



## Pastor Bob and Jeanne Claycamp's Year-End 2017 Poimen Newsletter

**Our Vision is Three-Fold:**

**\*\*Pastor of Calvary Chapel Exeter\*\***

**\*\*Place British Leadership in Avenues of Ministry\*\***

**\*\*Poimen Ministry Encouragement to Pastors and Wives in UK and Europe\*\***

**WAITING FOR THE OUTCOME...**

We first of all want to thank all of you for your prayers and support over these last five years we have been serving in the U.K. It has been an exciting, challenging season of ministry enabled by the Holy Spirit. Now we have come to a unique crossroad in our lives and ministry.

**DATELINE, MARCH 14:** Here we are at age 67 (almost) and are this moment (9:30 am) sitting in the Immigration Office in Cardiff, Wales. We are applying for permanent residency under U.K. law. This is much like a 'green card' in the states.

We don't know how the application will turn out. We have paid the non-refundable fees (over \$8000). We have put together all the pertinent official documentation the 86 page application requires. But we have had three different sponsors over these five years, two of whom had their sponsor licenses revoked. Plus we have been in and out of the U.K. many, many times which raises questions on the relevance of those trips as it relates to my job duties at Calvary Chapel Exeter. Those trips were ministry trips mainly to Western Europe conferences and churches, as well as some stateside ministry.

There are two possible outcomes today...accepted or rejected. If rejected we will have to leave the U.K. by this November because our current visa will run out without the opportunity to renew. If accepted we will look to continue our ministry here in the U.K., Ireland and Europe. I believe there are many opportunities for us in the coming years. But...the outcome is in the Lord's hands. Amen? I will continue to write this newsletter this morning as we wait.

## MINISTRY DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS

This past winter we took our furlough back to the states to spend time with our son's and their families in Arizona and Colorado. What a blessing to be able to spend Christmas with our eleven grandchildren and enjoy seeing them growing up so fast! I purposed this furlough not to schedule any speaking engagements to redeem our time with them. We give thanks to the Lord for those families who lent their vehicles to us and allowed us to stay at their homes.



The church in Exeter is growing in the Lord. The University students who attend are bringing their friends and acquaintances to the church and to our SOLOMON'S PORCH gatherings at our house. Our ministry helpers, Wayne and Sue Richards, are also spending discipleship times with the students helping them grow in their understanding of the Lord and His Word. Wayne is also leading the outreach Bible Study in the town of Newton Abbot, about half an hour south of Exeter. We are very thankful for their labours.



Our Calvary Chapel Online School of Ministry began again on Saturday mornings in January. This will be our fifth semester. These are classes taught by Calvary UK pastors to help raise up British leaders

for future ministry. This nine Saturday semester was on the preparation of Joshua during his wilderness season (taught by Steve Vickery and me), and the concepts of the book TALE OF THREE KINGS by Gene Edwards, taught by Pastor Jason Thorpe of Calvary Woolacombe.

The end of January I travelled to southern Austria to speak at the Western Europe Pastors and Leaders Conference. I was scheduled to speak on Wednesday mid morning. By the time of my teaching EVERYTHING I had prepared to say had been covered extensively by the speakers over the previous two days! It was on the morning of my teaching the Lord brought to my heart His desire to cleanse our feet from what we may have picked up on our walk though this world. John 13 was the text and we had a glorious prayer time at the end of the teaching. Pastors from Italy, France, Germany (and me) were up front to pray with those who came forward.

**BREAK, 10 am:** \*\*\*just called in to have our fingerprints, signatures and photos taken\*\*\*

Back to the newsletter, the first of February Jeanne attended the UK Women's Conference up in Leeds, England. She had the opportunity to ministry to several ladies one on one. But on the way back she picked up a nasty virus on the plane and suffered under a serious flu bug that lasted three weeks. Although we both had our flu 'jabs' (shots) it didn't work on her. By the grace of God I didn't catch it though.



The second Saturday of March was a Calvary Chapel Ministry Conference in Oxford. The theme was I AM WEAK, HE IS STRONG. There were three of us teaching that day. My teaching was out of Judges 3:31 on the judge Shamgar, a relatively unknown man with humble status who used what was in his hand (an ox-goad) to defeat some enemies. I made application to those of us in the U.K. who were plowing our corners of the Lord's field and dealing with spiritual enemies that rise up against us personally and in our churches.



Last night (March 13) I had the opportunity to minister to a large group of University students at the Evangelical Christian Union (ECU). They gave me the text of Acts 4 on the topic of Gospel Suffering. I

had a 20 minute limit. I had great fun with the students sharing exhortations from the text and from personal ministry life experiences. Definitely worth it!

**BREAK, 1:30 pm:** \*\*\*it's been four hours now and no case worker assigned as yet; I asked if we could go to lunch; be back in an hour\*\*\*

**BREAK, 3:00 pm:** \*\*\*sit down Mr. Claycamp; **you and Mrs. Claycamp have been approved.** Congratulations!\*\*\*

**Thank you for all your prayers** over this major crossroad. Now we set our hearts and minds to pray over the coming years' ministry.

### GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS

\*\*\*pray for **wisdom, courage and perspective** in helping to train up British men and women for spiritual leadership

\*\*\*pray for **our physical health** to stay stable and strong

\*\*\*pray for **additional new families** to begin attending Calvary Chapel Exeter

\*\*\*pray for **additional University students** to find their way to our church (and to the gospel!) and count it their home away from home.

\*\*\*pray for **British interns** to come alongside to help in the overall ministry in the southwest of England

\*\*\*pray for **fresh vision** for the coming years here in the UK and Europe

\*\*\*pray that the **gospel message be spread** over Exeter, as well as the entire southwest of England

Jeanne is posting frequent updates to her blogsite: <http://thepilgrimsheart.blogspot.com>. You can also hear the teachings I have been giving at Calvary Chapel Exeter at this link: <http://www.calvaryexeter.co.uk/teachings.html>

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