We thank God for those who persevered in the face of danger. “As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience (perseverance). Luke 8.15

And they devoted themselves (persevered) to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2.42

Christ taught that the evidence of authentic spiritual life is perseverance. In Acts, we are immediately confronted with the lack of personal safety and the reality of great material loss. Fear, intimidation, confiscations, persecutions, incarcerations, and the death of loved ones were all the traumas the early believers experienced, yet they persevered.

We learn as we watch people like Peter and James the Apostles, or Barnabas the son of encouragement, or Stephen, the able orator chosen to serve tables, or Philip the evangelist.

Labouring together in the gospel, fellow workers from Honduras in Northern Nicaragua.
or the persecuted believers arriving in Antioch that their message was spiritual, not political. They feared and obeyed God rather than man. They lived contagious, authentic lives of faith - they demonstrated perseverance or spiritual grit in the face of tremendous obstacles even to the point of death. We have a fresh sense of appreciation for these ordinary men and women who lived counter-cultural and demonstrated extraordinary faith in the Sovereign Lord.

Brenda Bachert and family

The Local Churches continued as they were able to meet together. Several Assemblies altered their schedules of meetings to attend late afternoon. Others suspended the evening meetings for the safety of the believers. In Managua, there was only a week or two when the believers were not able to meet to break bread.

Hundreds of makeshift barricades were erected all over bringing the country to a near standstill. This public pressure brought the government to participate in a national dialogue. The situation also gave rise to looting, anarchy, violence and the presence of paramilitary groups. During the first part of July, the government worked to eliminate the barricades and restore full movement in the country. To accomplish this, lethal force was applied.

The Inter-American Commission of Human Rights has documented hundreds of deaths, hundreds of people unaccounted for and hundreds incarcerated. Today there is a sense of tense calm as the government well controls the country. We believe the situation to be quite volatile. Hundreds of thousands of Nicaraguans have lost their jobs. Over twenty thousand Nicaraguans have sought refuge in Costa Rica. Thousands with US connections have also relocated their families to the US. The effects of all this are being felt in the economy and will have long-term repercussions.

The socio-political unrest in Nicaragua was for the most part unexpected. Over the past several years, Commander Ortega’s government of reconciliation and peace has worked closely with the private business sector creating a sense of stability that fostered a healthy sense of both foreign and national investment.

Jalapa, Nicaragua Gospel effort

It seems that there was a strong response by loyal government supporters to squash the protest in April over Social Security reforms pushed through Congress. This attempt to in-
timidate backfired, causing major University Student Bodies in the country to rise in support of the Seniors against the reforms. The government response was strong, and the first few fatalities were reported.

Raw footage of gruesome violence and lethal force against the student protestors was shared thousands of times on social media. This escalation and bloodshed resulted in that hundreds of thousands marched together on the 23rd of April in the major cities of the country calling for the immediate resignation of the president.

After serving here for the last fifteen years, enjoying peace, stability, and witnessing the Lord prosper His work, it seems like we now are in a new chapter of service. We are asking the Lord for wisdom that we might navigate this situation with spiritual discernment, and courage. We solicit the earnest prayers of the Lord’s people to sustain the believers. We also trust that your effectual prayers will accompany the preaching of the gospel through many means in this land.

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Springdale, AR
Harry & Rebekah Rodriguez

We were encouraged by a series of VBS (vacation bible school) meetings in July at the Springdale’s hall which was very well attended, and it was nice to see some new kids coming.

The conference at the end of May was an encouragement to the believers here, it was good to see more than a hundred people in the hall.

I keep visiting Mexico and trying to give a hand down there and to visit the assemblies. The need is great among some meetings where there are not missionaries living. They need to hear fundamental teaching again in some cases and much wisdom to solve some issues. Please pray for them and the unity of the assemblies and the preservation of the sound doctrine.

Lately, we have been exercised about the situation in Venezuela, as you know I was born and commended from that country. What we hear from relatives and believers is devastating. People dying from malnutrition, lack of medicines and crime. Services as gas, electricity, and water are a constant fail, besides the lack of food and inflation to the point that a regular job will pay only one or two dollars a month because of the exchange.

