

HARVEST FIELDS

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st January 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Gifts and donations	7,861	200	8,061	6,739
Prayer meeting offerings	-	3,893	3,893	3,220
Legacies and bequests	-	6,654	6,654	26,698
Bank deposit interest	218	-	218	223
Total receipts	8,079	10,747	18,826	36,880
Payments				
Contribution to Lord's work	-	40,650	40,650	28,200
Printing costs	3,184	-	3,184	3,300
Postage	3,608	-	3,608	2,166
Stationery	30	-	30	301
Calendars	750	-	750	750
Bank charges	153	-	153	140
Sundry expenses	523	-	523	-
Total payments	8,248	40,650	48,898	34,857
Net receipts/(payments)	(169)	(29,903)	(30,072)	2,023
Cash funds last year end	22,903	38,975	61,878	59,855
Cash funds this year end	22,734	9,072	31,806	61,878

JOTTINGS

Harry and Stephanie Lannon

Give thanks to the Lord that Harry is now cancer free and that visas have been obtained which has enabled them to return overseas. Continue to pray for them in this new phase of service for the Lord.

Harvest Fields monthly missionary prayer meeting

Please note that due to the present situation the April meeting has been cancelled

Due to the uncertainty of the present situation we have also decided to postpone the 60th anniversary meeting which we were hoping to have in May.

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BRAZIL

Tom and Dorothy Matthews

Early in the New Year two young brethren from the assembly in Novo Hamburgo joined me in a series of meetings in the hall in Estância Velha, a town very near to Novo Hamburgo where we live. Work has been carried on there for quite a number of years, but those who have got saved belong to the assembly in Novo



Hamburgo. These young brethren made a valued contribution to the meetings. Attendance was not what we had hoped for, but we had a number of unsaved listeners, some of whom attended consistently.

At present brother Lindsay Carswell and I are having a series of meetings in the hall in São Leopoldo. There is a small assembly there, but rather than see the numbers increase they have rather diminished through some moving to other parts. In spite of invitations being distributed widely, there has been very little response and we are coping with reduced numbers. However, there are one or two who seem to listen with interest. We value prayer for the work in these difficult days. At the moment there are four special efforts under way, in this region. All our brethren would value the prayers of God's people. (07/03/2010)

CYPRUS

Miss Olive Wilson

Please pray for the publication of the Macedonian women's devotional, which I have just finished. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus threat, my trip to Macedonia has been postponed for a week or two. The book is still being edited and there are no immediate deadlines for its publication, therefore we leave the timing to the Lord. I have also postponed a trip to Israel as the coronavirus is spreading there too. Fortunately, there are no confirmed cases in Cyprus, although testing has been carried out. In the meantime, I will continue to write a book in English based on the Macedonian version, but in greater detail. Please pray for clarity of thought and ideas to encourage Christians and challenge non-believers.

Prayer would also be valued for two Roma families from Macedonia who are asylum seekers in Germany and France. The family in Germany have been waiting five years for a residency permit without which they cannot find employment. The children have integrated well into their respective schools and are a witness to their classmates. We continue to keep in touch online for help and encouragement.

Over the past month I have been receiving tutorials for online teaching of English. There is a huge demand for online teachers in China and with the Lord's help I should be able to engage in teaching several hours a week. Please pray for the opportunity to witness through these contacts.

The assembly which meets in the Logos School in Limassol continues its outreach each Lord's Day with the gospel and Sunday School. Pray for the children and parents who attend and for the work of the school. (03/03/2020)

BOTSWANA

Clark and Hazel Logan

After the homecall of Irene Legge, just over a year ago, brother Jim continued bravely on his own. He received sterling support from the local believers who helped him in so many ways. However, a few months ago, Jim fell ill and had to be hospitalised. His son and daughter came out to visit and they accompanied him back to UK to recuperate. He has recently been given a place in a care home in Scotland.

Botswana feels strange without Jim and Irene. Those of us who continue on here miss them greatly after their 50 years of faithful service in the village of Serowe. Please remember Jim in your prayers; the speed of recent events did not give much time for mental readjustment to the sudden change in circumstances. The office staff, in Serowe, continues to manage the large correspondence work. Each week Bible courses are distributed and also collected from many schools in the area.

