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Greetings!

As many of you know, Sonya has planned to do a two-month internship with the church in Leicester this summer. Due to Janet's health and the return of her brain tumor and treatments, that internship was cancelled. But by the providence of God, a way was provided for Sonya to still do a one-month internship in London instead. More about that a little later.



Kenneth Stephenson joined Sonya and me on a trip to the UK in June. As a shepherd of the Green Lawn congregation, and as a former missions' team member, Ken has been involved with the work in Leicester from its inception. He has long had a desire to make a visit and this summer was finally able to do so. It was good to have Ken with us to see the work Paul does in Leicester firsthand.

When Katya and I visited a few months ago, our first stop was to visit the Stratford

Church of Christ in London. There are several students for Leicester Bible Institute in the Stratford congregation. I meet with them every Friday online for classes. Two students happen to be Americans who are studying in London as a way to be able to do mission work there at the same time. They have been there since last September and now have a minimum of 10 bible studies a week, as well as teaching an English class for foreigners. Pictured to the right are Kayley Wadlington, Sonya, and Lydia Todd. When Sonya's plans fell

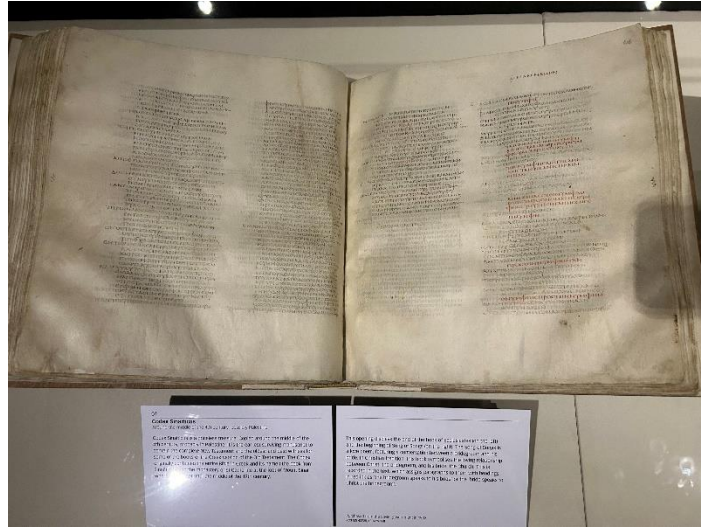


through for Leicester, I reached out to these two young ladies. They were happy to be able to host Sonya and to have her work alongside them in London. I love the way the Lord provides!

When Katya and I were in London last time, we did not get to meet Lydia and Kayley. They were at a young adult event that the churches of Christ there host once a month at different congregations. So this time we spent a day in London so that we could

meet them properly and let Sonya get a chance to know them before she moved in with them. It was very encouraging to meet these young ladies and to hear about their faith journey that brought them to England.

While in London we were able to do a few touristy things as well. One of the best was visiting the British Library. There we were able to see the Codex Sinaiticus. Codex Sinaiticus is one of the most important books in the world. Handwritten well over 1600 years ago, the manuscript contains the Bible in Greek, including the oldest complete copy of the New Testament. Next to it in the same case was the Codex Alexandrinus which is another of the earliest copies of the Bible.



We also visited some other historic locations before taking a bus up to Milton Keynes to be met by Paul and Millie Hill. As always, Paul was his same energetic, talkative self. It was good to get to see him. He gave Ken a tour of the Leicester City Center. This is where Paul will often come to do street preaching, hand out tracts, and strike up conversations with people to tell them about Jesus.



That evening we went to the Hill home for supper. It was good to get to see Janet. When we were there Janet was almost halfway through her radiation treatments. She was talkative and had a



very positive demeanor about her. According to Paul, shortly after we left she began to go downhill. This was actually expected therefore it was not a major concern. Janet has lost all of her hair again. Her final radiation treatment is scheduled for July 10. It will still take about 6 weeks after that to know if the radiation has been successful in killing the tumor or not. Through all of this, the Hill family remains in good spirits and trusts that God will continue to see them through this storm.



On Sunday morning we were able to worship with the church in Leicester. I was asked to present the sermon and Ken gave greetings and love to the congregation from Green Lawn and then led our closing prayer. The church likewise sends their greetings and love to the Green Lawn congregation. They know that each one of you is a part of the work that they are a part of in Leicester and they are grateful. That evening we were able to worship with the congregation in Loughborough as well.



Monday was a day for fellowship. Sonya and Millie spent time together, while Ken and I joined Paul in visiting church members in their homes. Throughout the day we made visits with four different church members/families. A visit can be as short as 30 minutes and as long as 3-4 hours. At two of these visits we were fed unexpectedly and fed very well. We first visited Hannah. She is a sweet servant of Jesus who lives alone, though she is married. Her husband will pack up and move away every few years leaving Hannah alone, eventually he would send for her. When he left Leicester, Hannah decided that she was not moving anymore. She has found her place with the congregation at Leicester and loves being a part of the body.

Next we visited George and Margaret and family. They fed us authentic Ghanaian food which we ate with our hands. During each of these visits, Ken was very attentive to their stories and asked thought-provoking questions about their part in future service to the congregation at Leicester.



From there we visited Anthony and Lorraine, along with their two daughters. Their daughters played the piano and sang a song they wrote for God to us. To our surprise, we did not have one meal in their home, but rather we had two! Both George and Anthony have the potential to be future shepherds for the Leicester congregation. They both also study with Leicester Bible Institute.

Our final visit was to Edith and her three girls (not pictured). Edith's husband left her so he could pursue his life elsewhere. The church

helps to care for Edith and her three girls. Paul makes visits like this to the members of the Leicester congregation every week.

While we were there I was able to follow up with some of my students in Leicester Bible Institute. As is to be expected, I have some students struggling to make the necessary time for their studies, and I have others who are truly exceling at completing their studies. We are hoping to be able to have either a Men's Day or a Leicester Bible Institute day in October of this year. I will keep you posted.

The church in Leicester has asked me to share their thanks to you for your support for **Leicester Bible Institute**. It is having a positive impact on the lives of those involved with it.

In Him, Mike Wilson

