



Cherbourg

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Since our last letter went out, most of the time has been spent on the other side of the Atlantic with our children and grandchildren. The weeks were filled with many blessings and some difficulties, but we greatly appreciated the opportunity to be there for that time.

On our way home from Greece, we stopped at a rest stop, where we **found a mobile phone**, which we handed in. Later, we noticed two ladies looking around, and realizing what they were searching for, we were able to get the phone back to them. In conversation, we found out that one of them had been in an abusive relationship and now they were in a same-sex relationship. We spent 15 mins explaining, gently and in love, about God's love and His plan for human relationships. They were at least willing to listen!

While in Cherbourg awaiting the ferry, we had time to visit the Resistance Museum and the City de la Mer, which was at the pier next to us and gave us the opportunity to walk through a real submarine. In most places, we found people willing to listen to the gospel story, as well as some stories of mission experience.

Please remember,

- **Joe & Michele**, passengers on the ferry to Dublin, who gladly accepted tracts.
- **John**, a truck driver who loves Scotland.
- **Elderly lady** at Dublin airport, totally convinced our meeting was definitely in God's plan.
- **Susan**, a nurse practitioner, who was pretty interested as we flew together.

Before leaving for USA, we had only one day in NI, during which we stored the van and trailer, saw some of David's family and visited with a special friend, Alan Farmer, whose son had died tragically a few days before.

1. Please pray for **Alan**, who had a heart attack at the end of November and has been very unwell since, as well as the rest of the family circle at this difficult time.
2. Soon after arriving in USA, we called with our long term missionary/pastor friend, **Dave Cook**, whose wife had been dreadfully ill last time we were here. On asking how Marilyn was, he told us she was 'better than she has ever been, and was completely pain-free.' We were so surprised till he explained that she had passed away 10 days earlier and he had himself preached at her funeral. How comforting to know Jesus as your personal friend when Death comes knocking! He now spends much of his time, visiting homes in his area with gospel literature and doing pastoral care in the community for a church close by.
3. Another special friend and mentor, **Norman Moore**, was recently called home after a prolonged battle with cancer. At his funeral, most everyone made reference to the fact that 'he was a Spiritual Giant in the place of prayer.' David owed him a great debt throughout his Christian life for his wisdom, leadership, guidance and especially prayer support!! Please continue to pray for comfort for **Nan** and the family circle.

Just as we were arriving in the USA, **Bryan** was able to ring the bell signifying the end of his chemo regime, which was a great joy especially for his children. However, it wasn't long before preliminary tests showed 2 further growths in his abdominal cavity and intestine. Because of the fact that there was still lots of chemo in his system, and the approaching holiday season, Bryan didn't want to make any decisions during that time, to give his body a chance for recovery and allow good family times.

He had not really let people know just how bad he had been feeling under that chemo regime, still managing to work every day and look after his children, but he was in pain and exhausted for at least 10 out of each 14-day cycle. Therefore, as time draws near for his further tests and treatment, he is absolutely dreading going back to it. He had prepared himself for the heavy treatment and the harsh side effects, but was totally unprepared to find out it had not gotten rid of his cancer. He knows the Lord has carried him through thus far and is grateful for every prayer for him. He even knows that the Lord will give the needed grace for the next challenge, yet he is deeply in need of your prayers for the emotional side of facing this again. We have been especially glad to be here as some extra support during this time. Please pray on!!

The other side of the coin is that he has been able to be a help to others going through the same thing. So many are amazed at how well he is coping, as others of his colleagues have not been able to work, while receiving chemo. He has been a witness to some who previously would not listen. Also his institute for Job Corps, has become first in the nation, and the leaders were invited to the White House to discuss their programs with influential politicians.



It was sheer joy to be able to bring and collect children from school, watch some of the older kids sport and music activities, and help out with practical things when needed. We celebrated advent, birthdays, Christmas, and every other occasion one can think of!! Any excuse to be together with the whole clan, making memories!! On David's birthday, our boys once again brought him shooting, which is always a highlight for him, while for Wilma's birthday, Allyn took a day off to make sure she had a memorable and exciting time. On both occasions we got together for special evening celebrations and as you can see, there was nothing like enjoying the snuggles with the 'lyttle' ones!

