

Oxford, England

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Dear Friends and Family,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and this New Year will be filled with God's richest blessings. I know for me, coming into a new year usually involves looking back, as well as looking forward. How comforting it is to know that God's love for us is steadfast and never ceasing. He is working in each of our lives for His glory.

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.

I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" Lamentations 3:22-24

Here is a brief update:

***** J.O.Y. Place *****

A little story: One young woman is very tiny and confined to a wheel chair. She is completely dependant upon her carers for every aspect of her life. She eats and drinks through a tube in her stomach. She cannot hold anything, does not speak, and I have never heard her make a sound. When she is wheeled into the room and sees Chuck, her face lights up. He always, kneels down to her eye level, greets her and welcomes her. As he begins to play the guitar and sing, she is totally engaged.....there is a connection. God's spirit is not limited by any physical or mental limitations and He is meeting her right where she is.

** As always we ask that you please continue to pray for this ministry. ** As well as praying for the learning disabled folks in our meetings; please pray also for the carers or family members who bring them. Most of them are not believers and have had little or no exposure to the gospel.

Check out our website: www.joyplace.org.uk

***** MISSIONARY CARE *****

We are in the process of arranging visits to more pastors and missionaries for February and March. Our focus in these visits is from Philemon 7:

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

We know that is only by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are currently studying a very interesting book entitled Tender Care.

One paragraph in the book that encouraged us is the following: *The prerequisite to serving those in ministry is not that we have come to understand all the questions and know all the answers. Character is the essential work. The character of which we speak is humility, authenticity, and the unmistakable fragrance of having had a fresh encounter with the living God.*

Chuck and I are not trained professionals in counselling, but we have a heart to encourage others in the Wonderful Counsellor.

Please pray for this ministry and for the churches here in the UK and Europe.

***** FAMILY *** Prayer appreciated *** PRAISE *****

Please continue to pray for my mother, Joanne. Although she has stage IV cancer in her liver and lungs, she is feeling well! The doctor has given her the all clear to come to England. He encouraged her to come the sooner the better, so we are moving the date up to mid April. She is so excited about visiting us and being able to see The JOY Place ministry, meet our friends at church, and see this beautiful country.

***** Please pray** she will be well and strong enough to come visit us here.

***** Our Daughter Raina *** Thank you for praying....**

Raina is now able to wear both of her shoes and the doctor says her leg is healing very well, but it will take about a year before she will be approaching anything normal and pain free. Please continue to pray for Raina's complete healing in her ankle and leg. Also pray for her husband's job situation.

**** MORE PRAISE! ****

Our son Joseph and his wife Christie are expecting a baby in August! This will be our 7th grandchild and Nonnie and Poppie are thrilled!!

Thank you all for your prayers and your finances that make it possible for us to be here. You give us the JOY of being His hands and speak His words to hurting souls here in Oxford and beyond.

Thank you! God bless you!!

In His love and by His grace,

Chuck and Anita

***** CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS *****

* Please continue to pray for a facility for CC Oxford and for the church leadership and that God will use Calvary Chapel Oxford to reach our community in word and deed..

* Pray for the "special friends" JOY Place ministry with the learning disabled.

* Pray for the Missionary Care ministry.

* Pray for other opportunities to reach out to those who have not heard the gospel.

* Pray for the Youth ministry Alan and Anna are heading up.

*Pray for our children, their spouses and our grandchildren.
Our greatest desire, prayer, and joy for them is that they walk in truth (3 John 4),
seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. (Matthew 6:33) *Pray
the same for us!

“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown or rejoicing? It is not even you in the
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?”

1 Thessalonians 2:19

PS: If any of you are on Facebook, invite us! It is a great way to keep in touch.

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