Hospitals are in chaos, and it seems that there is no end to the problem; instead, the situation is getting worse and worse. The assembly here in Springdale has opened a fund to help the need of people down there. Thank you for the generosity that some of you have shown in sending funds to meet those needs. I know that many other assemblies are helping in one way or another. They have been very appreciative of all the help of food and funds that have saved the lives of some of the believers. It is so painful to hear the stories directly from the people that suffer from the famine in Venezuela, it is depressing.

I recently went to Colombia (since I cannot get into my birth country) to try and help some of my family get to Colombia. Sometimes the border is so congested that they have to spend three days before crossing. The Venezuelan government sometimes completely closes the border; at the moment people can only get across walking, the access to vehicles has been canceled. Fortunately, I flew my Mom out to Medellin and met her there. Two of my brothers have crossed the border walking, thank the Lord. They got to Medellin also. I was happy to see them, but I still have sisters that can hardly get out of the country since they have to leave everything behind them, and Venezuelan money is worth nothing.

Many believers are immigrating where ever they can go, and this is affecting the assemblies down there but are benefiting some in other countries. However, the assemblies continue their activities, and unsaved people keep coming in high numbers to the meetings.

My time in Medellin was very profitable since they were getting ready to start the assembly there. Coincidentally I arrived before the assembly began and had the opportunity to share a week of ministry along with Jose Luis Batioja who is working in Colombia commended from Venezuela. I had the opportunity to distribute some funds for the relief of the some of the Venezuelan workers and believers living there.
But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality as it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

But thanks be to God, II Cor. 8: 14 - 16

Editorial Note:
Many brethren and sisters from assemblies in Venezuela have gone to other countries such as Columbia, Peru Ecuador and Chile in search of a better life for themselves and their families. It reminds us of what took place in Acts 8: 4 "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.”

Acajutla, El Salvador
Alan & Diana Clark

Our work for the Lord continues in the area of three different assemblies in the west end of the country. Acajutla, Amatal and El Carmen. We are thankful to the Lord for a good number of young adults in the El Carmen area that have professed to be saved, and we would appreciate your prayers for these individuals as conditions of life in this country are demanding.

We have had some older Christians with limited care, so Diana spends a good measure of time helping them in basic health care and more if necessary. We try to make a regular visit with food supplies to some families in all of these three assemblies as we find that is a better way to help in the health of these dear Christians. She knows a local Dr. that has been very helpful in some of the more severe needs, and he tries to make himself available when we need him.

Our visits in colonias (municipal districts) are limited because of gang activity, so we use the privilege of hospital visits in the Sonsonate hospital, and we can cover about 500 people most different in each visit with texts, Via magazine, and requested bibles. We usually give out about 90 to 100 Bibles in each monthly visit. It has been a good area of response. Also, we try to share our time teaching in these three groups of Christians. Outside of the city work is very scarce, so many difficulties result from that problem.

A very encouraging aspect of our work is that in almost every gospel meeting we have a good number of unsaved people in the meeting. Along with this, nearly all people here believe there is A God, and they have respect for the Word of God. They know that there is no other help, especially since the dream of getting to the United States has been crushed.

We have recently seen a man and his wife and three of their daughters saved in the El Carmen area, a needy family as they have seven children, so the challenge is great, but our God is Greater.

Dolega, Chiriqui, Panamá
Marcos & Sara Sequera

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" II Cor. 9: 8

In recent months we have had Gospel meetings in different houses of believers; the attendance of family and neighbours was very encouraging. Not too long ago the eldest son of a believer in the assembly in Dolega died. He was 30-years old, and his name was
Giovany. His kidney failure beat his strong body. He professed faith in 2010 and was baptized a few months later. The believers of the assembly were able to support the funeral and the preaching at the wake and in the cemetery. He died on a Monday and was buried on Tuesday. Then on Wednesday, we put up a tent in front of the house of Giovany’s family in a district (just outside Dolega), and we began to preach the gospel to support them in the midst of their sorrow and took this opportunity of the sensitivity of their hearts to preach the Word.

Despite the rain every night, we had good attendance from family, neighbours, and friends of Giovany. At the end of the series in the tent, a sister Lorenza Estribí also passed away; at 109 years old. She was a believer in fellowship in the assembly in Dolega. It was another time of sorrow in the assembly, for the brethren and sisters; but on the other hand, there was a consolation to know that her worn out body, entered into the joy of its Lord. Mrs. Lorenza met the Lord in 1985 and was a faithful believer until the end. We met her when she was 100 years old, with a lucid mind and active body. She and her daughter have been part of the assembly in Dolega since 2012 and have been a great blessing.

