

Prayer Letter from Steve & Dawn Loader



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Prayer Focus and News from BRISTOL



'.. I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.' Philippians 1:19-21

Training

The *Emerging Evangelist Institute* continues to be a very good training program. The 'trainees' recently had to do a five minute Gospel Message in front of each other, and though I regularly preach, it was nerve racking to say the least when speaking in front of a group of other evangelists.

- All the *Counties* training days have been excellent and have refreshed me each time I have attended.
- The *Royal Welsh Show*, 18-21 July. I am looking forward to joining the team again - it was so rewarding to be a part of this lovely team last year, as part of my training with *Counties*.

Mike Strange is my mentor with *Counties*. He continues to give sound advice, which comes from years of experience. He's also very good at listening!

Family

There is an air of excitement around the house because **Danielle** will be returning home from New Zealand in August. She has been gone for about two and half years and we can't wait to see her again. The downside is she is returning back to New Zealand after one month. **Natasha** came back in May and it has been lovely to spend some quality time with her. She was gone for eight months and thoroughly enjoyed herself. Now she is on a month's motorbike trip around Europe with Jonathan, her boyfriend. After that Natasha will be job hunting.

Reuben has just graduated with *Project Search* and has done extremely well. He has gained work experience in catering through working in a café and also in hotel work, and then bike assembly in *Halfords*. We are now praying for a good job to come along so Reuben can use his recently acquired skills.

We are all hoping to go on holiday together in August. Every one of us is excited about the prospect of being together again.





Ministry to the Seafarers

I have visited 277 ships so far this year, though I am spending more time on each ship helping the men that I meet. Communication with the seafarer's families remains the number one priority for them. Providing phone cards and then setting up their phones for the internet does take up a lot of my time but it is such a help for these men. I also help the seafarers with welfare issues. I met a 3rd officer called Joey who was getting ready to leave his ship and fly back to the Philippines because his mum was seriously ill. She sadly passed away before he had even left the ship; she was only 59 years old. I came back to the ship the following day when the taxi was due to pick up Joey for the airport. I gave him a couple of phone cards and some cash so he could buy some food in the airport. He told me that this was the first time he was leaving a ship for home with a sad face. He contacted me again half way through his journey to thank me for caring for him and for my prayers.

I met a young Italian seafarer one day who needed my help. He confessed to being very unhappy due to being bullied on his ship by senior officers. He is paid for eight hours work per day but is actually made to work twelve hours. He told me when he is in his cabin on his own, he cries. I took the opportunity to bring words of comfort and to pray for him and to remind him that I care and so does God! That brought a smile to his face. He has since finished his contract and is now home. I have just met a seafarer called Francis who had joined his ship six days ago but unfortunately his luggage decided to go somewhere else! He has borrowed clothes up to the day that I met him. I immediately went up to the shopping mall and bought him back some new clothes. To say he was pleased is an understatement! There are many more stories of seafarers not being paid, being over worked and struggling with health problems to name a few. I know the Lord is their ever present help in times of trouble; I am there to make sure they know that.

I also meet seafarers who love Jesus but sometimes find it very difficult to maintain a healthy walk with the Lord whilst be away from home for many months. When I share with them the promises of our Saviour, their love for Him is quickly rekindled.

I continue to give out a lot of Gospel booklets and DVD's which soon run out if my stock isn't replenished. However, three wonderful supporters recently brought me 1,600 *Missing Peace* booklets and 500 *Knowing God Personally* booklets and 100 DVD's! I have also been so encouraged by an additional £500 gift to be used for literature. This enables me to distribute generously to each ship. Praise God for His provision!



Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16





Prayer Points:

- Please pray for **Natasha** and Jonathan's (boyfriend) safety as they travel around Europe on his motorbike. They leave around the 16th July for one month.
- Pray for **Danielle** and (Sam) as they travel back from New Zealand on 12th August – and that they will enjoy every minute of being back home.
- Pray the Lord will open up a job opportunity for **Reuben**; a place where he can develop important life skills.
- Pray for **Dawn** that she will be thoroughly blessed having all our children around her for a while.
- Pray that I (and my family) will grow in the Love and Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul was on the right track when he said in Philippians 1:21 *'For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.'* I must live my life being Christ centred! My relationship with the Lord must always be more important than my ministry (Being more than doing).

Diary Dates:

May

- 1st Allerbridge – Am & Pm
- 3rd Allerbridge
- 8th Oasis
- 15th Sladebrook – Am
- 15th Florence St Mission – Pm
- 22nd Bethany Gospel Hall
- 23rd Friarn Chapel

June

- 19th Highgrove Church
- 26th Nant Coch – Am
- 26th Cromhall – Pm

July

- 3rd Chelsea Christian Centre
- 10th Glebe Chapel
- 15th Cranleigh Chapel
- 17th Union Chapel – Am
- 17th Kingswood Congregational - Pm

August

- 14th Emmaus Church

September

- 10th Torch Trust
- 11th Little Stoke Baptist – Am
- 11th Wickwar Congregational – Pm
- 15th Florence St Mission
- 18th Welton Baptist
- 20th Bethany Gospel Hall
- 25th Southfield Evangelical

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