

## Please pray for the The Smith Family Your missionaries to Hartlepool, England

Rob & Amanda Smith

Special Dates: Rob 09/18 Amanda 02/20 Anniversary 03/15/14

2024

October 2023- January

"Not called did you say? Not heard the call; I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go... Then look Christ in the face whose mercy you have professed to obey and tell him whether you will join...in the march to publish His mercy to the world." William Booth

## Dear Christian Friends,

I pray you all have had a Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year! The Lord has continued to, as always, be good to my wife and I. Words cannot express our gratitude to Him enough. The above quote by William Booth the founder of the Salvation Army reminds us that there is a call to us to go out and tell of the mercy of Christ and the forgiveness he brings. As the quote suggests to stand by the gates of hell and entreat people not to go there! This is our motivation for 2024. To increase the battle cry against Satan and to share with others the victory that we have through Christ. That said we did not wait until the new year to commence this charge. This Christmas we were able to hand out 3,000 pieces of Christmas-themed gospel literature explaining to the people of the Northeast that Christ is the greatest gift they can receive this season.

## HARTLEPOOL

We are delighted to tell you that we have had a new Nigerian family start attending the services

"...Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?..." Isaiah 6.8 here faithfully. Abraham was saved from an Islamic background. This my friends is the saving power of Christ! Amanda continues to hold art classes for the homeschoolers. With every class, there are more children and parents in attendance. The gospel is taught in each lesson, which we thank God for. Amanda's piano lessons continue to go well. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of December, I was able to preach my first Christmas Carol service. We were blessed to have a few visitors for this special occasion.

## DURHAM

We are thankful for the nucleus of people that we have here. They continue to be faithful to the Lord's house each week. Two of our members who work in the residential home were able to set up a Carol service there for the residents on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. We were blessed with many stories of Christmases past and how thankful they were to have someone bring church to them seeing as most of them cannot go to their own churches due to either their age or ailment. We even received a Christmas card from one of them!

We continue to hold forth the gospel in both cities and covet your prayers as we go forward with Christ in 2024.

Until the Shout,

The Smiths



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