So this was another opportunity to announce the gospel. We preached the Word to the family on two occasions, during the funeral and then to a crowd of almost 300 people who arrived at the Gospel Hall on Tuesday, May 29, the day the funeral took place. Then, we accompanied the family with prayer meetings in their house; the attendance of relatives was an encouragement. They expressed much gratitude for the consolation received from the One who said: "I am the resurrection and the life ...".

Throughout June, we have been with the regular meetings of the assembly and taking time during the day for visits, trying to encourage the believers and some who are close to salvation. The work with the young people is an encouragement. We are praying for some who are thinking about baptism. Recently we preached the gospel to a large group of people in the Dolega cemetery since the grandfather of a Sunday school student died. It was an excellent opportunity to make known the plan of salvation. We look to the Lord for the results.

We have open doors for the preaching of the gospel in other places. We ask you to support us in prayer as we move forward in the mission that has been entrusted to us. As the apostle, Paul said "... so that I am made a minister to announce the Word of God” fully. Col. 1: 25.

**Dominica, West Indies**

**Ken and Doris Taylor**

Doris and I are recently returning from a two week trip to Dominica, West Indies. We had been exercised about visiting the saints there ever since hurricane Maria devastated their island last September.

The visit has only become possible recently as both my health condition and the lack of ac-
commodations hindered us from going until the present time. In the interval, we have been working with four of the assembly elders who had formed a relief and rebuilding committee to oversee the needs of the saints and coordinate the rebuilding process. Inventories of building supplies on the island were depleted after the hurricane with little prospect of needed quantities becoming available for months.

Believers from the four assemblies present for a ministry meeting in the Roseau Gospel Hall

The Lord graciously supplied funds through His people that enabled me to order galvanized roof sheeting, lumber, and supplies in St. Lucia for shipment to Dominica. This allowed the Christians to begin the work of replacing the damaged galvanized roofs. The work has been slow and laborious, but we are thankful that the roofs have been repaired on the many homes among the believers that were damaged and roof work has been completed on three of the Gospel Halls. The brethren are now addressing the next phase of replacing damaged windows and doors, and they will then start the work of repairing the many ceilings that were ruined by the fierce rain and winds of the storm.

While it will take years for that little island country to recover from the effects of the hurricane, it is good to see the overall progress that has been made. There were estimates that 75% of all buildings, both residential and commercial suffered hurricane damage. From what we saw during our visit, I would estimate that a full 40% still require significant repair work. We are grateful that the Lord has allowed us to see His people back under shelter and critical needs met. It has been important to get this done by the present time as they are now entering another hurricane season. There is, of course, much apprehension in the minds of people generally, as to what this summer season will bring. So many have said that Dominica could not withstand another hurricane this year, but at the same time, they say that it is of the Lord’s mercies that they have been allowed to survive.

The rebuilding work undertaken since hurricane Maria of September 2017.

The thankfulness of the Dominica believers for the help that has been given is very evident and quickly expressed. It is gratifying to see their acceptance of their circumstances and confidence in God. We were glad to be able to help them through ministry and gospel, as well as contributing financially to some situations that the relief committee had not been able to address. The brethren of the committee have
done an excellent job of assessing the need, directing the materials, and guiding the rebuilding work. It has been my privilege to share with them in coordinating the overall undertaking, and witness the kindness of God in His care for His own.

We will appreciate the prayers of the Lord’s people for the dear believers in Dominica, and also that these events may cause an awakening in the lives of many who are without an Eternal Shelter.

**BRAZIL**
Billy and Elen Watterson

In recent months we have seen a significant increase in the young assembly in Aguaí, 50 km from us. Nine people (four couples, and the mother of one of the men) were contacted through literature work — most were Roman Catholics who have since been saved, another couple was already saved but meeting in a denomination. After attending the meetings for some months, they have all been baptized and received into fellowship in the Aguaí assembly. We appreciate your prayers for this young assembly (they began breaking bread in March of 2015). They were just thirteen in fellowship, so they are overjoyed at this significant increase the Lord has granted them.

