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Prayer Letter - October 18, 2016

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

One of the joys and challenges of working in a city like London is the great diversity. The people of London come from all walks of life and many of them are dealing with all sorts of challenges.

This summer, a man named Jez from New Zealand, attended our church BBQ/cookout. He seemed very excited to attend but appeared to have been through a very rough time. Since then, He has been attending church off and on, and God really seems to be working in his life. His understanding of the gospel is growing, and we are praying for his salvation.

In a recent Bible study, we were discussing the gospel, and he said, "What does that mean for today?" One of the English ladies in our church spoke up and shared her salvation testimony. The Holy Spirit seemed to use that to speak to him. Please continue to pray for him and the millions of others in our city whose lives are wrecked by sin and who need the hope only Christ can give.

Combined Youth Meeting

Several more young people have started attending our weekly youth meeting. Each Friday, we gather for a time of Bible study in the book of Mark followed by some discussion and then group activities. We have also started doing some combined youth meetings with a few other like-minded churches in the area.

Last week, we began a Bible institute in our church, which is something we are very excited about it. So far, we have had six people from the church enrol in the classes. The institute will have three terms each year and meet for 10 weeks each term. We will cover subjects such as Bible Doctrines, Bible Study Methods, and Bible Survey. The goal of the institute is to train and equip Christians in theology and church ministry. Please pray that from this institute we may even see men go on to become pastors and missionaries.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the building for Northwest Baptist Church in Derry, Northern Ireland. God seems to be opening some doors there for the church. Pastor James has located a building that we believe will work for the church. It is for sale at £90,000, which at the current exchange rate is only $111,000!

The owners of the property are willing to apply for a change of use/zoning and to allow the church to lease the building until the change is approved. We are uncertain how long it will take to gain approval, but we will not be able to finalise the purchase until this approval is given.

Please pray for wisdom and direction as the paperwork is being drawn up by the lawyers. Also, continue to pray for the funding for the purchase. We would love to be able to pay cash for the building when the time comes to purchase. Right now is a great time to give as the current rate of exchange from dollars to pounds is at its lowest point for three decades! This means your gift in dollars will go about 20% further (i.e. $100 buys £81 today instead of £64 this time last year).

Thank you so much for your prayers,

- Travis & Teri Snode

Men's Breakfast

Praises

- Opportunities to share the gospel and reach out to those in need
- Weekly youth meeting with new young people attending
- Good start to our Bible institute
- Building found to buy for Northwest Baptist Church
- Another $164 given to the building fund for Northwest Baptist Church

Prayer Requests

- Souls to be saved, disciples to grow, and men to train for ministry.
- God's blessing as we plan to officially organize Downham Baptist with membership next year.
- The remaining $36,541 to come in for Northwest Baptist Church's building fund. (We are attempting to raise $75,000 toward the building fund initially.)
- The remaining $1500 that we need to purchase new chairs for Downham Baptist Church.
- Chris Waye family as they prepare to return to the UK to do church-planting/revitalization.

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