April 2020

4TH Leviticus 11



ITEMS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Daily Scripture Readings

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Leviticus 8

ROMANIA Pop 19.5 Mil. UK 4 Writing from England The Coronavirus impact in Italy is of particular concern to us in Romania as there is regular travel between the two countries. Some of the residents in Casa Simeon have relatives in Italy who visit the home. The virus could be devastating among the elderly vulnerable residents. Please pray for the staff as they diligently seek to care for the residents and protect their wellbeing. Due to panic buying locally, supplies are an ongoing challenge.

C. 1995 RICHARD/RUTH McCLENAGHAN

2ND

Leviticus 9

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

We praise God for His miraculous hand in our daughter Kara's life. She continues to do really well now that we are back in Loloma, confirmed by recent x-rays. She is doing various physiotherapy exercises to strengthen her neck and will be reviewed again in April. Many thanks to all who prayed with us through this challenging situation. C. 1997

TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

Leviticus 10

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

For some months there has been a number of strange ritualistic killings and some incidents of people being gassed in their homes at night. This has led to fear and mob justice, as villagers set up their own road blocks and search everyone travelling. The police and army are now involved and helping to restore some order but Satan's power is constantly in evidence. However, we continue to be blessed by the good spiritual opportunities with both staff and patients at the hospital.

C. 1997

TIMOTHY/JOY BEER

JAPAN Pop. 127 Mil. Koshigaya

There is a growing sense of the Lord being at work as we seek to serve Him here. There is a spirit of unity and love among the believers and we are seeing increased numbers at various outreach meetings each week. Four of my students from Dokkyo University attend each time and are really listening to the Gospel. The assembly would also love to buy the building we meet in. Pray that this may be possible. NOEL/EILEEN HAMILTON C. 1988

5TH

Leviticus 12:1 to 13:23

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Writing from N. Ireland Shirley and I plan to visit Brazil again soon. Due to my health and age (now over 80), the family have insisted that I go accompanied. We would value your prayers as we travel and long to know the blessing of the Lord as we visit assemblies in the Manaus and Santarem regions.

C. 1968

HARRY REID

6TH

Leviticus 13:24-59

NEPAL Pop. 29 Mil. Dhulabari

Dhulabari used to be a vibrant market town on the Indo-Nepal border but is now full of unemployed people. The gospel work here was effectively started by a sister, Dilkumari Limboo, who almost singlehandedly evangelised a large portion of the town and saw many of her family and friends saved. After years of hard labour, an assembly was established here in January this year. Dilkumari's daughter Gita is the widow of Tika who died in a car accident two months ago. Gita is also known for her evangelical passion. Pray for these sisters, the ongoing work and the little assembly.

JIWAN RAI

Leviticus 14:1-32

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Rambouillet

Following the purchase of new premises recently, conversion work on the building is planned to commence soon. Our current premises are packed on Sundays with many standing each week. We are grateful that despite the difficulties we enjoy good fellowship and the Lord in His goodness encourages in many aspects of the work. Many young adults in the assembly are taking on more responsibilities, which is a blessing.

C. 1982

ALAN/VALERIE KYLE

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Porto Alegre

Lindsay Carswell and I are in the second week of a series of gospel meetings in the district of Porto Alegre called Bom Jesus. There is much indifference to the gospel but the area is being visited with tracts and invitations and we trust that some will take advantage of the opportunity. Some contacts have already attended and we trust they will 'seek the Lord'. Remember this needy area.

C. 1952/58

HARRY/BETH WILSON

Leviticus 15

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Bouc-Bel-Air

We are thinking of starting a work called 'Oasis', which would be particularly geared towards Muslims, either young Christians or those showing an interest in the Gospel. A couple who have served the Lord in the Muslim world for many years will be joining us soon to help develop this outreach. Please pray for this big challenge and new direction. We already have good contacts with Arab women who come to the assembly for literacy classes that we run each week.

C. 1973

GRAHAM/ALISON BLACK

Leviticus 16

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

I visited Kayombo where Emily Rowntree and Eva Warke laboured faithfully for the Lord for many years. A few years ago the Government opened a new boarding school in the district and allow the local assemblies to administer it. As a consequence, most of the boarders come to the Gospel meeting. A lovely new Hall has been built to accommodate these children. I had the joy of being with them on the Lord's day when 316 young people were under the sound of the Gospel. A number have been saved and baptised already. C. 1972 WILMA GEDDES

Leviticus 17 & 18

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Loloma

Please continue to pray for a radio broadcasting work which has been started in our district near Loloma. A young brother Kamiji is allowed to preach the Gospel every Saturday and Sunday evenings, which is an ideal time for locals to listen. The Lord has blessed and we are aware of 2 people professing salvation. This has been an encouragement to us all, especially Kamiji. Also remember the work of renovating and rebuilding many Gospel Halls which are in a dangerous condition.

