



# *The Heaton Family*

JONATHAN, GRACIE & HENRY  
MINISTERING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



Dear friends and fellow-labourers,

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We have had a full schedule the last few months with ministries, events and outreach to make Christ known. We are reminded how quickly time is passing by, more so since the arrival of our son, Henry! We trust you are well and making the most of 2023 thus far. In February, the Crown Christian Heritage Trust put on its annual Winter Retreat. This is a week-long conference, geared towards reaching and encouraging young adults in their pursuit and service of Christ. We were thankful to bring down three young adults from Carlisle to the conference held in Wales. The theme was 'Having done all to stand, Stand therefore.' taken from Ephesians 6. We praise the Lord for the largest attendance that we've ever had, with many decisions being made for the Lord!

In March, we were thrilled to take another group of teenagers down to Birmingham for the Spring National Youth Rally put on by the CCHT. 200 young people gathered for a youth service, food and bowling. We praise the Lord for a great day of fun and safety, and for how He is working in the hearts of young people. Edward Street Baptist Church has continued its weekly outreach to children and families. In the last few months, several families from Africa (Zimbabwe, Namibia, Nigeria and South Africa) have moved to Carlisle to help in the healthcare profession. We have 16 different children from these families now attending our weekly Sunday school, youth rally and toddler group. We have been amazed to see how God has worked to bring these precious people to Carlisle to hear the Gospel. We believe many of them are sensitive to the Lord and pray soon they will come to know Him as Saviour! At the end of last year, many of you prayed and gave towards the purchase of a minibus. Since the purchase, we have been praying for children who live further away from the church to start attending the children's ministries, so we could begin using it every week. God has answered that prayer as we have regularly begun picking up people of all ages and bringing them to the children's ministries and services! Just last Sunday, we had 13 children on the minibus! We are thrilled to see how God has answered this prayer specifically.

In April, we were able to hold our first Ladies' Tea at Edward Street. We set out 60 chairs and had to set up two more tables as 67 ladies gathered together from Wales, Liverpool and the surrounding areas of Carlisle. It was a lovely afternoon of fellowship, food and a Gospel talk from a good friend, Jackie Roberts, a member of New Street Baptist Church in Welshpool, Wales. We also were able to have our first Holiday Bible Club (much like a VBS) at Edward Street. We were encouraged to see many people from the church get involved each day. We are praising the Lord for 40 different children over the three-day club! Please pray for lasting fruit as the Gospel was shared clearly each day, and also for families to be added to the church as a result.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our family as we labour in the United Kingdom!

- In Christ, Jonathan, Gracie, & Henry Heaton

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- **King Coronation Outreach** - (5-6 May) Open air outreach, leafleting and Gospel meetings will be held in London during the celebrations of the new King. This has not happened in 70 years.
- **Sunday School Day & Parade** - (13 May) Children from all over the United Kingdom will come with their Sunday school for a children's service, field games, picnic lunch and a parade through the streets of Gloucester, England.
- **Henry's visa to be approved**
- **Chartering Service of Edward Street Baptist Church this Summer, God Willing**