

GRISSOM FAMILY PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND



Dear Pastor and praying church family,

8 November 2018

Hello from the Grissom family. Autumn has finally arrived to the South west coast of England bringing along the drizzling rains and over cast coastal skies. As the cold, rainy seasons begin, we are enjoying the variety of foliage along the motorways and around our home. A scenery that is not equal to the summer months, however, it has a beauty all of its own. Our family is doing well to adjust to the season as one continues with their daily routine for the day. The residents of England are well adapted like a duck to water, so life must continue to move forward, including ministry. We praise the Lord for the privilege to give this update for the months of September through October.

Our distribution of gospel literature and invitation for Bible studies are continuing as planned. Sadly, we have not received a response from the multiple leaflet drops in two locations, however, we have been told by several veteran missionaries and our distribution source this would be the norm since the Plymouth area has not been evangelized for several decades. To clarify, the Jehovah Witnesses have a presence in the town centre and the streets of our city distributing the Watch Tower through the letter box or by their stands sitting on the corner of a shop in town. We have been mistaken as JW's until we begin to tell them we are church planting Baptists, telling the wonderful of story of Jesus Christ and His saving grace. Most of our conversations are positive, while on the other hand, some have led to debating either in their homes or in the town centre. Like the Apostle Paul, our desire is to share the gospel to the Metropolis having a great advantage meeting that needy soul. Our family has found that location outside of Drake Circus Mall where we have found encouragement in sharing the gospel while meeting other believers who seem interest in our ministry.

In the last two months, we have been able to connect with several people concerning their salvation, while dealing with some believers who have been out of church for a very long time. Recently, a group from the Plymouth Art Institute were in the town centre to complete a project. I introduced myself to them and they allowed me to share the gospel with my New Testament. One young man was a believer, while his colleagues stayed in the back ground listening. His friends received our information after rejecting the plan of salvation. The believer wanted to take our picture to share with his church located 100 miles away! Praise the Lord for this young man's witness!

Several weeks later, we met a little woman hobbling along the way to enter the mall. To make conversation, I asked if she had injured her knee, noticing she was walking with a cane. This little lady stopped and began to talk about her problems concerning her health that was affecting her leg. I began to ask if she was interested in spiritual things, and if she had any questions about spiritual matters. To my surprise, she said she was interested in spiritual matters but the kind that would end our conversation. She professed to be a white witch! This young lady, riddled with health problems, was only 21 years of age yet her features told a different story about her life. This young lady's name is Lumenissa. She, along with her family, moved from the Cape in South Africa to participate in the coven located in the South West of England. We praise the Lord, she did listen as I explained the importance of the shed Blood of Jesus Christ as our Perfect Sacrifice for Salvation. Before Luminissa went on her way, she did receive a gospel leaflet.

Recently, on Halloween afternoon, we had an outstanding outreach with the university students of Plymouth. For the first time since arriving on the field, we were able to use our Chick Tract booklets that were given to us before we left for the field. The content of the booklets were appropriate for the evening, with many of the students returning to ask for several more booklets. We praise the Lord for one young man who said, " These are cool to read!". That evening we were able to distribute, in total, 400 gospel leaflets and Chick booklets. We were able to share the gospel with several, however, one university student pulled us aside to ask questions. (To protect the identity of the student, I will not reveal his name), however, I will give a brief overview concerning our conversation. This person was sexually assaulted and began

asking why God would allow this to happen to him. As we were talking, it began to rain! He asked if we could go under an awning to talk in private. He began to explain the suffering of post traumatic stress disorder from this ordeal. The English people are very private in all matters of their lives, for this gentleman to express his ordeal was not normal. He needed someone to talk too! I praise the Lord for this opportunity to share some scripture to help encourage him, however, he needed Christ. I was able to share the gospel with this man, however, he could not see himself as a sinner. We prayed together before he left to go on his way. Please pray for the university students of Plymouth, especially this student who stepped out of his comfort zone.

Praying for our city, our family and those mentioned in this news letter is so important. In previous news letters, we have mentioned the company that is distributing the mass quantities of literature at a reasonable price for our ministry. Currently, we are working on a project to distribute 20,000 John and Romans with a special cover directing the reader to a full explanation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This project will be distributed in January 2019. The owner of the company has really taken an interest in our efforts in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in his city. He has asked on several occasions to schedule a meeting for a cup of coffee to visit and talk about a matter. We have settled on a date for the 18th of December 2018. In the beginning, when introduced to one another, he professed to be a Christian, desiring for the gospel message to reach the people of Plymouth. Please be in prayer for God's will to be done for His glory in church planting in Plymouth, England.

On behalf of our family, we ask that you keep us in prayer as we travel to states for our eldest son's graduation. Garrett is scheduled to graduate from Navy's boot camp on the 16th of November 2018. Days before his graduation, he will have to pass some important tests and challenges to allow him to graduate on time. Afterwards, he will begin A school in Groton, Connecticut for his field in Submarine Electronics. Our son Andrew, who is with us on the field, is doing well in school. He is working hard to complete his schooling on time to graduate from High school in May, 2020. He has adjusted well to our transition, maintaining a tight schedule, with early mornings and late night studies to complete his paces. Your prayers are greatly appreciated for Andrew and his parents, especially his parents! (laughing).

In closing, thank you once again for allowing us to serve on your behalf. We have received phone calls, emails, letters, financial, and prayer support. We are humbled for the love shown to our family and the people of England, your kind gestures towards our family, and the privilege to serve once again in this great and needy country for the cause of Christ. We understand it is our responsibility as well to communicate with our supporting churches. We understand there was a problem with several churches not receiving our last news letter. Once we received the news, we were able to correct the mishap by the leadership of our pastor, sending a letter to explain the correction. It is our prayer that all is well in our relationship with our supporting churches understanding we are partners in Christ striving to reach souls in England. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving with your friends and family!

*God bless,
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