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Sunday 1st & 8th September 2024
...a warm welcome to ebenezer...
1 Samuel 7:22 (NIVUK) Ebenezer means 'stone of help'



Sunday: 1st September

09.30-10.00am Sunday Prayer in The Prayer Room

10.30am Sunday Worship including Communion

Heroes of Faith

Tea & Coffee served after the service

Sunday: 8th September

09.30-10.00am Sunday Prayer in The Prayer Room

10.30am Sunday Worship

Heroes of Faith

Tea & Coffee served after the service

6.30-7.30pm A Time to Pray

Sunday services are also livestreamed on YouTube
@ebcscarborough

This Newsletter is also available online on the church website
www.rockofhelp.org.uk under 'resources'

Harvest Barn Dance



Harvest Barn Dance

Saturday 5th October 2024

With Ceilidh band 'Jackhare'

Ploughman's supper

Ebenezer Baptist Church hall

Save the date!

Times and ticket details to follow ..



A letter from the Treasurer

Dear Members and Friends of Ebenezer

I am writing to ask for your help in completing the work needed to make the new manse at 25 Scardale Crescent ready for occupation.



The roof repairs, electrics, heating and plumbing checks are in progress and the house is currently being redecorated. We had budgeted for replacing the windows next year, but, after further inspection, many of these are rotten, and need to be replaced before winter, which leaves us around £5,000 short in this year's budget.

We no longer have large reserves to fall back on, so we need to ask if you are able to make an extra donation to bridge the gap, so that we can provide a safe, secure and draught-free home for John & Hilary.

If you are able to help, please give whatever you can by cash, cheque or Bank Transfer.

Bank details: Account 00036264 Sort Code 40-52-40 Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

If you prefer to give by card, this can be done via our website

<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/>

With every blessing

Phillip Gott

Treasurer



United Beach Missions (UBM)



Outside the Church Hall

The Beach Mission team completed 2 weeks of activities on North Bay on Friday 30th August. Here are some pictures of their time here



Tug of War on the beach



A massive Thanks to all members of the team for their hard work on the beach and the cooks and others supporting them. We hope you really enjoyed your time here.

Baptist Missionary Society News



People are celebrating the arrival of aid provided by your faithful support

The province of North Kivu in Congo has been gripped by a renewed devastating conflict between the M23 group and the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo. In May of this year the violence escalated, increasing the number of displaced people to 2.8 million in North Kivu.

BMS World Mission workers were based in the country from the 1870s until the 2010s. They shared the gospel and established several hospitals to care for the sick. Baptist churches in the region still have close links with BMS, and it's an honour to support them as they offer hope to people displaced by conflict.

Armed groups have recently attacked aid workers and people fleeing the conflict. Local Baptist churches and our partner, Baptist World Aid, will continue to deliver humanitarian aid to households displaced by conflict, whilst doing all they can to ensure the safety and security of their staff. They are deeply grateful for your prayers at this difficult time.

Bensteads Prayer Letter

As always we thank you for all your prayers and support.

We have recently had a Baptism service of a young soldier. Sadly he has been posted back to Turkey. We will be losing him. He came to faith whilst being helped by some in a Bible correspondence team. Though saying this he has had a leaning to the Gospel since being a child. He seems keen to make contact with a Church near his posting. God is at work in hearts when we are not at all aware. He found the church and has been growing in faith whilst with us. He is very open about what he believes and often brings friends to the church.

Students have left for the summer so our numbers are lower.

Recently some Iranians have found us. One seems to be serious. We know there are many Iranians on the Island and would like to see a work started amongst them.

We have a young man recently showing interest. His mother is Uranian and father Turkish Cypriot. He has been investigating the faith online and seems to want to identify as a believer. We pray that there is a serious work of God in his heart.

We are trying to do more outreach and encourage the believers. moved to the Island and has a heart to reach out. The man has been working with the London City Mission and so is helping to enthuse and giving encouragement and advice.

We have been having some relational issues within the Church. We have been fasting and praying much for the situation. There has been hurts felt, we do feel that God has been answering prayers and feel that things are getting better.

We would Love to say we have been growing in converts but we lose and gain and find only a few are consistent in their walk. Please pray that there will be new birth and growth. The culture they have come from hinders both coming to faith and then hinders growing in faith.

Sunday services run well with more participation. Tuesday Bible studies are interesting. We have a new commuted couple and child with us now helping. Ladies meeting have been encouraging.