We visited some of their churches and had opportunity to share in 3 others, who have prayed for us for years. Two opportunities to speak in schools were cancelled at the last minute, because 1) an unwise speaker had intimidated students, closing that door for others, and 2) toxic leadership caused ructions in a church school. We managed to catch up with most of our local friends, but not those living further away, as we didn't travel at all this time. Sorry about that, but we got busy and the last week Iain and family had Covid, slightly curtailing any plans we had to visit some of those more vulnerable. Hopefully next time! We also had numerous opportunities to witness and we ask you to remember an 82 year old, who knows he needs to be saved, is seeking and close, but that is not enough!! David was very thankful for the treatment he got to his shoulder from **Ariel**, a special friend and chiropractor.

After visiting the Virginia Christmas Spectacular with Evangeline and Christian, where Alyna and Aydin were taking part, we had a lovely time meeting with two German ladies with 6 kids between them, who are working with a church in Charlottesville. David had heard them speaking German and when he spoke it back to them, it wasn't long before we were deep in conversation! It never ceases to amaze us, how quickly we can bond with others from the family of God!

It was great to meet up, renew fellowship and discuss the refugee work with staff from World Help and a special joy to have a guided tour of their new warehouse facilities, which enables them to prepare six containers for dispatch at any one time [compared to two in the previous building]. They also have a volunteer program, which not only helps get the packing done, but allows schools and institutions to do their community service, as well as allowing opportunities to witness to many who volunteer, but do not know the Lord!

Allyn and his colleagues, made a further aid trip to the Ukraine recently, where they found electricity was very limited, as was heat, so it was freezing despite all their extra layers of clothing, which the normal Ukrainian does not even have at his disposal. They were able to get a large generator for their partners, and their visit was deeply appreciated as they were able to help many.

Back in Greece, the refugee work continues, even in our absence, as Pastor Nikos and family take care of them and try to meet the many needs of the camp. Recently Pastor Nikos had a herniated ischial nerve causing extreme pain for a few weeks and difficulty getting around. Now, with treatment he is on the mend again and able to continue his work. He also is responsible for keeping the work among the Jewish visitors to Berea going, which still gives amazing opportunities!

We should not be hindered by Brexit rules this year on our return to Greece, and are really praying that we will be able to get the camp work done this year, with as many volunteers as possible, so as to be able to take guests in 2024.

All the other works we do should continue as usual, and we are trusting the Lord to answer many prayers for people and use us in every opportunity. We are waiting on the Lord to provide people to continue this work and eventually take over the camp work too, when the Lord calls us to hand over. He has the right person in mind and will provide them at just the right time.



David with Asa



German Family



World Help Staff



World Help Office

Thank you so much for all your help and support over these many years. We have noticed, that because our Mizpah account was frozen for a few days last year, standing orders and direct debit gifts were not accepted into our account during that time. If that affected your giving, we apologize for the bank and ask that you check your charity giving to make sure it is still coming to us. Sorry for this incident, which was nothing to do with Mizpah Trustees or us, just ongoing formalities of Nat West Bank.

Depending on how many bookings we get for Scotland/England, we will drive directly back to Greece afterwards. If you want any kind of meeting/visit, please get in touch soon, so that we can finalize plans and book return ferries.

Please continue to pray, as we continue to be your servants for Christ,t,

David & Wilma

Here is our meetings itinerary for the next couple of months:

February

4th Lisburn Congregational Missionary meeting - 7.30pm
5th Belfast Deaf Church Fellowship - 11am
5th Transformation Centre, Lisburn - 6pm
7th Silverbirch Evangelical, Bangor - 8pm
9th Mountcollier Mission, Belfast - 7pm
12th Ballymena Congregational Church- 11.30am
12th Curglassan Mission Hall - 8pm
13th Portadown Senior CE, 5th Presbyterian - 8pm
18th Dungannon Disabled Christian Fell./Elim Church - 3pm
19th Stewartown Christian Fellowship - 11.30 am
19th Derrykeevan Mission Hall - 5.30pm
19th Derrycrew Mission Hall - 7.30pm
21st Men's Fellowship/ Presbyterian Newtownards - 2pm
22nd Transformation Center Lunch Club, Lisburn - 1-3pm

22nd Moneymore congregational - 8pm
24th Ballymacbrennan Prayer Union - 7pm
26th Ballyrobert Mission Hall - 8pm
25th CCCF Rally - Reids Home - 7pm
28th Ballywillwill Gospel Hall - 8pm

March

5th Derryhubbert Mission Hall - 3.30pm
7th Dollingstown Church, Coffee Morning - 10.30 am
7th Coagh Baptist Church - 8.00pm
8th Bethesda Portadown - 7.30pm
10th - 20th: *Not available, except Sundays*
30th Sail to Scotland

April

2nd Drumchapel United Free Church - 11am
6 - 11th Special Outreach Meetings, Fort William Baptist

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