

We had our summer last week here in Oxford. It was beautiful, but it seems to be gone today. Everyone is hoping the lovely, warm days will return soon. Last Monday Chuck flew to California and he is having a sweet time with the grandkids.

Today on Facebook I posted the following: *Well, I have made it a week without my hubby. One plus is that the snoring doesn't wake me up anymore....Chuck is not here to tell me to roll over.*

That is about as positive as I can get about not having him here with me. At the same time, I am exceedingly thankful that he has this opportunity to be with our children and grandchildren. May the Lord bless and refresh him in every way.

While he is gone, I am keeping busy and blessed with a variety of activities!

Here's a little update for you!

***** OUTREACHES *** Please know how very much we appreciate you praying for these ministries!**

***** JOY Place *** THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!**

Our June JOY Place, the first service in our NEW location, was a huge success! Everyone found it easily and agreed the new venue is a great place for us to have our services.

The teaching was about how Jesus told His disciples to "Go....." Go out and tell others the good news of the gospel.

We shared that there are basically 3 ways that we can "go and tell."

- Deeds of kindness.
- The Word...sharing about Jesus.
- Being a worshipper.

In number 3 our teacher used the example of a severely disabled woman who attends our JOY Place. This woman is basically "locked" in her body. She is in a wheel chair, and has to be fed, someone needs to hold a cup to her mouth so she can drink. She literally cannot do anything for herself. Oh! But she can sing! She doesn't sing in words that you or I can understand, but she makes a joyful noise....she sings unto the Lord. As soon as Chuck strums the guitar, her voice rings out with praises to Jesus. She sings, she worships, and her broken body does not hinder her joy and worship of God.

Her life is a living testimony to the living God. She is a child of God, created in His image, and her life brings glory to God.

***** Let's not limit what God can do through any of our lives. He is the God of the impossible.**

The woman at our JOY Place cannot speak, she cannot preach using words, she cannot pass out gospel tracts, she simply lives and loves. When the music begins and the the message of the gospel and praises to God are sung, she opens her mouth and a song of praise, (unintelligible to us) flows from her lips to Jesus. She worships and and through

her song, she testifies of a God who has no limits in how He will be lifted up.

Thank you for praying for this ministry to learning disabled folks, their friends and family.

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For the LORD does not see as man see; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7b

* * 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 OUTREACHES** * * * *

People have asked what we do in our missionary care visits.

First of all, we want to bless the couple/family we are visiting, so we do whatever they would like us to do.

Sometimes we lead worship, sometimes, Chuck teaches, or we do both.

Sometimes we are introduced to the congregation and share for a few minutes about the JOY Place , etc.

Sometimes we simply attend the service and take the pastor and his family out to lunch afterwards.

Sometime we end up spending the rest of the day with them.

Always, our hope is that we can refresh their hearts and encourage them in what God has called them to do.

There are times when we all need a safe friend, a fresh perspective, and an encouraging word or a prayer of hope.

* * * **Family** * * *

As I type this, Chuck is currently in Northern California with our daughter Raina, her husband Casey and their two adorable children, Eli 10, and Maren 8. Chuck has been in California for 1 week now. He spent last week with Joseph and Christie and their equally adorable children, Elinor 5, Charley 3, and Bennet 10 months. I have a feeling Poppie may be worn out by the end of this trip. Next week Chuck, Raina and children drive down to Southern California to visit with Annie, her husband Evan and their 3 adorables, Johnny 7, Pearl 5, and Leo 6 months. Poppie is making the rounds! He will doing a lot of driving, so please pray for safe travels.

* * * **Upcoming Events** * * *

* BABIES: I've come in contact with quite a few expectant mothers and so am teaching 3 childbirth preparation classes this month.

I teach the course as a gift to the couples and then do follow up after the birth, to help with breastfeeding, if requested. Some of my couples are from our church, others have been referred by friends and are not Christians. Pray for these couples as they begin this new adventure of parenting. The Lord used the birth of our first child to open our eyes to God's love....that unconditional, undeserving, wonderful love of God to His children.

* VISITORS: The weekend of June 22 a family of 5 will be staying in our home. We've never met, but in the missionary community, it is always a blessing to meet a friend of a friend and be able to help a traveller in need.

* JULY JOY Place....Special Service!: July 7th we have a special visitor who will be leading us in music with flags and dance.

For learning disabled people, it is important to use as many senses as possible in order to learn, engage and participate.

To hear, to see, to touch, to sing, to move....all these can be used to teach the gospel and to proclaim His glory.

Please pray for this special service. We are hoping some new folks will come along for this service, as well.

* Visitation: I am visiting folks from our church and from the JOY Place. Taking ladies out for lunch, coffee, going for walks. Getting together to talk, share, fellowship in our love of Christ and His love for us.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and resting in the goodness of the Lord.

In His love and by His grace,

Chuck and Anita

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

* Baby Bennet, our grandson. He has HLHS and faces more heart surgery in the future. We thank God that today he is growing and thriving. For updates, there is a Facebook page called: Praying for Baby Bennet.

* Please continue to pray for a needed 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.. We continue to pray for a new venue for the church to meet.

* 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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