cleaning rotation schedule, as well as weekly nurse schedule. These may not seem like big things initially, but when you consider that we're a church-plant and used to do these things weekly ourselves, it is such a blessing to have those within the church volunteering in these areas. Another huge answer to prayer was a man for whom we've been praying for several years now received Christ as Saviour just last month! His wife is a member of our church and we have all, as a church family, been bringing him before Lord corporately and personally. Jared was able to visit with him and after another heartfelt conversation the man put his faith in Christ! His wife and daughter were thrilled, and so was our church family. This is just another reminder to us to stay faithful, to pray continually, and to be consistent in our conversation. What a blessing!

IMPORTANT PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Carol Service on Christmas Eve and our Christmas Day Service coming up
- The Weekend Missions trip to the Netherlands coming up
- The Watch-night Service coming up on New Year's Eve
- The Ministry Hall Renovations
- Joy's pregnancy-- baby girl Kleman is due in March!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Redeeming the Time Together,

Jared and Joy Kleman, Wesley and Wyatt



Ladies' Christmas Gathering 2023



We are eager to meet our baby girl in March



Mission's Conference International Dinner



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