

# GREEN FAMILY SERVING THE LORD IN THE UK

October 2020

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our upcoming furlough
- Pray for church unity during pandemic
- Pray for God's will concerning potential helpers at the church
- Pray for Matt's mother (Dreama), she has an infection as a result of her cancer surgery

## UPCOMING FURLOUGH

### *Pandemic*

Our family had plans for taking a furlough some time next year. It's been a few years since we've visited churches in the USA. However, the COVID-19 pandemic seems to have detoured more than just our everyday lives, it has affected the level of involvement we are able to have in the ministry here in the UK, as well. The risks are not lowering here in the UK, but rising. Nearly every ministry in the church (except for Sunday Church service) is shut down for the immediate future. So, God willing, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, we are coming back to the States for an extended furlough. It seems as if the time is as right as ever to do so.

### *Rest*

When most missionaries return on furlough, they stay in the USA for six months to a year. We have never been away from the UK for more than fifty-odd days at a time. The idea of being away from your congregation for an extended time is almost unthinkable. And, perhaps, there is this idea that we are being strong by pressing on when we know we need a break or furlough. I do believe these short furloughs were short-sighted (no pun intended). On top of the pandemic, we've experienced a lot of trauma and grief over the last few years. Upon the recommendation of my home pastor, we're reserving the

first two months strictly for rest and healing.

If you have any additional questions for our pastor, here are his details: Pastor Dan Gates- 304-369-3352

### *Visiting*

We have been counselled by many to allow ourselves up to six months in the USA. So, our current plan is to spend approximately 4-6 months away from the field. In January (subject to the pandemic situation), we will begin visiting churches. We will be travelling for at least the months of January and February. Please contact us ASAP if you wish to book us in: [mattandamandagreen@yahoo.com](mailto:mattandamandagreen@yahoo.com).

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“And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart  
into a desert place, and rest a while...” – Mark 6:31

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## BIBLE COLLEGE



I (Matt) have been blessed to teach at the Bible College in Milton; and I look forward to many more years of doing so. In fact, I taught Prayer and Bible Study Methods there just last month. However, the Lord has opened the opportunity to get involved at another Bible College about an hour south of Stoke- not teaching an array of classes, but teaching Baptist History and Church History (which is a passion of mine).

This past Friday, I finished up my Church History course, and I am gearing up to teach Baptist History sometime in late-Spring/early-Summer. What a privilege to teach about the theology and practice of the church throughout history. As they say, “Those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it.”

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your prayerful and financial support.

Fellow Helper,

Matt Green