Here in Gaborone the busy Sunday School work in the city and surrounding villages is encouraging. In Kopong village a number of older ladies attend with the children; they learn the memory verses too!

At our weekly open-air gospel meeting several local people have been joining us recently and have listened throughout. A few weeks ago a young man brought his own chair and a notebook in which he wrote down the message. Afterwards we discovered he used to attend the Sunday School. Please join with us in praying for these gospel efforts. (03/03/2020)

VENEZUELA

Uel and Ray Ussher

The work of the Lord, in spite of all the problems in Venezuela, continues to go forward. Since the beginning of this year quite a few assemblies in this area have been preaching the gospel, for the most part, using local gift.

In Palo Negro we have had seven weeks of meetings in two different homes with Samuel's help. The attendance was very good with a nice number of unsaved present who listened with reverence. Much good seed was sown and while we are thankful for blessing granted, there were a number who showed concern but sadly are still not saved. We continue to pray that God will continue to speak and that soon we will have good news of salvation. The Christians gave good support doing their best to bring along family and friends.

Conditions in the country have changed in that previously most basic food items were scarce with large queues to buy when available. Now the supermarkets have plenty to offer but at a price that most are not able to afford. Many have left the country, including a number of the believers, who, as they are able, are sending money to family which has been a little help. But there is still a very urgent need for a change for the better, and only the Lord knows how best to bring it about. We pray that His will be done.

Our time here is running out as we need to be back in Northern Ireland early April D.V. to attend to a medical checkup.

We value the continued prayers of the saints for us and as we think of the future we can say with David 'my times are in thy hand' (Psalm 31:15) (09/03/2020)

MALAWI

John and Priscilla Finegan

Being in contact almost daily with believers in Malawi we frequently hear of ones being saved, especially in the prison ministry and through the *Challenge* gospel newspaper. Praise to our Lord for his works of grace.

One young man, C, and his wife S, both just saved this year, live in difficult circumstances in Zomba. Like so many others, they have had major problems in their marriage which they are now learning to face with the hope and honesty that new life in Christ presents. Our brother Kondwani meets with them weekly to help in their discipleship. Please pray for them that they will grow in grace and be nurtured in Christ.

Please also pray for Ananda and Grace Pulla (commended workers from India) as they apply to the Immigration Office for permission to continue to live and work in Malawi as missionaries. This permit must be renewed every two years and always brings months of great uncertainty while officials present various obstacles to those living by faith. Living in, and raising a young family in this country, brings daily difficulties and frustrations. Pray for wisdom and patience to be given them as they serve the Master. (Titus 2:10) "...showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour." (12/03/2020)

FRANCE

William and Liz Irwin

Every two weeks we have two groups to speak English in our home. Virginie started coming along to the beginners group about six months ago. When Liz invited her to a Christmas Carol Service in English she began asking many questions. Staying to almost midnight, Liz had the opportunity to explain the gospel to her. Since then, she often asks questions and we have had the opportunity to give her a Bible, which we believe she is reading at the moment. She also has said that she would like to come along soon to an Assembly meeting. Please pray for her and her husband Burno, who seems to be uninterested at the moment, that the Lord would save them.

Everything surrounding the Irish culture is always very popular in this part of France. So every year around the 17th March, we have an outreach meeting, when we explain the gospel through the life of Saint Patrick. We find this is a wonderful way to speak to people to whom we would never get the opportunity. This year we hope to organise another outreach meeting. Please pray that many will come along and that we will be able to proclaim the gospel clearly.

Please pray for a couple whom we saw married about 12 years ago. A couple of years ago, she joined a group whose teachings are very extreme, which we see are not based on the Word of God. They have encouraged her, among other things, to home school her family and not to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas. About a year ago, the leaders encouraged her to leave her husband, because he refused to follow her into this group. Please pray that, as we try to help this couple, the Lord will bring her out of this group and restore the family together again in the Lord.

We have an 18 year old man working with us for a few months. Please pray that Nathan will learn much about mission while with us and how to serve the Lord outside his own culture. (13/02/2020)