

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isai 9:6

As we prepare for Christmas this year, I am so **Thankful** for all God has accomplished here in Kings Lynn! What a testimony of **His** love and grace! So much has happened since my last letter. I am excited to share with you all.

We are beginning to understand why *and* adjust to *all* that we experienced this year. I have spoken with a number of the other pastors here in England, who have said that they too have not known warfare like this before. The Lord reminded Marie of a verse He spoke to us in February 2006, through a very dear friend, Danielle Malkus. One Thursday night at church, long before we left America for Kings Lynn, Danielle came and spoke this verse to us in obedience to God. She said she knew God wanted her to share it with us.

“But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew.” Exodus 1:12.

I have to say, we felt a little nervous about it. Marie made note of it and then in time the memory of it faded away. But that memory has returned in our hearts and through that verse, God as given us a sweet understanding of all that has been happening and He has allowed us to minister to many others who are struggling right now too! **He is so good and His love endures forever.** We are thankful for the ways that He ministers to us. We are thankful for our dear friend’s faithfulness to give us a word out of season, not knowing that it would take us five whole years to understand it! But God knew that day in 2006, that He would bring that to our memory today in 2011, for such a time as this, to refine us **and** grant us peace. Isn’t He amazing?? So, we consider the things we have endured this year with thanksgiving, knowing that God is going to use them to grow us and multiply the work here in Kings Lynn!

Celia has been attending our fellowship for a year. She is a single mother of five! She came to church in November 2010 searching for something to help her life settle down a bit. She found Jesus! It has been a tremendous privilege to watch Celia grow in the Lord. This week Celia said “I now realize that it is **all** about getting to know **Jesus** and letting **Him** be involved in my life everyday. I want to involve Him in my relationships and **fall in love** with Him, as He loves me and wants the best for me.” Celia comes to Church every Sunday, Women’s Bible Study every Tuesday and Prayer every Thursday. Celia helps with the kids in the church and loves to bake Birthday cakes for anyone who is having a Birthday. Two of her boys are saved now as well! We have watched the Lord move in her life and her sons lives this year. We have been blessed to watch God develop her heart to love and serve Him. We rejoice in all God is doing here, in and through Celia!

In November, the largest team we have ever had came down from York for Outreach Week. Calvary Chapel Bible College York gives us the opportunity to have a team every Spring and Fall. We had 16 students come this trip. We walked the town and prayed, ministered to the youth, had various outreaches, **saw some come to faith** and passed out water to people coming out of the night clubs and bars. It was such a blessing to see these young people love the people of Kings Lynn and the people of Kings Lynn respond to that love! **Praise the Lord!**

We feel the **burden** growing for the youth here. The Lord is stirring up our hearts for them now. I would say we have always had a heart for them, but recently **He** is searing them on our hearts. We are praying the Lord will raise up or send someone to work with and minister to them. There are kids sitting in the big car park, in the town center everyday. They have no where to go. Some are sleeping rough, self harming, or on drugs and alcohol. We have had a number of opportunities to minister to them and are praying for them daily. They remind us of the hippies that Chuck and Kay Smith had a burden for so many years ago. At the local High School the **door is opening** for us to go in and start a Christian Student Union. We are very excited about this. We will be able to meet once a week at lunch time with the students there.

Please pray with us for God's favour with this and that He will also open the door at the other High School in our community.

Last weekend we had another team from York. This group was from the Missions class there. All of them were on the first outreach here and they really wanted another opportunity to **come back** and **minister to the people** they had met. We had wonderful times of prayer and fellowship. Our house was open to a number of people. Building these relationships does take time. We see God working in the lives of people and discipleship is taking place.

"Go therefore and make disciples....." Mt 28:19

I have also been given the opportunity to write a "Thought for the Week" column for the local newspaper. I am allowed to write about **Jesus** and my faith in Him. I am also allowed to quote **Scripture**. I will have a column once a month or so. I will be sharing that space with people from every other faith in the community, as well as Humanists and Evolutionists! I see this as **God's Mighty Hand** at work here in Kings Lynn. Please pray for this. I am not a writer, but when I was contacted I felt I should not miss this opportunity.

On the 22nd of December we will be hosting a Community Carol Service. Please keep that in prayer, as many will come who do not know the Lord.

We have been so blessed. **The Gumm and Mastel Families sent us a new computer!** Words can not express our gratitude! We thank and praise God for His constant provision. As I am still searching for a job, it is a nice reminder that "... God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." My Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills and nothing is too big for Him. He will provide for us and Calvary Chapel Kings Lynn, of that I am sure! So **THANK YOU** to the Gumm's and Mastel's!!!!

How do we thank you all for your constant prayers, support and encouragement? All we know is that God knows every single thing you do and He is blessed by your heart for His Kingdom work. I know I have said it many times before, but I feel the need to remind you that the ministry here is **rooted** in the things you have done to provide for our spiritual support, emotional support, physical support and financial support. **We are overwhelmed by your love!**

Whenever I send out a newsletter, we rush to the computer in the hours following it, to read the responses that you all send. **We do LOVE hearing from you.** I think of those missionaries sent out so long ago, or those in prisons today and the fact that they didn't have this blessed technology. How easy God has made it for us and how easily I complain at times about the difficulty of my situation. I rest in the knowledge that God knows me and loves me. I am a work in progress and He created me, knowing full well how much I struggle with some things. So I thank Him and I thank you! **Our family is well blessed.**

"Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works, which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." Psalm 40:5

Madi and Mac will be home for the holidays soon. Marie, Rebeca and I look forward to having them here. We are greatly encouraged by their growth in the Lord and hearts of love for Him. We will have a student or two here from York as well. Those who can't afford to go home and come back for the next semester will come here to Kings Lynn. So although we will be missing all of you, our home will be as full as our hearts this **CHRIST**mas. Our prayer is that this letter finds you all well and that you are anticipating mighty things from God this Holiday Season. **We love and miss you!**

Happy Christmas XX