



NEWS UPDATES

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope this finds you all in good health and spirit. I am pleased to update you on how the Lord has been working through our lives.

Street Outreach

It rained a lot in the months of March and April which has often obstructed our Street Evangelism task. but these days it has been clearer and much warmer comparatively.



Prineds sharing Good News on the street.

Deu to my friend leaving, I was concerned about only me going alone for outreach. Sometimes I used to take Keshari along with me. I am thankful to the Lord for giving me two colleagues to support, who come every Wednesday and Thursday for street outreach.

Whilst doing outreach work, we meet hundreds of people and try to communicate and give away Christian literature but only a few stop by and talk to us or receive our literature. In general, some of them are very friendly, some are apologetic for not having much time to talk, and some remain longer to talk heart to heart which ends with praying for them, but some shy away to be prayed for publicly. Most Muslims do not want to take any Christian literature. Even though they do not believe in Christianity but they still believe that biblical tracts are the holy word of God. They say, "I do not read it, it may get thrown away which I do not want to do because it is the holy word of God". However, young Muslims are open to stopping by and receiving some literature.

Helping May hurt

I work at a Book shop every Tuesday to sell items and meet people. People from the Job Centre are also sent to us to support them by filling out the job form and any other needs they may have. Once a lady from Kurdistan Mrs. Saifa, came to me and asked if I could phone the electricity office to reduce the cost of her electricity bill since she could not speak English clearly. Saifa came to this country with her husband and little daughter and lived as a refugee in Rochdale. Now she is divorced. She is going through lots of depression and anxiety. She is on insulin and other medication for depression and anxiety.



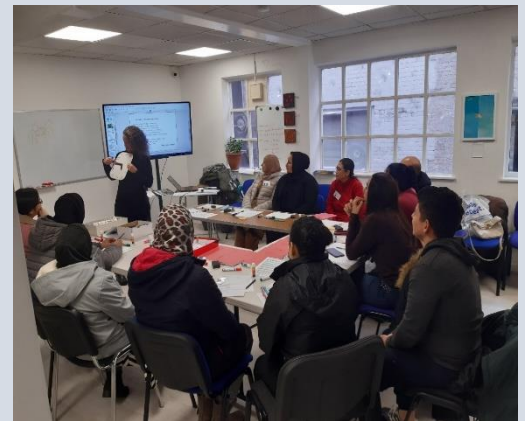
She told me that she cannot stay in the house because she feels like someone is going to attack her or a ghost will torture her. She further says; I do not have any friends to speak to. Now she lives with her 9-year-old daughter. She only lives at home when her daughter is around. When her daughter is at school she comes out from the house and wanders around. While she was sharing her story. I told her you need friends to talk to and spend time together. She suddenly burst out into tears. Even though she is a Muslim, I asked if I could pray for her. She agreed to pray for her and I prayed.

I phoned the Electricity office and asked on her behalf if they could reduce the cost. I was told they will not reduce the cost but rather spread the cost to be paid £5.00 per week. I was also able to help her by connecting with a Citizen Support Group to get some financial help.

After a few days, I started getting a call from the Electricity office almost every day calling me that I owed over £450.00 on my electricity bill. I told them that I am not that person but they said how come your phone number is on our system. It so happened that when I contacted the electricity office on her behalf using my telephone, the electricity office staff put my phone number as her contact number. After receiving calls frequently, I had to talk to the manager to explain that I am not that person but I had called your office on her behalf. After several requests, they finally removed my phone number. Thank God, I am relieved now.

English Language Classes

We thank the Lord for enabling us to complete 12 weeks of English Language Classes which ended in the month of April. After 2 weeks of break, we have started it again. I see so much enthusiasm from the students who are from different parts of the world but the majority are Muslim. The participants have gained confidence in expressing themselves and have built a good bond with us to share their stories. I thank the Lord that he has enabled me to teach from the bible as well in the second session as additional language classes that have given us an opportunity to share the message of Christ. We are planning to take all students to Hollingworth Lake for a picnic on the 15th of May to build better relationships and share the good news. Everybody would bring their food and we would share it together. This is going to be an evangelistic event.



Preparation for Baptism

David who started coming to our fellowship, is growing in the Lord. He expressed his desire to be baptized. I have asked him to go through the short course of Baptism. He has agreed to go through the classes. I will teach him a few hours about baptism and baptizing him soon. We have another member who is willing to be baptized.

Recreation for Church Members

As part of building good discipleship and strengthening the ministry of the church, we planned for the core team to go for a mini golf in the town centre. It was the first time for me and Keshari to play a golf. We had a really wonderful time playing, laughing, and supporting each other to serve the Lord as a team. We are planning to go to Wales for a weekend away from 16-18 June. Hope we can have a wonderful time out there.



Fisher's of man receives Fish



I must thank Brother Peter who is very fond of fishing, he calls it fly fishing. He is the leader of the charity called Bridges where I help to support the homeless. Brother Peter has graciously given us a good size of trout fish twice each. God has given him a very generous heart, whenever he catches fish he gives it away to his friends. We were blessed to have such fresh fish. We invite another Nepali family to enjoy the fish together.

Serving wider Nepali Churches

A Nepali Speaking Church in Sheffield had invited me to speak on the week ahead of Easter Sunday. The Lord has blessed this church with a good number of people and strong leadership. They occasionally invite me to share the word. I spoke on seven words of Jesus from the Cross. After finishing my sermon, I was asked to pray for the sick people. Quite a few people with different physical illnesses came forward for prayer. I felt God's anointing whilst praying. Some people felt better after they were prayed for.



Preaching at Urdu Speaking Church



Recently, I was asked to preach in the Pakistani church on the occasion of Easter Sunday as well as birthday celebrations. I feel privileged to get such a wonderful opportunity to share the word in the Pakistani church in Urdu language to minister to the people and also to bless the family with the message of Birthday.

Funny Event

Last month, I was at the bookshop. A Muslim boy came to me and questioned me; are you guys Christian? I answered, yes, he said to me; what if someone is hungry and asks for food what would you do? I said; of course, I will help that person. And again, he said; If that is so, then please help me I am so hungry. I have not eaten for a long time; can you help me? I told him, yes, there is a packet of biscuits on the table, please take them. He says: I am really hungry that biscuits would not help me at all. I thought it was kind of cheeky! I said to myself; well, it is better to buy him food than to give him money. I took him to a nearby restaurant and bought food for him. After receiving food, he says to everyone eating in the restaurant, I thank this brother because he bought me food when I ask for it, He added, he is a good Christian. People in the restaurant gave sweet smile and said; good work.!!

We would like to thank you for your continuous prayer and financial support to sustain our ministry. Your frequent emails/ messages and personal gift are so much valued. I would like to request you to kindly remember in your prayer as are as follows:

- 1. A member who is getting ready for baptism and baptism classes.*
- 2. We are looking for an evangelist for the church.*
- 3. My leadership role as pastor of the church.*
- 4. Weekly Street Evangelism and bible study*
- 5. Day out Picnic with Students on 15th May.*
- 6. Our good health.*

Once again for standing by us with prayer and support. I thank you for writing to us occasionally and sending gifts to us to bless us.

Together in His Mission.

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