C. 1972

WILMA GEDDES

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

Now we are back in Venezuela, and hope, God willing, to be soon in Delta Amacuro again. Veronica has been getting some medical treatment in San Carlos, but we now need to travel to Mexico for further medical help before we return. Your prayers would be valued. One of the main challenges in Venezuela is the shortage of petrol. Travelling is very limited and it makes it hard for believers to attend meetings. Sometimes hours or even days are spent queuing for a few litres of fuel. However, the believers are still keen to preach the gospel and witness to neighbours.

C. 2014 (Ven)

WILLIAM/VERONICA TURKINGTON

Leviticus 21

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Pirassununga

The meetings in Pocos de Caldas (where there is still no assembly) will now be every Thursday. Please pray for Paulo Silas, in whose house the meetings are held. His firm closed down the branch he was responsible for in Pocos and relocated him over a thousand miles north, where he would be far from any assembly. After much prayer he decided to leave his job and look for other employment. Remember Paulo and the work in Pocas de Caldas.

C. 1998

WILLIAM/ELEN WATTERSON

Leviticus 22

JAPAN Pop. 127 Mil. Writing from Scotland

I visited a number of assemblies in Japan recently, including Kanayama. An ex-prisoner who had been convicted for drug possession has been attending well. When arrested he found a Bible in the police cell, then when in prison, saw a large newspaper advert for meetings at the hall and contacted the number on his release. He has been attending ever since. Please pray that this man will be truly liberated by the Gospel.

JACK/LILLIAN HAY

Leviticus 23:1-22

SRI LANKA Pop. 21 Mil. Writing from Scotland

I visited Sri Lanka again with brother Ian Steele in February. At Muttuchchenai, almost 70 were present. The hall has been extended there, but much opposition has been experienced. After the meeting we went down to the shore and 7 were baptised in a lagoon. Also remember in prayer the Children's Meeting in Bethesda Gospel Hall, Columbo each Saturday afternoon, when about 80 attend and give excellent attention.

JACK/LILLIAN HAY

Leviticus 23:23-44

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 San Carlos

The infant assembly in El Baul has experienced some growth, both in grace and in numbers. An elderly couple and another aged man left the denominations to gather out to the Lord's Name. Pray for an elderly man called Savino, who comes on his own to the Bible reading after the breaking of bread, reads the Bible and other literature but is still not saved. C, 2000 (Ven)

ANDREW/ELENA TURKINGTON

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Leviticus 24

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Meyzieu

Seven years ago the small assembly in Vichy seemed to be about to close. However, the Lord sent a young couple to work nearby and to help. The following year, another young couple arrived. The result has been encouraging. There are now about 60 adults that attend regularly each Sunday. People have been converted, backsliders have been restored and unchurched lonely believers have found a spiritual home. We are grateful for those who have left their comfort zone and with great commitment, are helping the work in Vichy. C. 1980/84

DAVID/BRIGITTE SUTHERLAND

18^{TF}

Leviticus 25

BRAZIL Pop. 214 Mil. UK 20 Sao Joaquim da Barra I praise God for His goodness over such a long period of time. He never fails. I still minister His Word in eight of the assemblies in our area. Our neighbours have a cottage meeting once a month in their garage. Last Friday, 32 were present, some of whom would never come to a gospel hall. Pray for this work and those who attend, that God will bless them.

C. 1952

JAMES CRAWFORD (and daughter Margaret)

19TH

Leviticus 26

NORWAY Pop. 5.4 Mil. UK 5 Skien

Thank you for continuing to pray for the prison work here in Skien, which is now in its 25th year. There is an open door for bibles and literature, for which we are grateful. It has been a thrill to see some of those we have had the privilege of meeting and encouraging over the years now rejoicing that some of their family and friends have trusted the Lord. As most know, Jennifer's cancer has spread to her neck, head and brain. She is very tired but bright in spirit and strong in faith. Please continue to remember us before the Lord. C. 1982

NAT/JENNIFER RODGERS

20TH

Leviticus 27

MEXICO Pop. 126 Mil. UK 4 Monterrey

Believers in Monterrey have a strong desire to continue learning from the Word of God, which is encouraging. We are moved to see how they are involved consistently in all the assembly activities. Among them is an old man, brother Don Chavelo. He still does not know how to read but Mariu has started to give him reading classes. Don would value your prayers.

