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> PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.

- MATTHEW 9:38 -

HEATONS

TO HIS HARVEST

Dear Friends and Fellow-labourer's in Christ,

October 2021

This past month, we had the privilege of serving at New Street Baptist Chapel in Welshpool, Wales. This is one of the newest church plants, as it has only held Sunday services for the last year. The Minister helping this chapel was away for a month, and we had the wonderful opportunity to fill in. Of course, we have never been in the interim position before, but the Lord gave wisdom, help, and strength as we laboured in this needy area of the UK. We were especially thankful for this time, as we got a small taste of what it will be like when the Lord opens the door for us to plant a church! We truly have viewed this as a time of training and preparation for the future. Since this church plant is so young, we were blessed to see many 'firsts' in the life of this chapel. The first annual National Youth Rally was held at Crown Hall. Teenagers and Christian workers from all over Britain came and took part in fall games, a BBQ lunch, and heard a Bible message. The challenge was given for young people to stand for God in these challenging days. We praise the Lord that He brought over 200 people to this event!

New Street's first-ever Men's Breakfast was held. We invited men from the community to come in for a full-English breakfast and then shared a Gospel message with them. The Lord brought in thirteen men! One boy from the Sunday School brought his grandfather and stepdad. We know the Lord will continue to grow and use this outreach. In the UK, during the month of October, we celebrate the LORD of the harvest and the plentiful crops He has provided. The celebration happens on Harvest Sunday. We sang many traditional harvest hymns, many of which were new to us, had the Sunday School children come to sing and recite Scripture, a Bible message, and a meal followed. We had thirty children come, and many brought their parents to the service! In Sunday School, we have had a special 'Harvest Challenge' with the children. Our goal was to have forty children in the Sunday School. On Harvest Sunday, we praise the Lord that He brought Forty-one children in! The children were so thrilled to have met the challenge and will visit a local farm in the coming weeks as an incentive for reaching the goal. We had the first-ever Holiday Bible Club in Welshpool. We highlighted the story of Ruth and the kinsman Redeemer, looking at the themes of "repent, grace, and redeemed". Over the three days, we had forty-nine children come. Due to only having one minibus, we had a walking route to pick up children, as well as picking up children on the bus. It was the first time many of these children had even come to church. We had an awards ceremony the following Sunday School hour and we had fifty-two children come, many which brought their family

members. We know the Lord is at work amongst the people of this area, especially in the children's work. We praise the LORD that He has completely provided the funds for another minibus! We were having to take the minibus out two to three times to pick up all the children. God willing, the church will purchase another minibus in the next few weeks. We have seen God work in amazing ways over the last several weeks, and we praise HIM for it all!

– For His Glory, *Jonathan & Gracie Heaton* – Micah 6v8; Psalm 40v16 Praises:

- The Lord's help and guidance as we ministered in Welshpool.
- The many people who heard the Gospel this month.
- God blessed the many 'firsts' at New Street Baptist Chapel.

Prayer Requests:

- God's leading for the best minibus to purchase!
- Those who are seeking the Lord and considering Salvation
- Wisdom for the next step as we move on from Welshpool