



MILITARY MISSIONARIES SERVING GOD IN ENGLAND

Friends,

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Mark 10:51 is in the midst of the account of blind Bartimeus's healing and there's a valuable lesson for us to be learned here. "And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?' The blind man said unto him, 'Lord, that I might receive my sight.'" When we analyze the situation, we see that:

- Bartimeus needs and wants to be healed. Jesus knows this.
- Jesus wants to heal Bartimeus.
- Jesus wants Bartimeus to *acknowledge* Him as capable of healing and to *ask* Him to heal him.

Consider that the same Jesus that healed Bartimeus stands ready to meet our needs as well. Will we demonstrate the same humility and trust as Bartimeus did?

We have a date

We need reach England by September at the latest. Two factors play into this:

1. The religious worker's visa for Bro. Burket, the missionary who is standing in for us at the moment, will be expiring soon. We want to be present and finished with our quarantine so that he is able to pass the figurative baton to us.
2. The rate of new support so far in 2021 is close to what we experienced in the six months preceding the pandemic. People seem to be returning to the church pews and are ready to restart supporting new missionaries.

What can you do?

First of all, I am so grateful for the churches and individuals that support us monthly. I have found, by attending missions conferences and special Sundays, that many churches love to help with missionary projects and want to know of missionaries' needs. We will have about \$15,000 in startup costs when we move:

- religious worker visas = £1220 x 1.42 (exchange rate currently) = \$1,732
- health surcharge to apply for visas = £3,744 x 1.42 = \$5,316
- plane tickets = roughly \$1,600 (planning to fly in September) plus as many checked bags as we can bring, usually \$50 a bag
- we haven't yet settled on how much of our household goods we would ship, but I expect it will take another \$3-5K to ship or buy replacement goods there

If you or your church would like to help, you can mail to our mission board (or give online) and please designate the gift as **PASSAGE FUND**. Thank you kindly.

Praise reports

I have a feeling that I am not the only one who asks for prayer but then fails to update those praying when it is answered. Every prayer in our last prayer letter was answered affirmatively! My tooth extraction was successful and I only needed a few of the strong (narcotic) pain pills that were prescribed. The Lord gave us safety in the air and on the roads, particularly on a very treacherous February 15. We saw two souls saved in Indiana. If January and February are any indication of how the rest of 2021 will be, we just might be seeing growth in monthly support like we were seeing before the pandemic. Please be in continued prayer for more support, more souls and more time to serve the Lord. God bless you.



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