



Lighthouse

The ministry newsletter of Andy & Hazel Smith

'To bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners'

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JEHOVAH-JIREH!

Isn't it great when God goes ahead of you and provides for your needs in advance ... even before you knew you were actually needful?!

Andy and Hazel enjoyed a sunny summer break in the West Country this year, and came home rejoicing because some kindly person had given us a generous gift while we were away.

But coming home to a week of torrential rain - and our family room roof leaking in several places - we soon realised what that gift was intended for: It cost us a bunch of money to have that roof repaired. *So thank you Lord!*

In like manner, the impending departure of two experienced Lighthouse ministers from the team has been addressed by the timely arrival of Wynn and Hazel Jones, who are already trained to minister RTF Issue Focus.

The Jones's received their Restoring The Foundations training back in 2012, but were then gloriously side-tracked into fostering ... and now God is going to use all that hard-won experience to bring healing to victims of dysfunctional parenting. (And that includes most of us, to one degree or another.)

We're all a work in progress that will only find completion when we pop our socks, go to glory, and finally meet Jesus face to face!

So Wynn and Hazel are busy getting up to speed with their ministry skills ... and we are very excited about what the Lord is going to do through them, and for them, as they engage with ministry receivers.



But sometimes we have to wait a while for God's answer to our prayers to be realised 'on earth as it is in heaven'. Hence, we've been praying for eight years to have another man join the Lighthouse prayer ministry team ... and here he is at last: Wynn Jones!

(PS. It was definitely worth the wait.)

Online Ministry

The Lighthouse is now able to provide secure, online ministry for individuals whose health / location would make face to face ministry sessions inadvisable. or impractical. (And during CV19 lockdowns!)

Goodbye, dear friends!

We were so sad to say “goodbye” to Kitty when she moved to Hampshire earlier this month .. as we will be when Marian leaves us early next year. Both Kitty and Marian joined the Lighthouse Team in 2014 after successfully completing their **RTF** training. They’ve also acquired **Unbound** ministry skills in recent months; another powerful, Spirit-led ministry for believers who are not experiencing all the healing and freedom that is their birthright as children of the Living God.

Kitty and Nick Marsh - who head up Living Seeds, the Christian enterprise and training school that the Lighthouse serves in Sierra Leone – have moved to Farnborough where they will be joining a newly planted ‘Catch the Fire’ church.

We will so miss Kitty’s ministry skills, spiritual insight and Chinese cuisine ... not to mention the generous supply of delicious figs we have enjoyed from their highly productive tree at Pepsal End Manor.

(Andy and Hazel hope to be ministering in West Africa again when ‘covid’ is a thing of the past; God alone knows when that will be!)

Marian Kinghorn is off on another big adventure; leaving sunny Redbourn in Hertfordshire for the wilds of Leicestershire, next spring.

After 16 years as a missionary in Uganda we’re sure she’ll take the Midlands in her stride and be a mighty blessing to her new neighbours ... even as she has blessed many ministry receivers during the course of her time serving with The Lighthouse team.

We will undoubtedly miss the depth and breadth of Marian’s biblical knowledge and the loving, yet uncompromising way in which she ministers God’s truth to bring healing and deliverance to folk in need of restoration.

Poetry to Ponder

Some deep truths to strengthen us in troubled times ...

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill;
He treasures up his bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints fresh courage take
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the LORD by feeble sense
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast
Unfolding ev’ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste
But sweet will be the flow’r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter
And he will make it plain.

(William Cowper 1731-1800)

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