

News from Marcie Huson in Garstang, England - April 2009

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter time! I was asked to preach the Easter morning sermon this year – quite an honor – and then went round to some friends' home for lunch and an egg hunt. We don't dye boiled eggs here in the UK, but instead hide chocolate eggs. When I was asked to hide the eggs, the youngest daughter from the family wanted to help. It was only after we had hidden almost all the eggs that it dawned on her that if she *hid* them, she didn't get to *find* them - and more importantly **EAT** them!! Crisis was averted when her mum assured her the other children would share what they found. It was wonderful to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with good friends and our church family.

New Missionaries



Dick and Sheila Dickinson are our newest missionaries in Europe. They stepped off a plane in Belgium just over a week ago. They have come to work alongside the two churches in Belgium, helping provide support and training for the national leaders. This first year they will concentrate on language and culture studies.

Next week, Larry Winckles and I will travel out to Belgium to help orient the Dickinsons to their new life and work here in Europe.

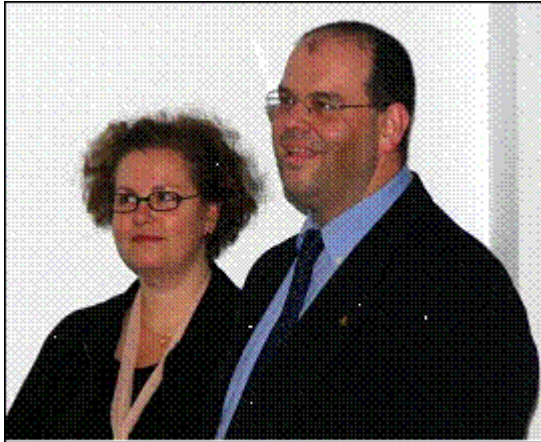
Young Adult Group

Thank you for praying for the young adult group starting up here in Garstang. We've got several 20-somethings and decided it was time to start a house group and do some social events with these folks. So far we've had two house groups (with the second week going much better than the first). We've decided to look at 1 John – it's been great to have real questions and good discussion starting. A bowling night is our next event. I'm *spared* total humiliation by the fact that I can't yet lift a bowling ball (doctor's orders) – (sorry about the pun!).

Full House:

One of the joys of living here in Garstang has been all the guests coming through. I've always wanted to have a home with lots of visitors! Next week, all the beds will be full again – as Cindi and Eduardo Angelo, FM missionaries in Portugal, and Ralph Locke, pastor of the church in Murcia, Spain, come to England for our Annual Conference. It'll be good for them to meet the pastors and leaders of our churches here in the United Kingdom. Please pray for 'kitchen wisdom' as Ralph is a vegetarian and Cindi and Eduardo are not! ☺

Coming Soon:



May 3: preaching at Lancaster (UK) pm.

May 4-6: Belgium – help with Dickinson’s orientation

May 8-14: Cindi and Eduardo Angleo (missionaries in Portugal-pictured) with me for UK annual conference, missions focus night and visiting.

May 17: preaching at Garstang am

May 24: preaching at Penwortham (UK) am, Garstang pm.

May 30 -June 13: at college in Manchester – trying to finish up complete draft of my thesis. My supervisor will then read it all through and

let me know which areas he wants expanded, which changed, etc.

Prayer Requests:

*Dick and Sheila Dickinson as they begin to settle in, find a permanent place to live and begin language and culture studies in Belgium.

*The young adult group that is developing at Garstang Free Methodist.

*God’s anointing as I preach at various churches in the Northwest of England.

*A young Japanese woman who is not a believer has begun to visit our church regularly. She is one of a number of folks who have been coming regularly to worship but have yet to make commitments to Jesus. Pray that God will speak to their hearts!

*For my elbow. I go for another X-ray May 20th. If the bone has fully healed, I’ll then start more serious physical therapy.

Gardens and Mice

On the “home front” some folks from our church have started a “remodel” of my garden (translation for those of you in North America – a ‘garden’ in England is a ‘yard’ in America). For the past year, I have been living in one of the manses owned by Garstang Free Methodist Church. It’s a lovely home and I feel very blessed to be here. But the garden is HUGE, both front and back. And I’m not much of a gardener. It didn’t take me long to figure out that I could either have a clean house or a tidy garden, but didn’t have enough time in the week to do both. So some of the folks at church have kindly offered to make the garden a little lower maintenance, by removing some borders and putting more of the yard back into lawn. It’s been quite exciting – every day when I arrive home a bit more has been removed. There is hope that will I soon have a garden even I can keep tidy!! ☺

So, where are the mice? Fortunately, not in the garden. Unfortunately in the garage. Fortunately, as far as I’ve been able to tell, all they chewed were my hiking boots. Unfortunately that means I’ve had to get new boots. Fortunately I was never completely in love with the old pair!! And I quite like the new ones!! And most fortunately of all, the mice seem to have left.

Thank you so much for your prayers, support and encouragement! God is so good.

In Him,
Marcie