We started a Mums and Tots in Girne hoping to see some opportunities to reach folk with the Gospel. We have not seen the numbers we want but have had some coming along. We will see if we can build on this after the summer.

Diane will be back in the UK for a while and so many of you may meet her. We are planning a trip to Turkey by car to visit past friends and believers. We will also visit the earthquake zone again.

The family seem to be doing well. We are always thankful that they continue to walk with Jesus. Kayra continues studies as a Nurse in Leeds Sami is serving as a police and Cem busy welding. All are omitted to their fellowships. We look after Sarah and Veysels Son our Grandson Can-Levi often. They continue to serve.

We recently took a trip to Turkey. We visited some of the Earthquake affected areas and Churches we have had close contact with. I have added a separate page with some details of this on. The healing that needs to take place will be with the people for many years to come

The English side of the work continues to be blessed. We have increasing numbers of Children and settled families. The student work continues and we are still involved with this side though concentrate more on the Turkish side of things.

Recently Diane and myself took a trip to Turkey.

We wanted to see some of the work in the earthquake region that we have had and still have influence with. We also wanted to visit some Churches and old friends. The time was a mix of discouragement and encouragements. Visiting earthquake areas is never easy. The long term issues are significant for the people there.

We started by Visiting Iskenderun. The area where a pastor and his wife died leaving a child behind. The wider family that is mother, brothers etc are still involved in the Church. One of the believers lost his wife to cancer just before the earthquake then a daughter in the earthquake. The Church in Iskenderun has had upheavals. New people came from outside and upset the balance. There has been a new Church plant. Some earthquake affected folk are attending the Church there.

We Visited the family who came to stay with us just after the earthquake. They are finding it difficult to work and finances are an issue as they are for many. The centre of Antalya where they live is completely gone. It is difficult to describe the massive devastation. There are a number of relief helps that have been continuing through different Churches. There are Churches that are continuing in the areas some new. Still splits take place in fellowships and some due to arguments over money. In an area called Samandagi there is a work that is being helped by a Korean couple who are with our Church in Cyprus. They help educate and provide fun times for children. The centre also has different clubs to help women learn a trade. There are signs of a bigger interest in the Gospel.

We passed by Kahramanmaraş the place our son in law grew up in. This city was badly affected by the earthquake and of yet there is no fellowship there. There is a Church in Kayseri that wants to help start a work there. This Church has a vision for three cities. Sivas, Kahramanmaraş and Elbistan. We visited the Kayseri Church. A lively and growing fellowship with a large youth work. The leadership seems settled. There is the possibility of one influential foreigner being removed which would be negative to the Church.

Kocaeli was the place we helped to start the Church. The fellowship has had many struggles. Some of the folk we knew and had influence with are continuing. They were distant from the Lord for some time but are now seeming to do well. One young man has married a believer. One young girl is at University and is progressing in the faith. One girl who had a wayward life is now seeming to be doing well and her energy with the Church is a joy to see. Some from that fellowship have managed to find work in other countries but still look for Churches to be involved with. The Church in Kocaeli, though small, seems to be settling again.

We have a friend in Kutahya that we visited. This is a small city where many of the Turkish tiles in the UK come from. There is a small fellowship there but is stable and has good teaching. These fellowships are lights that are just starting to shine in dark places.

Tarsus was our last stop. We have long term friends leading the small work there. A City with many Syrians. The area is agricultural and many speak Arabic. The outreach is slow but again these believers though small in number have a Love for the Lord Jesus and are a light in a dark place. Please remember to pray for them

Regular Events

Weekly

Day	Time	Event	Venue
Mondays	8pm	Men's Fellowship & Prayer Meeting	Church
Fridays	11-12.30am	Ladies at the Hub; Café social event	The Summit, St Nicholas Street
Fridays	7pm	Youth Night	Underground/ Church Hall
Saturdays	8.30-9.30am	"Prayers for our congregation" via Zoom.	Please contact John Boulby for details @ 07815010214 or 01723 583566

Monthly

Day	Time	Event	Venue
2 nd Saturday of each month	9-10am	Churches together in Scarborough: Prayer for the town and local area	War Memorial Oliver's Mount
3 rd Saturday of each month	12-2pm	Mustard Seed for those with special needs: Lunch and bible teaching through drama, craft, film & fun	Church Hall

Next ENews

The next ENews will cover 15th 22nd & 29th September
 Please send any items for the next issue to email address enews@rockofhelp.org.uk before 12md on Thursday 12th September. Thank you, Janet



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