

# MARCH 2020



***'All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.'*** Colossians 1:6

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Many people have heard the gospel but have not yet understood the glorious truths of God's grace. They believe that they must work for their salvation. However, the wonderful truth is that salvation is a free gift, granted by God through Jesus Christ.



Over the last couple of weeks, we have been grappling with this wonderful fact of God's grace through the study of Ephesians and currently with the study of the book of Colossians.

In our last prayer letter, we asked for your prayers so we can recruit between 30-40 participants and we are grateful that God brought 51 students to us. We have 32 girls and 19 boys who are keeping us busy. This group is the biggest multi-cultural group we have had. We have four Britons, one Ugandan

and the rest are Kenyans. The Kenyan team is gathered from different language groups within Kenya. All of them have come through referrals and through people who already know of what we do. We have also established partnership with Compassion International who seconded 12 students to us.

There has been hostility between different groups in the country in the past so when we were reading through Ephesians and came across chapter 2:14 *'For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has torn down the dividing wall of hostility'*, it brought much joy to many to learn that we can all live together in peace and harmony because Jesus has brought peace.



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Louise has been kept busy looking after the twins but has enjoyed writing and co-leading a new ladies mid-week bible study at church. Most participants are stay-at-home mums but we also have some single ladies who are available mid-week. After studying several Psalms we plan to study the book of Titus. Louise also attended a Sunday school teachers' day retreat - spending a whole day with adults, many of whom are good friends, was a rare treat. As part of the day she taught on classroom discipline and some games suitable to use in Sunday school lessons. Having some

childcare means it's now possible to get out and be involved in ministry again. She is mentoring the two female British members of TransformD as well as Lucy, the second year apprentice serving as staff, and is getting back into working on materials and resources for TransformD and for camps.

We are expecting another baby, due in September! We plan to be in Kent for a short time in July and then we'll be in Belfast for longer than usual and plan to give birth there.

### Prayer points

- Please pray for the 32 girls and 19 boys who are on the programme. Pray that they would be clear on the gospel and that any previous false teaching would fall away as they engage with scripture for themselves.
- Give thanks for the staff team: Gerald, Mariam, Dan, Lucy, Everlyne and Lewis. Remember them particularly as they mentor and look after the young people and as they aim to get to know such a large group as individuals.
- Please pray for the inevitable challenges of working with so many young people - the desire for romantic relationships, language challenges, lack of space with living in close quarters, cultural differences and frictions. Pray particularly for wisdom for the staff.
- Please pray for Louise in pregnancy, thank God for good health but pray for energy and patience as we both take care of the boys who are very energetic!