



***I have NO GREATER JOY than to hear
that my children are walking in the truth.
(3 Jn 1:4)***

Dear Friends, I have started to write this letter several times, and with all the traveling and changes in our life, it has been put off until now. Thank you to all who have been praying, it has been very evident that God has been answering prayers. Above, you will see our expanding family, Ashlie's wedding (May 13th) was already the highlight of the year, and we couldn't be more pleased than to see these two starting their lives together, and their desire to dedicate their lives to the Lord with a Christian service and blessing. Ian was so proud to not only walk her down the aisle, but also to lead the service. Ashlie and Wyly had put much thought and planning into the event, and it was lovely meeting all their long term friends, who were also very committed to them. Wyly's Mom's side of the family came from this area of SC, and it was so good to get an understanding of some of his rich southern heritage. I received confirmation of my UK Residency Visa (leave to remain) just in time to pack and make the journey! What an answer to prayer!

Isaac completed his internship at St Leonards in Exeter, and accepted a position in a growing Company, in Bath. He has been living with us and commuting by train. It is exciting to watch how his professional life will develop and we have been blessed to hear him preach and teach as a lay leader here. We are enjoying having him around, he is solid and reliable and a great person to discuss things with. Now, I need to add, that he is currently interviewing in the states for a job, near Ashlie and has decided to move to the USA this month (August! A lot has happened since May when I first started writing this letter!)



Clevedon Family Church decided to have baptisms in June since there were several candidates. A week before the date, David surprised us and asked to be baptized, stating he wanted to go the next step in his faith. We believe this is a very clear answer to prayer, and are thrilled with his decision. Please keep praying that he will grow in his faith and that he will learn to be led by the Holy Spirit. He is attending a Christian camp as I type this letter. He has found a new passion in golf, and since we have a course around the corner, has easy access. This is helping his focus and his physical activity, and he's showing a natural

ability as well. PTL for this provision, and we hope it will develop character.

Ministry in the UK

As you can see from the photos below, the Come for Coffee ministry at Clevedon Family Church is bursting, we are developing some very good relationships with the people who come, and several are now coming to church on a Sunday. The Quiz always brings out some amazing recall and experiences from the group, and the devotion gets good discussions going. One woman showed up last week and said that her daughter postponed their shopping so she could come to coffee, because she's always so much happier afterwards! The Church is growing, and we are seeing many new faces and different nationalities. Ian has been preaching and teaching more and involved in leadership development.

At Southfeild, alongside the Food Bank, the Cafe has also been bustling. We are getting more people with special needs. We have been able to pray for specific emergency requests, and God has faithfully provided. It has required extra visits outside of the Cafe time, but this has led to deeper relationships. M- is one of those people, who is learning to live with a prosthetic leg, the church has really reached out to her at this very difficult time, God's love in action. Also pray for E- who is very fragile at the moment, we are in regular contact with her.

Please pray for a new program, which will be an offshoot of the Food Bank and allow deeper ministry, it will be a weekly cooking class; please pray for us in the process of putting this together and for the Lord to highlight and draw the people He is preparing to be a part. (Sara and I are heading this up)

The assemblies in the schools in Portishead have finished for the school year, we finished with Samuel learns to listen, and challenged the children to Listen to God. I'm praying for some open doors into the schools in Clevedon too.

All three churches have had baptisms this last summer, which is very encouraging hearing the different testimonies and how God is working!

May the Lord grow these churches while the harvest is ripe. There are several people we are praying for, for salvation, they are close, the Lord knows their names.



The photos below show the new couple, Damian and Sara, who have taken on the younger youth group (ages 4-11), along with a good team of volunteers from the older youth. Taking the group from 5 to about 35 in the last month. As you know with growth like this, also comes a lot of chaos! Please pray for them as they grow, a unity in the team, that they will be able to develop relationships and use the time to share their faith and God's love. Please pray especially for Sara, who is also taking on the leadership of the Toddlers group, as she is going to have a difficult surgery next month, may the Lord's power and peace uphold her and may it all go well and her recovery be swift. Please also pray for all these new children coming, most are from unchurched homes, so this is their first experience to be in church. Ian heard a conversation with a child leaving the program with a little booklet, the mother told her to put it back that

it was "propaganda" but the child insisted, when the mother said she wouldn't read it to her, the child responded, "then I will read it myself." It's interesting how low the opinion of the church is in the current culture, It's actually similar to what we found in Albania after communism indoctrination! Oh Lord, open the eyes of those You are calling to see You in your glory and truth!





This was the holiday club that we put on last week, we are excited about all the new children who came and want to continue to come to the regular club. Please pray for this next generation! That they will put their trust in Jesus at a young age and follow Him. They named the group LIFt (Living in Faith and truth)



We are really missing Albania and our dear Albanian friends, we are longing to see them. But the red tape and documents I need to be able to stay here have taken almost the entire year, I can't leave until we have finished. Praise the Lord that my Leave to Remain Visa arrived. Now I need you to pray that I can get my British Driving License, as I can only use my American license for a year. This is no small feat and they pride themselves in difficult practical driving tests. So please pray that I can get a date and complete this process quickly.

Albania



We have no greater joy than to see and hear of all the faithful ministry continuing in Albania by the churches, the holiday club (above left, 300 children in Korca) in June was fantastic, the legacy camps on the hill (above right, 100 at each camp) are continuing for youth, the Sports Camp will happen this coming week and the Girls home and the Elderly work at Vila Kenedi all continue. Please keep them all in your prayers as they are vital ministries for the Kingdom of God, and all those involved need your prayers.

Please pray in particular for Ty and Lysi, (who are heavily involved in ministry, especially to the older youth) their daughter Skai was born 11 weeks premature, and is just now starting to breathe on her own, PTL! This has required Lysi to remain in Greece until her baby is able to return with her to Albania. Ty has been back and forth in between youth camps.



May the
God of hope
fill you with
all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

We are learning to trust in Him, in this transition, as our ministry develops in new and different ways, knowing our HOPE is in Him alone, as we wade through the uncertainties of David's schooling and future, we hope in the power of the Holy Spirit

for change and transformation, and we pray also that you will overflow with hope in whatever you are facing in these very uncertain times. Our message today in church was on contentment (that degree of happiness which consists in being satisfied with present conditions; a quiet, uncomplaining, satisfied mind). In all states and situations, may we find contentment in Him.

In His joy and peace,

Ian and Caralee

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