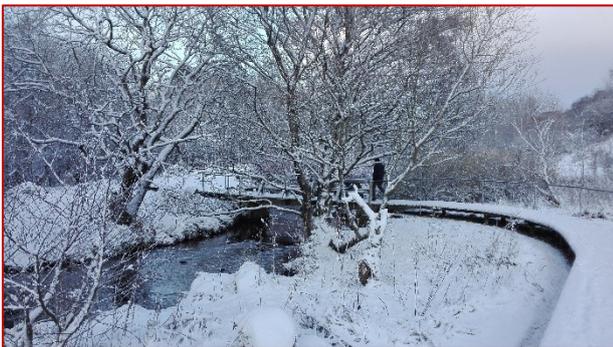




May 2018

Dear Friends,

The time of our break between the spring and summer term at EBC was spent with a week in Germany providing emotional and practical support for Thorsten's parents, preparation for the upcoming term and a visit in Lowestoft/Suffolk to welcome the first Namibian-Zimbabwean baby ever born in this remote part of the UK.



We returned very tired from Germany, but thankful that we are now able to do what would have been impossible had we stayed in Namibia. The flight connection between Edinburgh and Düsseldorf is great although sadly the fares are higher than we expected. Upon our arrival we were greeted once again by heavy snow showers. Will this winter in Scotland ever end???

We remain hopeful.

Edinburgh Bible College in Poland

Thank you for praying for John Brand's recent ministry trip to Poland! Adam Urban, a graduate of Edinburgh Bible College (EBC) had organised a seminar on Romans for Polish church leaders. We praise God that 50 people attended the day. Most of them were Polish, but there were also two Ukrainian believers and a handful of American and Australian missionaries. John was able to teach five 50-minute sessions. People were extremely attentive and John had several profitable conversations with people during the breaks. In addition, each attendee received a free copy of Stuart Olyott's very accessible commentary on Romans in Polish (thanks to a generous donation from a church in Broxburn).

It is our prayer that as a result of John's ministry Polish Christians will enrol for some online studies with EBC. We also hope to launch a special Polish School for Preachers. Details of these courses are now available on EBC's dedicated Polish website <https://poland.edinburghbiblecollege.co.uk/>.



Namibian reunion on Suffolk



What a great privilege it was to visit our dear friends (and former colleagues from NETS) Blessing and Anthea! Who cares about a 10-hours' car journey when you can celebrate the beautiful gift of a new life and enjoy some precious fellowship? The photo shows us with Blessing (left), Anthea (with baby) and a Jamaican family from their church. We praise God for the safe arrival of Anashe and are so thankful for the privilege of seeing Blessing (a graduate from NETS) and Anthea serving the Lord with their gifts and experience to reach out to the youth in Lowestoft.

“You do your thing and I do my thing...

...and it is best that we avoid wasting each other's time.” This was the response of one man and the attitude of most other people when together with another lady from our church Kerstin knocked on the doors of people in the community. We told them that our church wanted to pray for the people in the neighbourhood and asked them if they had anything specific that we could pray for. A few days before they had received a postcard from the church inviting them to write on the card any prayer requests. The people we met that night were mostly polite, but not interested at all in prayer.



The following week six of us from St Thomas Church went out again two by two to collect prayer cards. Having prayed hard for open doors and hearts my expectation was still low and I (Kerstin) was miles away from having faith that could move mountains. Thankfully, God is not limited by the amount of faith his people exercise. The first door was opened by an Iranian man who smiled and said 'I've been waiting for you. Here is my card, I have written down my prayer requests. I am actually a Muslim, but I want to come to your church.' This was followed by a number of other positive encounters. People shared some of their pain and concerns with us and we went away encouraged that the Lord would continue working in the hearts of those we talked to.

PRAYER POINTS

- For **Thorsten's parents** as they come to terms with needing more support at home that they will find a suitable helper for household chores
- For the **students of EBC** as the summer term is now under way and for the **recruitment of new students** both in Scotland and Poland
- EBC is in need of the **expertise of a fundraiser and a graphic designer**. Please pray that the Lord will provide and do spread the news if you know of someone who might be able to help
- For **Thorsten** as he preaches at St Thomas Costorphine (22 April and 1 July) and Dedridge Baptist Church (17 June) and for **St. Thomas' outreach efforts** into the community

All prayer requests collected were summarised and distributed to the church members of St Thomas. Pray that God will work through the prayers of his people and for more open hearts as we follow up with those who have shared prayer requests in the months to come.

We so appreciate your support and friendship. Thank you! Please keep in touch and let us know how we can pray for you.

With warmest greetings from Scotland

Thorsten & Kerstin

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