

To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven...

As you know, a few years back I had a stroke. I seemed to recover pretty well from it. Recently, I had another mini stroke. This time it seems to have affected my brain a bit more. Due to the effects of this last stroke I have had to step down from teaching High School Maths. Thankfully my school has recognised at my age and with my health issues, I'd probably never get another job. They've had mercy on me and offered me a teaching assistant job, which I gratefully accepted. Though there is quite a pay reduction, I am happy to continue working as long as I can.

Before we left to come to England nearly 12 yrs ago, Neil Porilio said there are three main reasons people leave the mission field. 1. Health problems. 2. Money problems. 3. In fighting. I get this because I keep getting knocked back physically, but have decided to do it sick, poor or whatever it takes.

Marie's immigration stuff was filed the 30th of August as planned. It is now in Gods hands. We await a decision. The biggest problem is the entire immigration system changes every couple of years, so it is never filed the same way as before. If there are any problems again, the door may shut for us here. We have been in much prayer and do feel God would have us remain here. I'd be lying if I said we weren't experiencing some trepidation moving forward.

During the immigration wait, Marie's dad became very ill. He was hospitalised and passed away within a week 6/11/21. We still don't know what killed him. It's heartbreaking because Marie couldn't go to be with him, nor could she be at his funeral, due to immigration. Sometimes when we count the cost, we don't realise how much it will be....

The church has been finding it hard to regroup following the Covid restrictions being lifted. Many have said they still don't feel comfortable meeting in person. We are trusting God to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all we could ask or think and tear down the fears and cause people to come boldly to worship corporately.

I have felt the church is going through a season of pruning. It's exciting because we trust there will be new growth eventually. Most importantly, the roots of those who have been faithful to attend are growing deeper and spreading wider. I've said that before I know, but you have to consider that the majority have been saved in our church, many didn't speak English, many didn't read, many had learning difficulties too. Therefore, it seems we are finally beginning to see some come off of milk and start really eating meat.

We changed our service time from Sunday morning to Saturday evening at 6:30. I am happy to report last Saturday we had more people than we have seen in months! The church was full of people between 20-35. New growth possibly?

Marie & I have moved house. I could no longer use the steep stairs in our home. We moved into a small, single level property. About a further 5 mins walk to town.

The new place is an old widows Almshouse for fishermen lost at sea.

The “transitioning into housing” ministry continues to grow. So many people have lost everything during Covid, we are so blessed to be able to help with kitchen items, linens, furniture, washing machines and an occasional refrigerator. I’m forever amazed at how far reaching this ministry is. We do not advertise at all, yet people constantly come for help.

I’m not sure if you remember Liam? He has tattoos on his face, Satan tattooed on the back of his head? He was a skinhead. The Lord worked on his heart for years. We ministered to him and loved him. Liam passed away this year. The good news is Liam was a born again believer. He had received Christ before the pandemic. He explained in a very simple way that he knew and believed in Jesus. He had confessed a lot, but still had a lot more to go. Bless him, I am grateful for the lessons in ministry he taught me. We ministered to him for more than 12 years. Seeing no fruit until the very end. But God knew and created Liam and Liam mattered to God and us. We will miss him and are thankful that we will see him again.

As we approach the Holidays, the church is having a hog roast & Carol service outreach. We also just bought our first sound system!! It’s a grand way to try it out. We are really looking forward to whatever God wants to do through this and these things would be impossible without your love and generosity.

We’ve just been told we are looking at another lockdown! New rules and we are not sure how this will again affect our meetings. Oh to be free in America! It is illegal for us to meet outside at the park or the beach without a permit!

Finally, we wish you all the health and happiness found in our Lord. We appreciate and thank you for your partnership with us in the ministry. Thank you for holding us up in your prayers. We are eternally grateful for your support and encouragement. To God be the glory.

Wishing you all a very
Happy Christmas &
A Healthy & Happy New Year!

Vincent & Marie Proffit