

# The VandenHurks

*Missionaries to England*

DEAR SUPPORTING CHURCHES AND PRAYING FRIENDS,

April 2016, Prayer Letter

I know this letter has been a little while in coming, and we do appreciate your patience. We wanted to let you know some **good news**, which I will mention at the end.

**MISSION NORTHEAST UPDATE** – Continue to pray for Evangelist Colin Pavitt and his wife Rosalind, as they began services at the **new church** in Durham this week (*See insert for info*) **“MOTHERING SUNDAY”** here is in early March. Natalie enjoyed speaking about “Reactions” at the annual **Ladies’ Tea**. Mrs. Carrie Wickens, a pastor’s wife from Brimpton, also came up with her daughter and shared a wonderful piano special.

**A SOUL SAVED** – Please pray for the Griffin family. **Roger** came into church and sat at the back in February, and left quite quickly after the service. A week later he came again with his daughter and son-in-law and said his wife **Catherine** had just passed away. You never know what people are going through! It was an honour to help comfort this family in their loss and lead the **funeral**, and to share Christ with the family. On **Mother’s Day**, Catherine’s daughter, granddaughter, and great-grandchildren were with us (three generations). But best of all, one of her relatives **prayed to receive Christ** as his Saviour after the service!

**BAPTISMS** – **Mike and Claire** began coming last year with their daughters. The Lord has worked many victories in their lives since they were saved and they were able to share their **testimonies** and obey the Lord in believer’s **baptism** in March. The Lord answered the prayers of many also when their daughter was found unconscious and came very close to death, but made a **miraculous recovery**. Continue to pray for many more spiritual victories in their family.

**ORDINATION** – I was able to take part in an **ordination council** here for the first time in March, for Kevin Cowdry, new pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Spalding, the next town over from us. It is great to see a **British pastor** there, and I look forward to the fellowship.

**EASTER** – This year we had a particularly refreshing celebration of **the Resurrection** at Easter. It is a blessing to see folks growing in their love and appreciation for God and His Word. On **Easter Monday** (also a holiday in England), we travelled to British pastor Chris Salmon’s church for a fun day of preaching, singing and barbecue together. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, we had a Resurrection themed **Family Fun Day** at the church. Six local schools received invites and many children and families came through and heard the Gospel together. We appreciated all the workers in the church who helped with a **Spring Clean** and with the fun day. It was also a special blessing to have the help of **two Crown UK students**, Josh and Graham. We thoroughly enjoyed their stay with us.

**OTHER MINISTRIES** – In **Sunday School**, the children have been learning from the books of **Jonah and Exodus** this year with Natalie. In the **Evening Bible School**, the adult students have been studying **Genesis, Ezekiel, and Biblical Counseling** with me and Bro. Pavitt (who now teaches through Google Hangouts). Faithful workers have continued to help us in the **open-air, letterbox, and door-to-door visitation evangelism** efforts. The Lord has blessed with **several visitors and full services**, especially on Sunday mornings.

**BABY NEWS!** – After almost nine years of marriage, Natalie and I are thankful to be expecting a baby! We are now twelve weeks along. Thank you for helping us pray for this, and I wonder if you could please continue to pray for a healthy pregnancy as the Lord entrusts and enables us to bring a new life into the world.

**THANK YOU** always and sincerely for your prayers and support! (*See some photos, next page*)

*Jonathan + Natalie VandenHurk*

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#### Birthdays

Jonathan - 3rd December

Natalie - 2nd June

Anniversary - 27th July

#### Goals

- To glorify God in all we do.
- To follow Christ in evangelization and discipleship.
- To plant New Testament churches.



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



Ladies' Tea



With Br. Pavitt in Durham



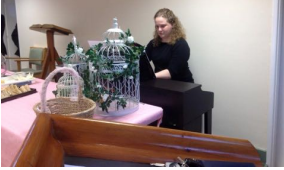
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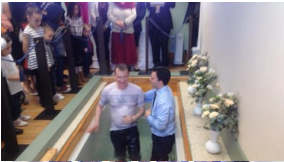
1st 1/2 Marathon



Men's Singing Special



Jasmine, Claire & Mike at Church Spaghetti Meal



Baptisms



British Ordination



Baby Announcement



Great family that rides to church every week



Family Fun Day



Some from the fun day



Josh and Graham

**UPDATE FROM MISSION NORTHEAST** – After much open air preaching surrounding their base in Hartlepool, the Pavitts have been led in particular to the large city of **Durham**. The Lord has already provided an excellent **building** that will be available Sunday and Thursday nights. Please consider them for **support** and **pray** for them during these first services and Bible studies of **Calvary Baptist Church, Durham**, and for the Lord to sustain their **health**.

**HERE IS A RECENT UPDATE FROM BROTHER PAVITT HIMSELF:**

“Some have been asking what is going on at Calvary Baptist Church North East? CBC North East is a gospel and church planting work sent out of CBC Peterborough UK (Pastor Jonathan VandenHurk). We have been operating now for around 6 months in the North East of England, which is very spiritually dark and barren. The following is a summary of things achieved for the glory of God thus far and centres on 3 geographical locations:

**HARTLEPOOL** – CBC North East is working with a small group of Baptist Believers in this town in the way of assisting in ministry of the word and Rosalind Pavitt is helping with their music programme as they have had no musician for 5 years. She has also formed and trained a ladies gospel singing group. Brother Pavitt heads up the Friday door-to-door visitation programme and is also training believers in soul winning.

**SOUTH SHIELDS** – CBC North East is working with a small group of 10 believers in this town near the large city of Newcastle. We are working particularly in the area of street preaching and tract distribution. We have seen some great days of open air preaching with sometimes congregations of up to 25 people or more in the open air listening to the preaching and being challenged by it.

**DURHAM** – This ancient and historical city is spiritually dead--Many religious people but very few genuine born again believers. The city being a university city has around 15,000 students some part time, others full time. CBC North East has hired out a portion of an old church building in North Road, Durham (A stone's throw from the city centre) which was built in 1853. The building has a great deal of character. Yesterday evening (Thursday 7th April) in the middle of an intense rain storm and some flooding CBC North East held their very first mid week meeting with a time of praise and worship with Rosalind using her keyboard followed by an in depth bible study on Isaiah chapter 51 by Brother Pavitt. We were only a small group however one man who came was a particular encouragement to us and we had a good get to know you session with tea and biscuits afterwards. This is going to be an ongoing work and take a good amount of time but the aim is planting a brand new church in this desperately needy city.

**GENERAL** – In total across the North East of England around 30,000 gospel tracts have been distributed so far.

Thank you for your prayers for CBC North East. We will continue to post updates from time to time. God bless you.”

- British Evangelist Colin Pavitt