



A BAKER'S BULLETIN

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Praises

- ✦ Several visitors to both in-person and online services
- ✦ Re-start of Sunday evening services on February 7
- ✦ Continued good health in the midst of the virus and flu season
- ✦ Record attendance to virtual youth meeting in January
- ✦ VandenHurks' safe return from furlough
- ✦ Churches allowed to remain open during the national lockdown
- ✦ Encouragement from the Lord during this continued national lockdown

Prayer Requests

- ✦ Wisdom to be able to reach people even through restrictions
- ✦ Salvation of individuals we have regular contact with in church services and individual meetings
- ✦ Continued wisdom in ministering to children, teens, and ladies in our church and community

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Praises Amidst Restrictions

It seems very easy to lose focus these days as the ongoing pandemic crisis and many other issues fill the news articles each day. England has remained in a state of national lockdown once again since January 4. It was a bit discouraging at the outset of yet another lockdown, but we had been praying that if this were the case, we would be granted the permission to continue holding public worship services. We praise the Lord that the Members of Parliament (MPs) in England, fought for this freedom and won. I am reminded each time I arrive at the church building what a blessed privilege it is to be able to worship in person as an assembly of believers. Although we cannot hold services with the whole congregation in our current church building, we were happy this Sunday, February 7, to begin again meeting in split groups on Sunday morning and Sunday evening for the first time since Pastor Jonathan and Natalie left on furlough in August 2020. Over the past several months, we have been blessed with visitors in our services at the building and some who have faithfully attended online and are asking questions about the Gospel as well. Although we are able to meet for public worship, smaller group meetings like the youth meeting and the ladies' Bible study are not permitted to meet in person. But the Lord has continued to increase our attendance to both meetings. In January, we had twenty people online with the virtual youth meeting and that didn't include the ones who couldn't access our virtual room for one reason or another. We praise the Lord for keeping these doors of communication open, and for the way He is helping us share the Gospel. I have personally had several opportunities with my neighbors and other friends in my community to share my testimony and continue to develop those redemptive relationships that have begun as a result of these times of lockdown. There have been some days that are difficult during these times, but God always sends me encouragement and things to thank Him for when those days come. Thank you for faithfully praying for me as I continue ministering here in these very uncertain and challenging days. May we choose, like the Psalmist, to give God all the glory for these things (Psalm 115:1-3).



Growing Youth Ministry

It has been a blessing to see our youth ministry growing, even during this time of restrictions on in-person meetings. We have a good group of young people who have been attending, and it seems that the number grows with each meeting. Please pray for this ministry, that the Lord would protect it and sustain it. While we are meeting virtually, it has been a blessing to include teenagers and some young adults from our church, as well as at least two other churches, one located in Spalding, England, and one in Loanhead, Scotland. We have several young people who are coming regularly who have yet to make a profession of faith in Christ. Please pray that these meetings would be a time where the young people, first and foremost, hear from God's Word and also learn enjoy to Christian fellowship. We firmly believe that these young people are the future of the churches here in the UK. Please pray with us that God would raise up another generation that trusts Him, loves Him, and desires to serve Him with their lives.

Peterborough Ministry in Pictures



Top Row: (Left) Fireworks near my house at midnight on New Year's, (Right) VandenHurks returned from United States in January; **Bottom Row:** (Left) View from Media Table for church, (Middle) PM Boris Johnson announcing national lockdown, (Right) My view most days in my office preparing for Bible studies and doing other office work for the church



I enjoyed a very unusual snowfall in late January. We don't often get much snow, if any here, but I was thankful for it, and enjoyed seeing God's creation in a blanket of white. Thankfully for the reminder that God has made our sins even whiter than snow!