



Tim and Deb Brooks

April 2021

Dear Friends,

Praise the Lord that Esther has expressed a desire to be baptised and is currently working through a booklet in preparation. We don't yet have a date for this.

Give thanks that Len and Phyl have now got an appointment to pick up their residence permits. This will make it easier for them to come back and forth. Tim and Deb are still waiting for their application forms to arrive.

Praise that Len and Phyl have continued to have opportunities to see their family in Switzerland in spite of Corona restrictions.

An appointment with our accountant has clarified the new situation for Haus Barnabas with Tim & Deb running it. Also, to our delight, one of Len and Phyl's sons and his wife, who are presently in a pastorate in Switzerland, have expressed a tentative interest in continuing Haus Barnabas at some point in the future. If this took shape at all it would be a number of years down the road and would very probably take a different form, but they have some ideas for it. 'I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm you, to give you a future and a hope,' (Jer.29:11). Tim and Deb are also encouraged to see the way the Christian witness of the house could continue beyond their ministry here.

Praise God for His continued gracious provision for the house.

Praise God that Tim's physio seems to be helping. He no longer needs physio for his jaw but is continuing with physio for his shoulder.

Give thanks that Esther has provisionally been accepted to do a business course with languages for two years starting next year. She sees this as a step on the road towards working in a bakery in the longer term.

Please pray for Tim, as he is currently preaching every Sunday and also has to find time for preparation when there is so much else to do.

Give thanks that Susanne has been coming to Bible study regularly with Daniela and please pray that the Lord will open her heart to his Word. It was encouraging to see them both at the Good Friday service.

Give thanks for the various opportunities there have been at the language school recently to share our faith. Allen (Deb's boss) has a couple of teenagers he talks to regularly and most recently, Deb's 8-year-old pupil (from a totally unchurched background) asked her if Jesus really rose from the dead. Deb said yes and referred to eye-witness accounts in the Bible. Please pray that the Lord will use the seed sown.

Please continue to pray for health and strength for each one. Tom is now having a weekly session with an IBS nurse, but it looks unlikely to be a quick fix.

Please pray for wisdom for the Holders about the best time to return to England given all the problems cropping up with travel on account of Corona.

Please pray that there will be steady improvement in the Corona situation so that we will be able to have holiday guests again.

Love to all,

Deb, Tim, Tom and Esther



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