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New Year....New Start! Fresh pain.... More Gain! God is leading us out!



Tim Says:

When the Children of Israel left Egypt in the middle of the night; when the angel of the Lord went through the land killing the firstborn wherever the blood was not applied to the doorposts and lintels. At that time the people of God had their calendar re-arranged. **Exodus 12:2 This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.** That date was the first day of the first month of the first year of their history. I feel that way about the momentous decisions that have been recently taken by our leaders as from their "away day", the 27th November 2010.

It is the start of a fresh era, it is the time that our history will be re-shaped from. God has begun the journey of taking us into the Promised Land that he has prepared for us. Just a few weeks on, and we have taken professional advice from Estate Agents and Architects. We have requested confirmation of details of the plot at the ECO Park, and we are pursuing funding options to help us pay for it all. We have started.....! But not long after they left Egypt, they came to their first test. The Red sea was in front of them and Pharaoh along with 600 chariots were behind them. The people of God were terrified, and cried out to the Lord.

Their deliverance came through God manipulating natural phenomenon to utterly destroy their abusers. You may feel scared at the decisions taken, or you may feel that "naturally" we have bitten off more than we can chew. My response is **Exodus 14:13 Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you.** We have many decisions and difficulties in front of us, but our God is able and he who promised will deliver, if only you will be still and trust! As you do that, I pray that God will fill your year with examples of his mighty power!

Texts for the month:

Exodus 14:13 Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you.
Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Dates:

Sun: 2nd 10:30am "Salvation & Lordship" - Tim
 Tue: 4th 10:am—4:pm Quiet Day
 Tue: 4th 7:30pm Prayer Focus - Tim
 Sat: 8th 7pm Valley Worship (Peter Cooper—Creative Outreach)
 Sun: 9th 10:30am A Guest Speaker - Alistair Taylor
 Mon: 10th Prayer for Israel—see Dave Lines or Kathy Boulton
 Tue: 11th 12:30pm Open Doors Lunch
 Tue: 11th 7:30pm - Jogesh
 Sun: 16th 10:30am "Self Denial" - Tim
 Tue: 18th 7:30pm - Dain
 Sun: 23rd 10:30pm Methodist Minister—Rev. Frances Biseker
 Sun: 23rd 3:30pm CTAL UNITY SERVICE St.Laurence's
 Tue: 25th 7:30pm - Gil
 Sun: 30th 10:30am "Go with the Flow/Bring and Share Lunch" - Tim
 Mon: 31st 3pm Prayer for the Persecuted Church - see Carol
 Woodcock
 Garage Praise - see Jean Dancy

Notices:**MEMBERSHIP FORMS:**

Membership forms were included with the December newsletter. Please complete them and give them to Jackie Shaw by Sunday 9th January latest. If you are currently not a member and would like to investigate it, **without any pressure**, please see Tim who will make an appointment to come and see you and explain our position and process. If we have folks who wish to become members, we will do this on Sunday 16th January.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Tue: 18th 2pm - St, Laurence's Church
 Wed: 19th 10:30am - Ludlow Methodist
 Thur: 20th 7:30pm - Elim Christain Fellowship
 Fri: 21st 7pm - St.Peter's Roman Catholic Church
 Sat: 22nd 10:30am - Quaker Meeting House
 Sun: 23rd 3:30pm - CTAL Unity Service St.Laurence's
 Mon: 24th 2pm - Ludlow Baptist Church

Ecumenical Exchanges

On Sun 23rd we will have two visitors from Ludlow Methodist Church joining us and two of our fellowship will be visiting the Methodist Church (both at 10.30am)

Prayer Requests:

Chris Richards: He has been told that the Leukaemia has returned, and no further treatment is available. He wants no calls or visits, just prayer. Please be faithful in this, a letter/card may be sent.

Ray Graham For healing of Tinnitus and other ear problems

Elizabeth Shaw that the Cancer will not return

The Work of Options - that they will get more clients & that their reputation would increase

Dain's role in Schools would increase.

**Jackie - Sandra -
 Siobhan- Thaisa -
 Henrique**

At Regents College.

Matthew in Oxfordshire
 Training to be a Pilot.

Prayer For Israel:

The next prayer for Israel meeting will be on Monday 10th January - starting at 10:30am and finishing at 12:noon.

