# Mizpah Outreach

Prayer Letter #112 May 2012



### **Dear Friends and Supporters,**

We had a flurry of activity after sending out our last prayer letter, as we tried to catch up on the meetings we had missed due to David's loss of voice in January. Despite the hectic pace, the Lord undertook and we were very conscious of His presence when we gathered. One particular evening, as Wilma looked through the meetings list, she commented that there would be little time spent in Fort William with her mother this year, the way the schedule had worked out. Soon it was to become clear why, as the Lord had other plans!

We were on the way to a meeting in Belfast when Wilma got a message to call home. On doing so, we heard Wilma's mum had taken ill and was in hospital. The ladies in Agnes Street were very accommodating, allowing us to take the first part of the service and leave, for Wilma to travel to Scotland, as by now we were aware of the urgency. However, before we finished packing to go, we were told the Lord had taken Betty home, so we knew it would be necessary to cancel more meetings and go together.

A hurried booking to the Stena office informed us that a ferry was due to leave soon so we headed to Belfast. At the harbour a security guard was waiting for us and asked if we were 'the Lyttles.' Staring in amazement, she then asked if we knew the back door was swinging open. We had travelled all the way from Lisburn without noticing it! Oops! We were very glad not to have met much traffic on the way!!! The Stena crew were very helpful on the crossing and we then drove through the night to the Highlands. This **sudden home call for Betty** left the family in complete shock and she will be sadly and sorely missed by all, not the least Wilma's granny, Mrs Hope, who is now 102.

Her service was a testimony of a life given over in faith to a life-changing God! Most of us had been quite unaware of how Betty's life had impacted so many people, but as the letters arrived bearing testimony of the fact, we were all comforted and excited to realise how others were blessed through her, both as a couple with Neil, and in the years following his going home.

Allyn & lain made it home on time to organise the printed & media materials necessary for the proceedings, which is enormously appreciated. Bryan, Jon Marc and Jennifer came in good time for the funeral and it is a great comfort to us all that they were able to rearrange plans at such short notice to be there. The faith, witness and testimony of godly grandparents throughout their childhood years, had a lasting impact on each member of our family, for which we are eternally grateful. Extended family members, church folks and neighbours rallied round to help with accommodation, hospitality, vehicles, making the arrangements very much easier for us and we want to thank them sincerely. Wonderful opportunities were given to share the Gospel with many unsaved, and we ask that you continue to pray for neighbours and friends, as well as the immediate family as we adjust to life without mum, until we meet again!

Our return to Ireland meant that the further cancellation of meetings had to be reorganised and compacted into an even shorter time. Thanks you to all who rearranged schedules and tried to accommodate us that we could share the story of what God is doing now, in a despairing land of Greece and desperate land of Macedonia. It has also been wonderful





to be invited to new fellowships and we sincerely apologise to those who we did not manage to get new bookings for. It is good that we know the Lord has His plan in all this, as it has definitely been the most disrupted meetings schedule we have ever had, with some being rescheduled two or three times.

We also had **Tanja**, **Shayna and Alyna** to visit, both on their way to Austria and on their return to the States. It was lovely for us to have them and for them to get to visit with some family members while here. As Tanja was leaving Austria, her mother Christa had a further health emergency requiring hospitalisation. This made it difficult for Tanja to leave, but the hospital soon had things under control and Christa, although getting constantly weaker, is once again at home with the aid of oxygen and a morphine pump.

We left for English/Scottish meetings in March and were recognised by the Stena staff from the month before, giving further opportunity to witness for the Lord. On the way, we visited **Stuart and Derek** friends from many years ago, who have suffered ill health, gone through some dark spiritual valleys in life and for whom we would covet your prayers. A problem with the wiring in the van (which had just passed its MOT) made an experienced car electrician shout in alarm, 'That is what makes vehicles go on fire,' as a blue flame shot out. An hour later with a new cut out switch and wiring, we were on the road, conscious that we had been protected again as a result of your believing prayer. Please keep it up!!!

We never cease to be amazed and thankful for those of you who have supported and prayed for us for so many years and through so many situations. It is always a joy to meet up with many of you and a sorrow if we miss each other. We testified, reported, preached, prayed and interchangeably wept with broken-hearted and rejoiced with joyful friends as we travelled from one beautiful part of this island to another. We were impressed with the beauty God has made, but always touched more deeply by the wonderful examples of God's redeeming work in the loving examples of his children, living faithfully for Him.

Pray for **James** to come back to the Saviour. His wife and son have been wonderfully saved and baptised since our last visit and it is apparent that God is at work in his life too. Hardly a week goes by without a joke or a nasty remark about **traffic wardens**, and we know they often have to endure abuse as they do their job. Personally, we have had some great opportunities to witness and in Glasgow recently we met two wardens, who showed us where to park so we could meet with the UF Church Overseas Committee. We had a good time and later hoped to meet the wardens again, which we did and were able, not only to give them gospel booklets, but to get a quick sighting of them later, walking up the pavement, each one engrossed in reading the booklets. Two other contacts, **Hazel and Jamie** were very open to listen to the Gospel and accept literature. Hazel was not a stranger to the Gospel as she knew a pastor, who had in his past life been imprisoned for murder!

Due to the rise in postage, we are once again giving you the opportunity to receive the Prayer Letter electronically, which will be cost-effective and fast. For those of you who wish to receive it this way, can you let us know either by calling or writing one of our Mizpah board or even better by **emailing us your request and your street address** so we can remove you from the normal mailing list and add you to the email list. Alternately, you can use our website at <u>mizpahoutreach.org</u> where the letters will be posted, but this does require you to be diligent to check every so often for new letters!

However, if you are not computer literate or still want to have a hard copy in your hand, don't worry, leave things as they are. Your prayers and support is important to us and worth far more than the price of a postage stamp. We just want to be the best possible stewards of what God has entrusted to us from you.





**New Camping Bus** 

We had a thought to change our **12 year old camper** this time at home. We looked at so many and the only one we thought may be suitable, was gone by the time we went to see it. On being told the many requirements we needed, the salesman said, 'You would need a miracle to get all that!' We explained that was the business we were involved in and left it at that!! Two weeks ago he called (a little dazed) to explain that another vehicle had come in which is almost the same as what we have only 4 years younger and with only 25,000 miles on the clock!

Many thanks to **Ivan & Wendy** who helped to make this a possibility! The van is now being altered to suit us, as much of what we have fitted on the old van can be transferred to the next one. Time is what we are short of, as we leave very soon and have a extremely busy schedule ahead. However, God is faithful and He has it worked out in His plan.

Please pray for us as we finish off this programme, of Easter conferences, few services, a wedding, 50th Birthday celebration, Minister's AGM, and a **one week mission** in the Isle of Skye with Jonathan & Elizabeth Tink, bringing us to the first week in May when we travel directly to Greece. (D.V) Again, there were those we did not get to see, it is always the same, but we are thankful for your correspondences and your continued prayers.

Every blessing in Christ,

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