



Friends,

3 Jan 2023

III John 2: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Here's to a healthy and holy new year.

Prayer Request Updates

In the dispute with our energy company, the ombudsman service ruled in our favour. Thank you for praying, and praise the Lord! However, the energy company applied the money to an account they closed, and are still trying to extort £1,000 from us by doing so. I don't know how long this will go on, but I pray that it will end soon so that I can focus on the purpose for which I'm sent here.

For it's one, two, three strikes you're out...

And that's the way of life here in England, it seems. Inflation has hit on this side of the pond as well, and several unions have denounced the "unlivable" wages that were acceptable a few months ago. The Royal Mail strikes have hampered both the speed and reliability of delivery. My wife and I were mailed birthday cards on the same day; she has hers, and almost two weeks later mine has not come. One church sent a simple package that took a month to arrive. I would advise you to mail any correspondence to our mission board, who will scan it and e-mail to us. Transportation services (Tube, rail, airports) and NHS (medical) personnel are two other major industries whose services are limited on various days and times.

A time of testing, purging

I would love to report to you that our church is bursting at the seams and that souls were being saved at a record pace. It pains me to say that we are seeing some results, but not what we'd hoped or prayed. Since June we have seen four souls saved and four new members. Others have left over doctrinal differences (Pentecostal backgrounds) and one refuses any kind of correction (Proverbs 29:1 comes to mind). I am reminded that God whittled Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300 in order to provide victory. Jesus had dozens if not hundreds who all departed (save twelve) in John 6. Out of countless Hebrews in Nebuchadnezzar's court, only three stood when the "worship music" played. Paul said in II Timothy 4 that "all men forsook me" and then "the Lord stood with me," and at that point we realise HE is all we need.

Prayer requests

- for strength in adversity; I've seen the enemy's hand recently in various ways
- for fruit in witnessing, canvassing, & efforts to reach the community on & off base
- for a number of people, various needs, for which I am immensely burdened

THANK YOU SO MUCH to those churches that sent extra in the final quarter of '22!

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