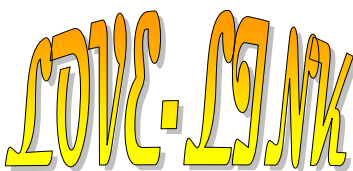




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*“Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men” Ps. 107:21*

Dear friends,

We trust that you have had a blessed summer. We are conscious of the Lord's faithfulness to us as a family, and want to share with you some reflections on the way God has led us.

Tabor Baptist:

It is now just over 4 years that we have been at Tabor. We returned from Brazil in July 2012, and joined Tabor in April 2013. How time flies! We are thankful to God for calling us to Llantrisant and at the same time enabling us to continue in the mission. Tabor's former pastor served faithfully for 29 years and the church is well taught. We have entered into the blessings of the former ministry and are thankful to God for some gifted and godly members. Our aim over the last four years has been to expand the outreach work of the church. This has happened through regular door to door ministry, regular men's and ladies' events, work amongst the homeless, parent and toddler work and special services. The Lord has been pleased to bless these initiatives, and in ways that are entirely His. A lovely couple, who have adopted 2 young children, first came to parent and toddlers. Then they began to come occasionally on Sundays. Sarah has since gone through a Christianity Explored Course with one of our elders, and Tristan comes to men's events. Members have become friends with Tristan and Sarah and over the summer several families of the church were invited to their home. Pray for their salvation. They move to Devon this September and we will miss them.



Jennv & Sarah

There are other encouragements. An older couple are now coming each Sunday after being contacted on the doors and a bipolar young man also. We have also had Tom Greene a student from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, USA for a placement of nearly 2 months. It was encouraging to see him trusting God as he began to preach and minister. Then on 18th June over twenty of us from Tabor were involved in handing out cold drinks and literature at the "Beating of the Bounds Festival." It was a good opportunity. About a dozen members of the public came into the church building for the first time, and a Christian man has since come to several services. The Lord has also blessed the church's regular outreach to children. As a result Jay, his step daughter and her grandmother have come most Sundays for the last year. But they are still unconverted. We long for salvation.

Our young people are few in number. However five of them took the step of confessing their faith through baptism. This was during our first two years in Tabor. We also saw a University lecturer going through the waters but since then only one older lady has been baptised. A man dying of cancer has professed faith over the last year, and we praise God for this. The reality though is that there have been no others professing faith over the last two years. We look to God to give the increase, and ask Him to bless.

Valley's work:

Jenny has supported Ogmere Vale and Llangeinor on a weekly basis in outreach to parents and toddlers. Both churches are small and the work gives good contact with the local community. Alan and Pauline Ashmore, missionaries with UFM, are working in Abergwynfi at the top of the Afan valley. We are praying about how we might support them. Those living in the Valleys can be quite isolated and it is hard going for gospel workers. Down in Bridgend Jenny is encouraged with the Bible study that she leads for ladies from various churches.



PLEASE PRAY

- For perseverance in the work of reaching mums and grandmas for Christ
- Extra workers for the church in Ogmere Vale
- Wisdom to know how to help Alan & Pauline
- Boldness to make Jesus known



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Work in Portugal

With over 99% over the population in spiritual darkness the work can seem daunting. However we are thrilled that God has called missionaries from South America to Portugal. We mentioned Alexandre and Val in our last prayer letter. They work in the Northeast and we hope to visit them again in early November. Please pray for Alexandre who had a nasty motorbike accident when home in Brazil on deputation. His wife has had to return to Portugal with the girls whilst he awaits surgery in Brazil. We are also planning on visiting Carlos and Laura in Valença way up north and on the Spanish border. They have come to two tiny Baptist congregations and need encouragement.



Our major news is that Jorge and Dalimar have now left Viana. They came under spiritual attack in the church and now after 3 years in Portugal they have returned to Brazil. This is a bitter blow as Jorge was doing an excellent work and had a vision for reaching the area by radio. As you know we have been collecting funds for this and so we will ask those who have donated if they are happy for the funds to be used in other strategic work in Portugal. Jorge received a call to return to pastor his old church in Manaus and after much prayer accepted the call. However before leaving in August the church in Viana called a newly married seminary student, Ismael, to be its pastor. We plan to visit Ismael in November.



Please could you pray for Katherine Savage from Carey Baptist in Reading. She is praying about long term missionary work in Portugal and has visited Portugal on several occasions. This year she met our friend Edvânio Silva in Lisbon and then in the summer spent some time with Elias in Beja, and a Portuguese pastor in Faro that we put her in touch with. She has also been involved in beach missions in Portugal over the last two years.

Family News

We are thankful to have had a family holiday with all four girls this summer. Maria has now returned from Thailand after working in a university research lab for a year. She joined us for the family holiday and was also able to attend UFM family conference which was an added bonus. She now goes into her final year at Manchester studying biomedicine. Maria attends city church, and appreciates the ministry there. She is considering staying longer in Manchester to train to be a physician's associate. Hannah, our eldest, has now completed the two year graduate scheme at her transport engineering company in London and has been granted an internal job move to Leeds. Please pray that she would settle well in her new job and also into a good church.



We still have two girls at home. Sarah is now entering her second year at sixth form and is considering pure maths as an undergraduate degree. She was given a place on a cyber security course in Cardiff and is weighing her options for the future. Amy completed her first year at secondary school well. She enjoyed being part of the ASD unit and has coped well. Pray for us as parents that we would be given grace to bring up our girls in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Pray for the older two as they begin new chapters in their lives up north.

PRAYER POINTS

- Jorge Max as he settles back into ministry in Manaus
- Pastor Ismael who has taken the place of Jorge in Viana
- Alexandre Martins as he recovers from a motorbike accident & for his return to join his family in Portugal
- Our trip to the north of Portugal on 31st October
- Katherine Savage as she considers missionary work in Portugal. She is doing a PGCE this year
- Hannah, Maria, Sarah and Amy – that each would grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord
- That our lives would glorify the Saviour



Do send us your news.

With every blessing in Christ

Andrew & Jenny Love