

Reta Burns in England



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Dear Prayer Partners,

The Word of God says in "Luke 15:7, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." I keep that verse in mind when I write a prayer letter that doesn't say that many have come to the Lord recently. Our prayer is that many, who hear the Gospel or receive our New Testaments through their mail slots, will respond to the truth of the Word of God.

The unusually hot summer here in England gave us opportunity to catch up on work around the church building. Marcia, and I, with some help, painted the outside church doors, put up a new ceiling in the kitchen, and laid a new carpet in the meeting room. We delivered some Bibles door to door and continued to hold our Coffee Mornings and monthly Cake Day outreaches. We have been visiting people in their homes and find that some are in need of transportation for hospital visits. A dear 94-year-old friend, who attends our church, collapsed at our Coffee Morning and spent a week in hospital. We visited him every day, bringing his handicapped son and the Christian magazines he loves to read. Thankfully he recovered and continues to be an encouragement to us all.

Marcia and I had been meeting up for breakfast once a month with two other singles from our church for fellowship, to discuss Bible truths, or just to encourage one another. The night before we were to meet, Alan died suddenly in his sleep. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints (Psalm 116:15)

I have often shared about our Cake Day outreach. Each month there are new people from the area and outlying villages. However, it is difficult to get just persons to receive a witness and find repentance. Marcia and I hosted a Harvest Meal for our Coffee Morning people. Marcia gave a testimony, and challenged people to take the Harvest tract home and to read it. Praise the Lord, most of them did.

England needs much prayer at the moment. There are nearly 1,000 people arriving daily, crossing the channel from France in dingy boats. The majority are men who come alone, leaving their families. Crime, taxes, the cost of living and unemployment have risen in the country. People are out in the thousands protesting against Israel, so that giving the gospel of Jesus, is becoming more difficult.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Our church is going through a difficult time right now as a number of Christians came for a while, but left us because of their desire for a more charismatic service. Knowing that you pray for us encourages us greatly. Many thanks for your support for the work here in England.

Yours in Christ,

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