



# the Dice Family

## Missionaries to England

Dear Prayer Partners,

5/13/2024

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.  
Psalms 18:2

In the past almost eight months that we have been here, one thing is certain - the Lord is our God, and He will enable and protect us. I sure am glad He is our defender and strength in whom we can trust!

Before coming to England, there were several matters of prayer we had for our ministry here that God has brought to pass.

1. We prayed for a home in Saltash that would be located half-way between the two ministries we're working with. The home the Lord provided is in Saltash.
2. We prayed for a home with a place to host. We have plenty of room to host.
3. We prayed for a home with a yard and a place for the kids to play. Our home has this.
4. We prayed about the kids schooling – home school or school. This was a great matter of prayer. The Lord placed us near a school with Biblical influence, and we have had most of our opportunities to build connections here through the school.
5. We prayed about having influence in the school and being able to do Bible programs there. Last week we went into the preschool with Rylee for a Meet the Parent week. I was able to read a Bible story and sing songs with the children, including teaching them "Jesus Loves Me". Rylee was a big help singing along with Jericho and I. We were told we don't have to wait for a special invite or a Parent Day. We have an open door to go back and sing songs with the kids. Please pray the Lord would bless this open door.
6. I prayed about learning the guitar. The Lord gave me a teacher who teaches in a couple local universities. Because of his teaching, I was able to play the songs for the kids at school. This was also more than just to learn to play, but also about making connections, and there have been many conversations about the Lord.
7. We prayed about having John & Romans and tracts to letterbox with. We were given 20,000 John & Romans and 15,000 gospel tracts, and we have been faithfully distributing them.
8. We prayed about making connections within the community. Slowly but surely, we are making connections. One of those has been through my gym membership. I started working out at the gym with a trainer, and he has been a great resource not only at the gym, but also in giving us tips for life here. There have been many opportunities to talk with him about the Lord. One of our conversations was about troubling thoughts and the biblical response to that. He was going through some difficulties at home, and he told me how what I shared helped him. Through the gym I've also had some of my best conversations with men about the Lord. Because of the curious nature of the British, they ask questions, and that undoubtedly leads to why we're here. I am able to share that I'm a pastor here and have discussions about the Lord. One man I talked with in length is an Agnostic, but does the digital media for a "church" in AZ. We talked in length about the Gospel one day as he asked question after question. Meanwhile, two other military men (the gym was set by a military trust for the military presence in Plymouth) were sitting listening and even nodding their heads as I spoke of how the Gospel is for all and how there is not a caste system or hierarchy in the Gospel. Christ died for all, and merit has nothing to do with salvation for we are all unworthy sinners. Another aspect of God answering prayers about contacts has been through the school. We have been building relationships with other families by talking to them at pickup, going to birthday parties, and other school events. The word is getting out about our family, and as our kids make friends, more doors are being opened to us. One of the families we've connected with has asked us to spend a day with them on an outing, so please pray that will work out. At the last birthday party we attended, I spoke with the husband for a couple hours about the culture, home buying, and the Lord. I'm thankful for these connections most of all because it is through our relationship that we're praying they will come to know Christ.
9. We've been praying for the kids to settle here. They have made great strides through the school. The culture is vastly different from American culture, and the school gives us a much bigger window into those differences than we would have had if we didn't enroll them. It has not been without difficulty, because as often is experienced when moving to a new place, you're an outsider. Which is hard because the kids want to make friends. Zoe has had mostly good days after the first couple months. At first the other kids didn't want to play with her, but now most days they do. Rylee has settled the best because she is in the preschool group. It's the starting point for the kids in the school, so she's one of them because she's there at the beginning. Aiden has made friends, but there has been some difficulty due to him joining in 2nd year, and not having the same sports background the other boys have in football and other UK games. He's been making progress, and we're very proud of him. He won an art challenge, and his drawing has been accepted by a UK publisher that prints kids' art in children's story books. In the next month or so we should receive a copy of the book.



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Zoe had a great birthday here. She turned six! I can't believe our cheetah is getting so big. For her birthday we asked if she wanted a big party or to give gifts to her classmates. Those are the two acceptable options in her grade. She said that she wanted to give her classmates gifts. So, we packed up boxes with heart shaped sunglasses, candy, fruit drink, Cheetos, cake, and a note from Zoe. That night several moms messaged Jericho mentioning how much their kids loved the sunglasses and hadn't taken them off all night. The next day when we picked up the kids from school, there were kids putting on their sunglasses after school. We're praying that little acts of kindness like these will open doors.

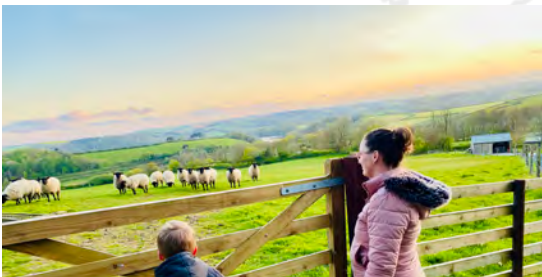
11. We have been praying for Jericho to settle in here. The Lord had given her opportunity to take pottery lessons with a potter nearby. He was in our slide presentation from our 2019 visit. We were praying that he would be saved, and the lessons were a great opportunity to have more time with him. Jericho's lessons were going great; he loved her work. In addition to the lessons, Jericho volunteered her time to help the potter and his daughter in the shop. She cleaned, made bowls, and whatever else was needed. The potter and I talked about the Lord; we invited him to the Easter service (he didn't end up coming), and we had plans to help him with a website for the shop and to build a Japanese kiln for firing the pots. It seemed like the Lord was opening doors, but that came to an end when the potter, who had cancer and other ailments, came down with pneumonia. Sadly he passed within the week. Of course, we wondered why, and we were heartbroken because we don't know if he accepted the Lord. He had come to church and heard the Gospel. He had told me that his son was asking questions about theology, and that he should tell his son to talk to myself or one of the other missionaries. He knew the truth and where to go to find the truth, but as far as we know he may have never accepted the Truth. Please pray that Jericho and our family can have continued contact with the family, and that we can have a continued presence in St Germans where the shop is located.

We pray that you will be encouraged by these answers to prayer because it's a reminder that we serve a God who hears and answers prayers! An added blessing over the past couple months have been the friends that have come to see us. There's something refreshing and encouraging about seeing friends in person that phone calls and emails can't replace. We're very thankful for their sacrifice of time and money to make the journey.

May the Lord richly bless you,

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- Please pray for us to make contacts in the community.
- Please pray our sowing of seed would bear fruit that remains.
- Please pray we settle and adjust.



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