

Rob & Amanda Smith

## Please pray for the

## The Smith Family

Your missionaries to Hartlepool, England

Special Dates: Rob 09/18 Amanda 02/20 Anniversary 03/15/14

January -April 2024

"... Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?..." Isaiah 6:8

"True Christianity is like the smallpox. Once you get it you give it to others, and it spreads. "

~ C.T. Studd

Dear Christian Friends,

I pray that you are well, and that the new year has treated you favourably thus far. As always it is a joy to bring you all the news of how God is working in the ministry which he has entrusted us with.

## **HARTLEPOOL**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of January I officially took the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church. The Lord allowed there to be a sweet spirit as the shepherd's crook was passed from Pastor Pavitt to myself. This was made all the more special as we were able to honour Mr. and Mrs. Pavitt for all of their years in the ministry. We were glad that our mission board director and his family along with some dear friends from America, were able to attend this joyous occasion. We were truly blessed by the singing of our guests and to top it all off, there was a new name written in Glory on our first Wednesday as Pastor. I do not think it could get much better than that.

We are glad to tell you that is not where it ends. We have also had several first-time visitors come along from the street ministry and other avenues, one of which received the Lord as her Savior.

The Lord continues to grow our Kid's Club in the Kitchen during our Wednesday night home Church services. The Children are inviting other children and continue to learn and grow in this

ministry my wife has been able to start. Amanda also continues giving the gospel through her art classes and now has been asked to extend it to a neighbouring town by some folks in the community. Every art lesson contains the gospel, and the parents of the children also receive it seeing as they stay present at the classes.



## **DURHAM**

Back in December we were able to have a Christmas Carol service at the Residential Home. During this were able to minister in preaching and in

song to these precious folks. Several weeks after the carol service a 92-year-old Catholic lady gave her heart to Christ, realizing her religion was not enough to get her to Heaven.

Along with this good news we have found a new facility for church here that allowed us to add one Sunday Service a month. This is a great answer to prayers that we have been praying for several months. We also still continue to meet weekly on a Thursday night.

Our first Sunday in Durham we had a family visit for the first time and Amanda was able to teach Sunday School which was a great encouragement to all in attendance.

As our quote states Christianity can be infectious once spread as is evident in both churches.

Until the Shout,

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