C.2014

ANDERSON/MARIU HENRANDEZ

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Numbers 1

ZAMBIA Pop. 18 Mil. UK 40 Chitokoloki

We have many things to thank God for. We are grateful for continued reasonable health and strength to cope with an unremitting workload. During 2019 we carried out over 1700 surgical procedures at the hospital. This year we received a new state of the art gastroscopy unit and a new anaesthetic machine. These are proving a great blessing. Work is also progressing well on our new conference centre and the renovation of about 60 small houses that were formerly part of the old leper colony. These facilities will be of great help in accommodating believers who travel great distances to hear the Word of God at our conferences.

C. 1991 DAVID/LORRAINE McADAM

22ND

Numbers 2

THAILAND Pop. 69 Mil. UK 8 Phuket

In Phuket, we had a baptism in the sea when two brothers and a sister were baptised. We praise the Lord that over the past couple of years, more than 20 new believers have been baptised and brought into fellowship. Most come from a background of idol worship. One sister now in fellowship had been a medium before she was saved.

C. 1959/62

PETER/PEGGY FERRY

23RD

Numbers 3

VENEZUELA Pop. 28.5 Mil. UK 7 Los Altos

In the assembly in Los Altos we have a dear brother Don Julio Figuera who is 93 years old and has been saved for 65 years. He often says 'It is so good to be saved!'. Listening to him is a great joy. We have been having meetings with Noel McKeown in El Manguito, an area that has not heard the gospel for decades. We were encouraged that Rossi and Anadexis professed salvation at the end of the first week. Rossi has stomach cancer. Anadexis' husband Eliud is not saved but their 14 year old son Paul trusted Christ two years ago. They are a lovely family. Pray for them, especially Eliud. C. 2018 (Ven)

PEDRO/LOIS MALAVE

Numbers 4

ITALY Pop. 60 Mil. UK 16 Naples

We are grateful for younger men who are maturing and taking on responsibilities in local assemblies in this area. Please pray that as we continue to work together with other assemblies, we may be able to help in the teaching and establishing of the next generation of believers.

C. 1987/88 ROD/DEBBIE JONES

25TH

Numbers 5

WALES Pop. 3.1 Mil. Pembrokeshire

The outreach work connected with the food bank is now well established. We have a room on the side of the hall which is stocked from floor to ceiling with food. This is PATCH (Pembrokeshire Action to Combat Hardship). It also has an evangelical purpose to its work. As well as showing love, it is a good point of contact. Do pray for a spiritual blessing from this work. We also plan to go back to the Pembrokeshire Show in August and would ask for your prayers as we prepare.

IAN/REBECCA REES

26TH

Numbers 6

UKRAINE Pop. 44 Mil. UK 4 Lviv

We long that this year will be a year of growth and restoration. We are delighted that God has blessed recently in salvation and two people have come into fellowship in Lviv as a result. However, we are disappointed at the lack of commitment of some of the believers. Lviv is a large city of 1 million people that is sadly steeped in religious idolatry. There is much confusion and opposition. We have distributed 5.000 Gospel calendars around the area of the Gospel Hall and trust that God will bless His Word.

C. 2010 EDMUND/AGNES JOHNSTON

27TH

C. 1985/88

Numbers 7

FRANCE Pop. 67 Mil. UK 40 Nantes

We recently asked for prayer for conversions during this year. Now you can share our joy, because two of the people on our minds have since asked for baptism! That opens the way for us to have a short series of Bible studies with them, which cover the basics of the Gospel and foundations for the Christian life. Pray that Sandra and Anaelle may have a real understanding of repentance and conversion and the transformation that the Gospel brings.

GERRY/DOROTHY SEED

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INDIA Pop. 1,370 Mil. UK 3 Thane

By God's grace all is going well both in the hospital and in the community health work in the villages. The work among those suffering from HIV is also presenting opportunities to present the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for the spiritual need in this vast land.

STEPHEN ALFRED

Numbers 8

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Numbers 9:1 to 10:10

SOUTH AFRICA Pop. 58 Mil. UK 7 Umtentweni

Things in South Africa continue to deteriorate almost daily. Crime is at an all-time high and road accidents are frequent and often fatal. The national airline and power supplier are once more bankrupt. Power outages are common, sometimes more than once each day. Although easy to get despondent, we are so encouraged at the many opportunities to spread the gospel. At our own local gospel meeting, a good number of unsaved often gather and pay close attention to the Word. Pray for a response in this needy country.

C. 1968

PAUL/DOROTHY GRIEVE

30TH

Numbers 10:11 to 11:3

BELGIUM Pop. 11.5 Mil. UK 1 Assebroek

For a number of months you have been praying for a woman who was not a believer but who had asked for help dealing with difficulties in her life. It is clear that she has now come to a point of repentance about how she had lived her life and was trusting the Lord for forgiveness and for her future. Yesterday she spoke about how she was learning a lot about the Lord from other believers. Her life is transformed. What an amazing and gracious God we have.

C. 1999

ANNE DRYBURGH

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