This group meet at Kathy Boulton's house, for more details please see Kathy or phone her on - 01584 873685

or

Speak to: Dave Lines
 Jackie Shaw

ENABLE 2011

An inspiring one-day men's conference with John Glass, Dave Smith, Simon Jarvis, Mark Ritchie, Sat 26th March 2011 at Birmingham Christian Centre .For more info. log onto: www.enabled.org.uk
 FOR BOOKING CONTACT TIM.

MY CHILD

(1 Cor. 12:7 - Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given the common good)

Listen, I have plans for you, not to harm but to nurture, build up and restore.

Your life in My Hands, means I can mould you into My creation, and shape you as a Potter does his clay. I will make you beautiful in My sight, and others will notice the work I have started in you.

Do not be afraid, for I Am with you, My rod and staff they comfort you. In the days of darkness I will be your light. When it is too bright I will be your shade.

There will be tears and famine, wars and disasters, but you will grow strong. You will remain, despite the hardships and horrors of what you see. You will remain because I will guide you. By name I will call you, by your hand and heart I will lead you to safe pastures.

You pasture land lasts only for a time, before it becomes barren again, and you need to move on. Do not become comfortable and remain in a barren pasture.

Tears and joy will follow, this is human life. Remain in Me and I will guide you. The Spirit will be the Wind in your sails. I Am the anchor who will hold you firm in the waves. I am also the boat that carries you.

Listen not only with your ears, but with your heart also
I AM HERE.

Submitted by Catherine Allen

ACTS2 Teams

As a result of the LIFE exhibition, we have 2 schools who have requested school assembly teams, & 2 more who we expect to request teams shortly. We therefore need to train up new workers. The commitment that is needed is as follows: Approximately 2 hours to prepare an assembly as part of a team, & then around half an hour on the day (15 mins assembly time, plus some set up & break down time). This is each month..... you would go into the same school with the same people & build up exceptional relationships with the children & staff. They really value it & you will too as time goes by & you get more confident. If you can help, PLEASE see Tim as a matter of urgency!

Women with a message:

JESUS CALLING - 2011

Continue on this path with ME enjoying MY PRESENCE even in adversity.

I AM always before you, as well as alongside you. See ME beckoning to you.

COME FOLLOW ME.

The One who goes ahead of you stays close and never lets go of your hand.

I AM not subject to limitations of time or space.

I AM everywhere at every time, ceaselessly working on your behalf.

That is why your best efforts are trusting ME and living close to ME.

Sarah Young — Perth Australia

facebook

The Church now has a "facebook page", where you can leave comments and respond to comments. Also take part in discussions, Why not give your views on current topics!!!

Little Squiggles parent and toddler group
meet on a Thursday morning. Please see Louise Bromley for more information.
Phone No. 01584 856747

The Privilege of Mission

It has been my privilege to have undertaken a number of short-term missions to various countries around the world. I say it is a privilege because on each and every occasion I have witnessed God move in awesome ways. Every trip has been very different; including what might be described as 'revival' to times when whole congregations have been broken in repentance and tears.

From January 11th to 1st March 2011, my wife and I shall again be going on mission, this time to the Philippines and to the Filipino people in Hong Kong. This is our first mission to Hong Kong and I think my tenth to the Philippines, which is a nation comprising over 7000 islands, a population of approximately 100 million and beset by natural disasters and poverty. However there is a hunger for the things of God among the people in that land and hence it is just such a privilege to see God satisfy that hunger and to realise that somehow he has chosen to use us in the process.

Our plan is to spend one week in Hong Kong and the remainder in the Philippines, ministering to folk in three separate groups of indigenous churches and bible schools spread throughout the north of the island of Luzon. Whilst the timetable is very (very) fluid and wholly in the hands of our Filipino brethren, I suspect from experience, that the majority of our time will be spent well off the beaten track in remote mountain villages with little or no communication or 'mod cons' - even a loo would be nice!

We would dearly value your prayers for this mission trip and hope to bring back 'a good report' of all that has taken place.

With every blessing , Bob and Jenny Lillyman



Let us have **YOUR** contributions for the next newsletter by
20th January

If possible send by e-mail to trcoles@talktalk.net
or Jackie Shaw at jackieshawskye1@btinternet.com *Thank you*

And Finally:

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man begged the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules. The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars and placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterward, the man died and showed up at the gates of heaven. St. Peter, seeing the suitcase, said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" The man explained to St. Peter that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checked it out, came back and said, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

St. Peter opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought pavement?"