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TRIALS ARE PERMITTED FOR GOD'S GLORY

What if you tried to get others involved in the greatest people-saving mission ever, only to be met with silence? What if the outdoor market security tried to convince you that you're committing an illegal act by sharing your faith where it is legal to do so? Would you still carry on encouraging the brethren and being faithful to go back to the market where you're unwanted?

This is our church planting team's present trial as we galvanise our church to help us plant another one in Boston. (We are, of course, still holding regular services in Boston.) Please hold us up in prayer that the Lord would keep us doing His will. We also ask you to pray that we would act upon some exciting and fresh ways to meet our community's needs. We need ways to develop trust between us and them as a vehicle to share Christ.

One of those ways is building upon the English class we have for Eastern Europeans. Several church members have expressed interest in helping teach. Our hope is to train teachers and so grow this ministry of discipling others to Christ. God will work behind the scenes in His all-powerful way where He gets the glory.

Another way to reach out to our community is through a welcome video that 11 members of our church have agreed to help us create. We plan to run this video on our website and social media and to change it every so often since there are enough volunteers to do this.

Another challenge we're facing at the moment is an injury our son, Logan sustained a few days ago. He managed to pull a wooden stool onto his foot, which drove his heel into the hard floor. After an emergency room visit and X-rays, the doctor told us Logan has a hairline fracture on his heel. He's now learning to walk with a supportive boot that will hopefully immobilise his foot until it heals in 4-6 weeks. Those of you who've had toddlers will know how much a challenge it will be to keep the boot on his foot. They like to play with everything that's new and curious!

VISIT TO AMERICA

During this Christmas season, we are visiting our families in America and having a very blessed time despite having quarantines on both ends of the trip. We've only been able to visit family in America over Christmas once in our 10+ years of ministry in the UK.

Thank you for your support and gifts you've given in the recent past. You are truly making an eternal difference in others' lives. One Christian brother recently said, 'If it weren't for you being (a pastor) here, we probably would have looked elsewhere for a church.' (And it would be a considerable drive to attend another church of like faith.)

Merry Christmas, everybody!

Church-planters in the UK,
Joshua, Melissa and Logan Booth