



THE BARRETTSTO —to— ENGLAND

Dear Praying Friends,

Nov/Dec

“For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” – Psalms 100:5

As we finish up deputation and transition into a new year, new phase of life, and soon a new country this truth is so assuring. Regardless of the change that comes our way this year, God’s goodness, mercy, and truth are constants to rely on. By the time you read this letter we will have presented in 187 churches, driven over 100,000 miles (for context that is a few thousand miles more than driving around the circumference of the earth 4 times), and praise the Lord completed our deputation travels. We have one official meeting left on the calendar, but that will Lord-willing take place after we apply for our visas.

As we completed deputation in the months of November and December God brought in 5 new partnering churches, allowed us to get tax details plotted out for life in England, and file our sponsorship application. We are now waiting for it to process and once cleared we will be able to file for our official visas. If everything proceeds without a hitch, we could be moving over to England as early as the first or second week of March. Because of the uncertainty in our world today, this process could extend until May, but we are trusting that the Lord is in control. Please pray with us that everything will process in a timely manner and that we won’t miss any details. We also will begin the process of packing up our life, Whitney would appreciate the intercessory prayers of some ladies.

God allowed us to spend our last holiday season in the States with family and friends: Thanksgiving was spent with my side of the family and Christmas and New Years with Whitney’s. We also began the process of saying goodbye, while we haven’t had the final parting with family, we have said “goodbye for now” to several sets of very close friends. The reality of what lies ahead is beginning to sink in and we appreciate prayers, especially for Wemberly and Arden. Our goal as parents is to shepherd their little hearts through a meaningful parting and we need the Lord’s wisdom and grace.

Just before Christmas we had one of the most special meetings to date. We have been praying for God to burden and call missionaries to England, but even more specifically for urban England. There are multiple, million-plus, metro populations in England, that to our knowledge have few to no Independent Baptist Churches.

Praises:

- Reached Support Goal
- Hendrix Burden for Urban England
- 5 New Partners
- God’s Word at Work in Lives

Prayer Requests:

- Our Goodbyes to Family
- Details for Move and Packing Life
- God to Prepare Hearts in England
- Our Visas to Process in a Timely Manner



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Manchester is one of these and our hearts are there, but we have also been praying for laborers to be sent to others. It was thrilling to find out that some friends on staff at a partnering church, had surrendered to go to England. They are specifically praying about one of the urban populations we have been praying for God to send laborers. We got to meet with them and their Pastor and were filled with such joy and excitement to talk about their upcoming survey trip and deputation plans. Please pray for the Hendrix family. If any of you have a desire to partner with a solid family that has a heart for souls in urban England, we would love to put you in contact with them.

This letter is a little longer than usual, but I wanted to share a couple of very encouraging experiences about God's Word working without me being aware of it. The first took place in Ohio in our last meeting before Thanksgiving. During the Sunday morning service, I preached a message that was primarily directed towards our need as Christians to have God's heart for people. Honestly, I would not describe the message as geared towards salvation. God used what I intended as a side note, to speak to a heart and after the service a soul was saved. Then, just yesterday, as I had my Bible open in a coffee shop, I was approached by a man who wanted to talk about God because he saw my open Bible. At first I assumed he must be a Christian to start the conversation, but after a few minutes it became apparent that his understanding of the gospel was not very developed. I got to share my testimony with him and what God's Word said about salvation through Christ alone. God used an open Bible and a sermon directed at the saved to get the gospel to two different souls. That is the work of the Holy Spirit, that is our hope and prayer for the work God will accomplish in England. Thank you for being a part of that work through your giving and praying!

The Barretts to England

Riley, Whitney, Wemberly, Arden

p.s. A HUGE Thank You to all those churches and individuals who sent our family Christmas gifts, cards, or special love offerings! We're blown away by how generous and thoughtful a team of partnering churches and friends God has provided!

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