

# THE STAGNER FAMILY



*“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,”*

*Ephesians 2:4*

Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

But God, Who is rich in mercy... there is more power in these seven words than can ever be explained or in all reality, understood. Looking back at the forty-eight plus years of my life, I am forced to stand in awe at the mercy the Lord has bestowed. Our God, Who is rich in such mercy has absolutely poured it into the days, weeks, months and years. The realisation of this mercy, from the One Who’s wealth of such grace is unlimited, may only be fully comprehended on the other side of glory. Yet one thing is true, His mercy is everlasting and unyielding, it is this passion of God’s power in which drives us and continues to do so day in and day out in the country in which God has called us to proclaim His word and plant His churches. Probably the most discouraging aspect of the mission field is not seeing result as fast as one would desire. Missionaries struggle in this area quite immensely, many times through unrealistic expectations learned in a classroom as opposed to the field itself. This is not a statement against college or education, I am a massive proponent of both and feel it should be used to didactically equip our men and women for the ministry, no matter the capacity. However, God must always be in the equation, His readiness to pour out mercy and most importantly, His willingness to intervene and interrupt our lives. This is where the first two words of the seven have their effect both on the mission field and the missionary... “But God...”

John Newton penned his most famous hymn, *Amazing Grace*”, a verse least often sang in our churches today, which reads:

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine. (emphasis added).*

It is the “But God” factor which enables us to labour each and every day. I cannot explain the love we have for the nation and the people of Wales. Yes it is a very dark country, where the leading cause of death in males ages 16-54 is directly due to alcohol consumption and yes, it is a nation almost numb to the gospel. BUT GOD, who is rich in mercy... can save a soul no matter where they are, there is only one requirement, the people must hear the word of God. Friends, we thank the Lord for each and everyone of you, you have been a blessing to us and the people of Wales. Through your support and prayers, there has been two churches planted, a Bible College, three weekly youth clubs, three weekly Bible studies and many other venues and ministries directly through the local church. These opportunities to serve the Lord results in the spreading of the gospel to over a 1000 people a month in one way or another. This is our “But God” moments, He will see souls saved, it will be in His timing and we are good with it, we are simply thankful to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in a way He has blessed.

Thank you all who have prayed for our indefinite leave to remain, I am happy to say we were granted permanent resident statues two weeks ago. This was a massive undertaking both in paperwork and financially, thank you again for your prayers, and do please continue to do so.

Till the Shout,

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