



MILITARY MISSIONARIES SERVING GOD IN ENGLAND

Friends,

30 Aug 2022

We're wrapping up what has been the second driest summer in England's history, and *the* driest in East Anglia. Interestingly enough, I see parallels in our ministry here. We've canvassed the majority of the homes closest to our Sunday services location, but have seen none of them visit. (We've had other visitors that do not live in the village.) There is little to report since the video update in July, but I believe God is at work under the surface and that we will see the fruit of our prayers and labours—just like in an agricultural setting—in a harvest that occurs in the season AFTER the planting and watering.

My heart has been encouraged in July and August as we planned five weeks of special midweek services featuring preaching and singing from five missionary families: the Bangs family, the VandenHurk family, the Tooley family, the Barrett family, and Caleb Fielding. I was also able to meet with four other Baptist ministers, one of whom is our sponsor, Tom Gritts out of Wolverhampton and Temple Baptist Church. I had the opportunity to preach at Calvary Baptist in Peterborough, and I pray those people were as blessed by my presence as I was by theirs.

I've attempted to make inroads to set up a booth or table in our town's market held uptown on Thursdays and Saturdays, but have been stonewalled. I've contacted the local radio station three times about running ads, but have not gotten a follow-up. I contacted the group that owns the building where we hold Sunday services and volunteered myself, so I'll be going to my first meeting this Thursday night. Pray that I'm able to leverage this for the gospel's sake.

Much discussion, research, planning, and prayer has gone into the kids club we are starting in September. We are naming it Sunday Knights, which is a giveaway as to the service time/day and the theme of the program. We're blending elements of King's Kids, Patch the Pirate Club, Awana, and other curricula to create a plan that works for our unique setting. Up until our most recent member additions, we had more children than we did adults! Our Sunday night service is entirely dedicated to teaching the children Bible truth in a fun and fast-moving environment, and—since we are few in number—every adult is involved in multiple aspects of the ministry.

Would you pray for us about the following?

- a permanent building in which to meet; specifically, we are praying for an existing church (Anglican or similar) to close that we could take over or buy
- fruit in witnessing and in distributing the gospel
- a successful Sunday Knights program to build our kids spiritually and to reach those in the community; our first such service is 18 September

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