



MILITARY MISSIONARIES SERVING GOD IN ENGLAND

Friends,

17 Dec 2021

I have delayed issuing this prayer letter, which would normally go out at the first of the month, in hopes that I would have some great news to pass along.

Our first correspondence with UK Visas & Immigration told us that a decision had been made on our visas, but that they couldn't inform us of that decision by phone or e-mail—basically, "you'll get your passports back either with or without the visas when we're ready to send them."

I asked some follow-up questions which escalated our request to the Sheffield Correspondence Team. That e-mail told me that a decision had not been made yet but that our applications were in the final processing stages with a decision to follow soon. That e-mail was sent a month ago today. Their definition of "soon" does not quite match my definition of "soon," but there is nothing else I can do regarding this matter other than pray and ask for your prayers.

We have learned that we are in the same waiting boat with many other missionaries including some going to the United Kingdom. The processes have slowed to a crawl and COVID gets the blame for the delays.

Travels

Around April, we had stopped scheduling meetings beyond mid-September with the goal of departing for England thereabouts. Since the "end" of deputation, we have been in nine churches besides our sending church, three of them new to us, receiving new support in one. We were also able to slip away for a five-day trip to New England with our son Christian for the peak of foliage change. We also spent a few days with family at Thanksgiving and, without visas in hand, we should spend Christmas in our home state of South Carolina if the Lord wills.

Labors

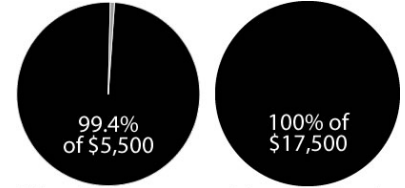
I've had several opportunities to preach, both in person as well as virtually. Using Facebook and YouTube, I have been able to preach for Faith Baptist in Lakenheath for several services and will have a part in Sunday's and Wednesday's services in the next few days as well. The Lord allowed us to assist one of our supporting churches in S.C. with an escape room earlier this month which was used as an outreach to get the gospel out. We've been able to witness and visit here in our home area as a part of planned church visitation at our sending church as well as unstructured opportunities to spread the gospel. I've also been able to counsel precious souls through online meetings, dealing with grief, conflict resolution, parenting, and other matters, taking each opportunity to point them to Christ and His written Word for answers.

Prayer requests

- Pray for more souls to be won through witnessing and as a result of preaching.
- The remainder of our support to come in before we leave for the field
- A series of negative COVID tests before and after we fly to England

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