

# The VandenHurks

*Jonathan, Natalie, and Laura*

**DEAR PASTORS AND PRAYING FRIENDS,**

**Autumn 2024**

Psalm 61:1-2, "...When my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy." In ministry and daily life, we can easily be overwhelmed. In a world of war, storms, and anxiety, we have a place to go, a Rock, a Shelter. Learning to rely on the Holy Spirit and not burning out in our own strength has been vital as we continue the regular ministry battles here in all their various forms, learning to keep our footing on our solid Rock.

- **UPCOMING HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB:** Thank you to Faith Baptist Church, of Palmer, Mass., for sending us their old **VBS materials** for our upcoming October Holiday Bible Club, with the theme "**Keepers of the Kingdom.**" Pray for this vital work with our children and teens.

- **PARENTS:** We received a great blessing and boost of encouragement from my **Dad and Mom**, from Tennessee, staying and ministering with us for **seven weeks** in the summer.

- **ENCOURAGING GROUP:** A fun and enthusiastic group of young adults from **First Baptist Church, of Long Beach, California**, were a huge help and blessing in our Services, Sunday School, Youth Group, and soul winning. We thank them for making the effort to come.

- **FRANKLIN FAMILY:** This dear family travel hours to our church, and their sons are a vibrant part of our Youth Group. They were surprised by their son Jack's recent diagnosis with **leukaemia**. We praise the Lord that the first round of chemotherapy has worked to bring the disease down from 98% to less than 1% cancer in his spine.

- **NEW CHAIRS AND SPEAKERS:** We praise the Lord for a gift from a closing US Air Force church, which enabled us to buy good quality **chairs** from another church that was changing buildings, and new **speakers** for both our buildings.

- **FUNERAL:** I had the opportunity to preach the Gospel at the funeral of a dear member of our church, **Peter W.** Although he struggled with assurance of his salvation due to dementia, I was able, in the service at the Salvation Army, to read from the flyleaf of his Bible reasons he knew he could not lose salvation, which he had written during a sermon I had preached.

- **BABY DEDICATION:** **Chloe** is a precious addition to our church, and many of her family gathered to celebrate her birth and pray for her to be saved and for her parents.

- **BAPTISMS:** We loved witnessing the testimonies and baptisms of **Lavinia, Sam, Sandra, and Tim**, who all wanted to be baptised in the River Nene. This was followed by a meal and outdoor evening service in the back garden of one of our recently widowed members, Marita. Pray especially for **Lavinia**. She was **saved out of atheism**, after her sister Mihaela prayed for her. She has now moved to the City of Norwich to work on her Master's Degree, and we have been able to put her in touch with a Bible preaching church there.

- **COLIN PAVITT'S 70TH BIRTHDAY:** The Pavitts have recently started a third church in Northeast England, in Seaham, and we joined a surprise service for him in Hartlepool.

- **CAMP VICTORY:** I can't begin to say how life-changing Camp is in the lives of our young people! We had a record number attend this year, and we were honoured to help once again.

- **PREACHING ABROAD:** We were thankful to be invited to **Romania to preach a wedding** for a very lovely couple whom I had done premarital counselling with. It was an amazing experience. Also this summer, Derrick Morlan invited me to preach a **Gospel Mission in the Netherlands**. My father was able to share the Gospel and his own testimony, the first time he had ever done so in his home country! (He heard the Gospel as a teenager when moving to the USA). While there we traveled to **Belgium** to preach for **Gent Baptist Church**, with fellow MWBM missionary, Junior Haley. We praise the Lord He is still advancing in Europe!

**SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST,**

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*Ephesians 3:20-21*



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**BIRTHDAYS**  
Jonathan, 3rd December  
Natalie, 2nd June  
Laura, 11th March  
Anniversary, 27th July

**GOALS**  
- To glorify God in all we do.  
- To follow Christ in evangelism and discipleship.  
- To plant / replant New Testament Churches.

Missionaries to the United Kingdom

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years..." Hab 3:2

