

GRISSOM FAMILY PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND



Dear Pastor and praying friends,

21/08/2023

My family and I would like to open this newsletter thanking all who prayed concerning the approval of our visa application, also called our Indefinite Leave to Remain Visa. Previously, we presented before the brethren our request for prayer for the agent and supervisors at the Home Office as the government is tightening the restrictions for entry into the United Kingdom. Because of your faithfulness in praying for our family, along with the help of our solicitor, our application was finally approved after our solicitor's fifth appeal. After the victory of his appeal, our solicitor, who is Indian decent, called and said, "We have never dealt with missionaries before in our office. Since you and your friends began to pray for our team to work on your behalf, we have seen miracles performed in dealing with the Home Office that had never occurred before in our office." What a testimony for God and His saints praying for the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ in England. We thank you for your letters and cards communicating your love and prayers concerning the approval of our Indefinite Leave to Remain. We are now official resident's of England.

It has been said, "Adversity is our friend". That is a tough statement! Especially for Christians who are young in the Lord! During our trials of approval with the Home Office, we found the adversity our family faced caused our church and the believers to fervently go to the Lord in prayer. Our church plant rallied together when called upon by our solicitor to write a letter and submit some form of identification with a photo I.D to the Home office(Immigration) explaining as follows: The importance of our church; The importance of my role as their Pastor and his family; What would happen to their family if the church were to close. Our congregation each wrote a letter and submitted their picture identification! My friends, the British are very hesitant to give out any of their details, even more so when dealing with the government. What a miracle! To the credit of our lovely people, we saw God perform a mighty work in their lives as they came together to fight for not only for their pastor and his family, but for the continuation of Lighthouse Baptist Church of Roborough in Plymouth.

Since our last news letter, we have received several cards in celebrating Andrew's birthday and our 28th wedding anniversary. We thank you for cards and well wishes, even more so, mentioning that you are praying for our people. Rob, Dominique's husband, has attended our services five times in the last two months. The Lord has definitely worked in Rob's life as he has given up marijuana after he began this harmful addiction at the age of fourteen years of age. Praise God, Rob has been clean from this drug for three months! Rob is not saved, but, he is paying attention in the services, responding to questions, attending the church service as a family. Recently, his boss attempted suicide by overdosing on some pills. Family members of the gentlemen, whose name is Dan, were able to find Dan before he had taken his last breath on earth. One week later, Rob and Dan were driving past the location of our church when Rob suggested to Dan, ***"This is the church that our family attends. Dan, I believe my pastor can help you with your struggles"***. Thank you for your prayers for Rob! Please include his boss Dan.

Prayer request:

Please continue to pray for Angelo and his girlfriend Evie. The Lord has been dealing with Evie in our services. After the service this past Sunday, Evie and Angelo, (Rob and Dominique's son), agreed to a Bible study on God's plan to Heaven. After our evening service we received notification from Angelo and Evie to schedule their Bible studies on the 27/08/2023.

Margret, wife of one of our men in the church. Please pray for her salvation as Margret is suffering from Multiple Sclerosis.

Charles, Vonda, and Frankie,(Dominique parents and brother). Salvation

Rudy, toddler suffering from autoimmune disorder. His parents are Jen and Robert, who once attended church many years ago.

Church growth

Future Events: As we continue our street evangelism and leafletting door to door, we have scheduled the following events.

Sunday Texas BBQ dinner after the morning service: 27/08/2023.

Harvest Service: October 8, 2023, Similar to a Thanksgiving service as we give thanks to for the local harvest.

Christmas Carol Service: Service before Christmas Day.

The events mentioned will give our people opportunity to invite their friends and family, along with, our prospective prospects from visitation to a Sunday meal, desiring all to hear a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are proud grand parents: Our son Garrett and his wife Ezra are now proud parents of Alora Grace Yabut Grissom. Our family was fortunate to travel to the states for a short time to witness the birth of our grand daughter, supporting our daughter in law as her mother was not able travel to stay along side Ezra. We are grateful for this time to bond with our son and his family before the Navy transfers Garrett and his family to Japan.

In closing, thank you once again for your prayers and support for the Lords' work in Plymouth in the month of June, when we were facing the possibilities of leaving England, it was the prayers of God's people from our home church at BethHaven, our supporting churches, and the saints at Lighthouse Baptist of Roborough that encouraged us. Until our next news letter, we will continue to pray for your church. We thank you for your monthly love, prayers, and support.

Sincerely,

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