



MILITARY MISSIONARIES  
SERVING GOD IN ENGLAND

Friends,

19 Apr 2021

You may remember that in February, we sent two updates about a week apart. The first stated that nothing had been done and we were still in a holding pattern. The second came less than a week later, indicating that our visas were en route. I'd like to note that I received an e-mail with news of my approved visa the day after our final church took us on for support. You'll see God's perfect timing at work a little later in this letter as well.

After our paperwork came back from the UK in mid-February, it appears that our visas had been approved or partially approved within the original three-week timeline, which would have been September of 2021, and then—nothing. Our inductive conclusion is that Tammy's passport was lost somewhere in their system.

From man's perspective, we would say that someone made a mistake that cost us five months of not being able to minister here. As for me, I can see the finger of God. He allowed us to be in four more churches that would support our work financially and another four that may pray for us. The extra time allowed me to complete projects on the home and vehicles. And there's one more definite answer to prayer that I hope to be able to share one day. "God's will" and "God's timing" are not nebulous concepts to which we give lip service to smooth over life's potholes and to write off things that didn't go our way. For me, I can see enough of the tracing of my Father's hand to trust Him with the parts I can't yet see.

We landed on 8 March and the next night I preached my first in-person sermon to Faith Baptist Church since 2018 (our survey trip). We had 25 attend our first Sunday; while I didn't have any expectations, my members told me this was a few more than the normal recent attendance, but far fewer than six months ago when the interim pastor was in place and before three families came back to the States.

Aside from giving out tracts and church invitations as we've come into contact with residents and businesses, we've been off and on base putting literature into door mail slots (it's legal here!) and into airmen's hands. In particular, we canvassed RAF Lakenheath housing in the seven days prior to Resurrection Sunday.

We praise the Lord for seventeen total visitors for our Easter morning service, twelve of those first-timers. Two of the first-time-visiting families said that, while they were discussing where they'd go to church on Easter, an invite came through their mail slot. WHILE THEY WERE DISCUSSING IT, mind you. God orchestrated our visit time with their discussions about visiting a church TO THE SECOND! It was a great encouragement to our members who participated, and those members who participated were an encouragement to me. Every family and single except for one was represented in our visitation efforts. Praise God for their faithfulness!

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