

Hello,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the past two years as I have been serving the Lord in the United Kingdom. It has been a privilege to be a missionary in the Lord's ministry in this place that was once a missionary powerhouse over a hundred years ago.

At the beginning of my time here, I was able to serve the Lord at East Birmingham Baptist Chapel with Pastor Zach Gillit and his family in Birmingham, England. This church began in an old railway mission building. Serving the Lord in the heart of a heavily populated Muslim-community can be particularly challenging, but it is also very rewarding. Watching a Muslim man or woman who would never normally attend a Christian church service come to church for a free English class was sobering. We know it is the power of the Gospel that can make the difference in their hearts. There are now two Muslim children who faithfully attend the Sunday School. We should never be 'ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.' (Romans 1v16)



At the start of 2019, I was able to spend six months in Liverpool, England helping with a brand new church plant in 2017 (Breck Road Baptist Church). This was the first time attending a Chartering Service. Serving the Lord with Pastor Jared Kleman and his family was such a joy. Going into the city center and standing on a box while preaching the Gospel to those walking past was both thrilling and humbling at the same time. Each Friday we held free English classes that people from Brazil, Spain, Poland, China, Italy, Burma, Bulgaria and India would attend. Being able to use the English language to teach people stories and truths from God's Word is an amazing opportunity. The Holiday Bible Club (similar to a Vacation Bible School) was a big outreach for the children's ministry. There is a large Romanian population near the chapel - children from this area were quick and excited to attend. The church started with one bus for picking up children. They quickly had a need for a second bus because so many children were attending the Sunday School and children's Bible club. During my time there, I saw the work continue to grow and a third bus was needed. We began to pray for funds to be able to purchase another one. The Lord provided miraculously - a local mini-bus agency donated one of their mini-buses to church for free! What an amazing answer to prayer! As God says in Philippians 4v19, 'But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.' At Breck Road Baptist Church I was also able to help lead the services with song leading, Scripture readings and a children's talk. I was also able to help with many maintenance issues. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching in the Sword Club and Sunday School—mostly teaching the Little Lambs Class (ages 4-6 years).



Camp Victory is an annual event for the Crown Christian Heritage Trust held in July and August. This is a favorite time of the year for me. Last year nearly 300 children and teenagers attended this 5-day camp that involves team competitions, object lessons, special music, afternoon activities, tent devotions, crafts, sketches, bonfires, and Bible-preaching. I was thankful for the opportunity to be a tent leader and lead in morning and evening devotions with my tent of 8 boys. We praise the Lord for the several young people who placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and the others who dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ during camp.



Over the last ten months, I have spent much of my time serving at Beeches Road Baptist Chapel in Rowley Regis. This was the first church plant of the Crown Christian Heritage Trust and where I served the Lord 8 years ago as a student of Crown College of the Bible for 4 months. Each Saturday we had a boys and girls youth rally that I was able to preach at a few times before going out to play football (American soccer) with the lads. Every week I was involved in teaching the Little Lambs Sunday School class (ages 4-6 years). God provided a double-decker bus for their children's ministry while I was there. Several of the bus routes had to go make two journeys each week to pick up children because the bus would fill up. The double decker bus allowed the bus driver to only go out once and made the bus journey exciting for the young people. The children absolutely love riding the double-decker



During my time here, God has shown me there is a plethora of ways to serve the Lord. On top of the ministry opportunities God has given me, I have also been able to serve the Lord practically at Crown Hall, the property God provided the Crown Christian Heritage Trust as a ministry training center for equipping adults seeking to serve the Lord full-time. I have been able to work with fellow laborers each week on upkeep, renovations and groundskeeping.



I returned to the US on Saturday, August 1 because my UK visa is expiring. When I came to England two years ago, I had thought it would be short-term. Since I've been here, God has burdened my heart for this place and the people; I believe he is guiding me back to serve Him in His perfect time. During my time in the US, I hope to begin deputation to raise support to return to England, God-willing. Due to UK Immigration law, I cannot return to England on a religious worker's visa until one year has passed. Please pray with me as I seek to follow the Lord's leading in all of these things. My heart's desire is truly, I am trusting in God's perfect timing and provision in all of this, and ask that you pray along with me.

In Christ,
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'Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.'
(I Thessalonians 5:16-17)