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Dear Pastor,

"Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." 2 Cor. 11:28

The Lord has continued to provide various opportunities for us to minister the gospel to the people of Gainsborough. As with any ministry, there are unique challenges as well as common problems. We have seen the reality of burdens and blessings over the past three months. The pace of the work continues to be slow and steady. The apathy of the people towards the Bible is one of the main hurdles.

We have also had two separate instances of theft from our property. One was the bumper removed from our 15-passenger van. The other was some tools taken from our shed. None of the items were recovered but they are not too hard to replace. One blessing that came from it was that it did give me an opportunity to witness to our neighbor who also had some things taken.

Most of the people who began attending our services around the end of the summer last year have continued to come. There have been a couple of people fall by the wayside but we continue to have some contact with them. We have had two new people

attending multiple services in the past couple of months. We are in a period of summer holidays (vacations) right now but still have fairly stable attendances on Sundays. I am going through the book of Acts to see the foundation for the local church and the importance of outreach. Please pray that the Lord will save those attending who are still lost. Please pray that those who are saved will be more involved in reaching the lost.

We had three visitors from the USA during May and June. Two young ladies were with us for two weeks in May. They were involved with our weekly activities including the town center market and Sunday services. We also made a day-trip to London to do some sight-seeing. They were a blessing to have and an encouragement to our family. A young man also spent about a week with us in June. He preached one service and helped in the town center outreach. He was also surveying the town of York for future missionary work.

We have had a "real" summer in the UK this year. Before a rain shower a couple of days ago, we had gone 30 days in our area without rain! The temperatures have been in the 70's or 80's during that time. We had a

beautiful day for our annual church picnic and bbq last Saturday afternoon. It was a good day of food, games, and relaxation.

We have our annual Holiday Bible Time (VBS) planned for the 6th to the 10th of August. It is for children ages 4-12 years old. Our theme is centered on the Armor of God. We have rented another hall for the afternoons of that week. Please pray that the Lord will use this time to bring other children and their families to salvation and church involvement.

Please pray for a unique opportunity that I have to get a gospel message to a radio audience. Though it is only a local station and just a three minute time slot, a message will be airing this Sunday morning. I am not sure how often I will be able to do this (they may not ask me back!). Please pray that the Lord will pierce the hearts of those who listen with the truth of His Word.

On-going Prayer Needs

- *Revival in the US and the UK*
- *British men, women, and children to come to Christ*
- *Our family to be in the center of God's will*
- *Church growth*

"God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him." — Hudson Taylor