



MILITARY MISSIONARIES SERVING GOD IN ENGLAND

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Friends,

As I write, I am overwhelmed with the thoughts of I John 3:1-2: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" ... the sons of God! Years ago, Danish missionaries to India's southern tip had some of their converts help to translate the Scriptures. Upon coming to verse two, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God"—one of the natives was so startled that he put down his pen and exclaimed, "It is too much! Let us rather render it, 'They shall be permitted to kiss His feet.'" Praise the Lord that He made us His sons despite being unworthy to be His lowest servants.

It has been a challenge to get started in a new country and to learn the ins and outs. Here's an example. I needed car insurance, but I had to pay with a UK credit or debit card. I can't get that without a bank account. I go to the bank in person to open an account, and am turned away and informed that I must do this online. I can't open an account online because I have not lived here for 12 months. One bank wouldn't let us open an account until we had a utility bill proving that we lived here (which wouldn't come for a few weeks with my new account name on it). Another would accept our US bank statement as long as it had our British address. For me to change that address, the bank texted a one-time code to my US phone number, which is no longer active. So I had to call in (using remote desktop to call from my computer in the States), then wait on the next bank statement to be issued. It wasn't until my third trip into the bank that a person who specializes in opening new accounts could meet with me. Then my first attempt to transfer money from my US bank to the UK bank failed because two copies of my passport number didn't show in the photo, but I wasn't informed until three days later due to a glitch in their system, they later admitted. It's a vicious cycle, but we finally got it done!

We've held three services with altered schedules (Mothering Day, Father's Day, and the Sunday of Jubilee—no, not the Hebrew one; a celebration of the Queen's 70th year as monarch), a baby dedication, a Lord's supper, and a business meeting. Four new members have joined, and another family has attended almost every Sunday morning since visiting in March. I got a chance to lead an airman to the Lord on her last day here; be in prayer for Monique as she begins her new walk in Christ.

Would you pray for us about the following?

- a permanent building in which to meet (we currently rent from two sources)
- fruit in witnessing and in distributing church invitations
- corporate numerical growth and individual growth in believers
- discernment in balancing my time between sermon preparation, personal contact with members and visitors, outreach, and the ministry of family
- wisdom in expanding our current children's ministries
- wisdom in selecting additional trustees

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