In Porto Ferreira, it is encouraging to see that the little group of ten believers in that town has now grown to thirteen. After much prayer and waiting on the Lord, they began to meet as a local assembly on the first Lord’s Day of October, a year ago, when they Broke Bread for the first time. Please pray that the Lord might guide them.

The small assembly in Casa Branca continues to struggle on with just five believers in fellowship. A young couple there recently professed to be saved, coming from a denominational background. After studying assembly principles with them, they requested to be baptized and received in fellowship, and it is with great joy that we witnessed their baptism on Lord’s Day, 11th of March. Please pray for that small assembly.

We also appreciate your prayers for the literature work. Now and again the Lord allows us to hear of blessing received through this work, and we trust that even future generations might benefit from it if the Lord tarry. We have printed another volume of the Ritchie OT Commentaries (Volume 14 — Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Lamentations), which means that six volumes, of a total of 19, are now ready. The next one to be printed, DV, will probably be volume 10 — Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. This year we also hope to publish another of the Assembly Testimony “Glory” books (The Glory of the Lord’s Death) and continue with the publication of “O Caminho,” a free quarterly magazine.

**Oregon, MEXICO**
Shad and Debbie Kember

Earlier in August, I was with Leonel Chavez (Guasave, Sinaloa; commended from W. Phoenix in 2014) in meetings in the town of Parral, Chihuahua. The closest assembly is 2 1/2 hours away in the capital. There are a few who profess. I counted some 30 unsaved relatives and contacts of Leonel. We saw more happen at the children’s level, although some unsaved adults came, including one 64 yr old man each night. A 12-year-old Catholic girl said she got saved while Leonel was speaking on John 3:14,
15 and the serpent lifted up. It was nice to hear her clarity and simplicity. One Sunday, we drove to Vergel, about 2 hrs west of Parral, to visit the few believers there; again, mostly relatives of Leonel. In another town, Matamoros, about 30 mins south of Parral, we met a new family. They are contacts through the work among Mexican workers in Grand Bend, ON area where Phil Lampkin and Michael Rodgers take the man of the house to hear the gospel. His family showed a keen interest without a lot of clutter of Catholicism or evangelicalism.

Sunday, Leonel and I spent with the assembly in Chihuahua, before heading to our respective homes on Monday last week. Here in Iguala (home), Dr. Sandy Higgins gave a series on divine order. The meetings were well attended by both saved and unsaved alike. He also gave one night in Oacalco, an outreach work carried on by Duncan Beckett and others for over four yrs. He and I had a recent series there in July, thankful for a young woman who professed salvation in the third week.

Your earnest prayers are much appreciated.

**Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico**

Paul & Barbara Thiessen

Barbara continues to write a tract each month that deals with a subject relative to a present event or historical importance. Recently the tract was about the 49th anniversary of man landing on the moon. It gave itself easily to speak of the One who made the moon and visited man on earth. We print and distribute 2000 around the hall monthly. We do see the occasional visitor who came having learned of us by the tract.

Our weekly street meeting is held on the outskirts of the city where we pick up our Sunday school children. Last week some young men sat out on the sidewalk and listened. They called out several times during the preaching but were very friendly afterward as we greeted them. We are praying that the Lord will speak to them as they listen to the gospel.

Earlier this month we enjoyed a week of ministry meetings considering young people who changed the tide of history. It was good for all of us to hear the Word of God. Next week we look forward to our annual Sunday school program. That will be followed by our annual VBS. We hope that as in other years, we will see about 100 children come to the hall to hear and learn the Word of God. We trust this will also build up the attendance during the Sunday school year.

The assembly in Zapopan is small, yet we are grateful for the blessing the Lord has given recently. In the last few months, three people have told us that they have trusted Christ as Saviour. This is encouraging indeed, and we thank the Lord for seeing fruit in the gospel. For over ten years there has been a week of children’s meetings each summer in the El Vergel hall. Besides the regular Sunday school students, many children from the nearby areas attend. Many begin asking when the meetings will be well before the school year has ended! The schedule hasn’t changed much over the years and includes singing, quizzes, a Bible lesson with a corresponding verse and handwork. After a snack, the children are returned to their homes.

**Norco, Los Angeles, CA**

Tom and Nelly Baker

This past month we were with the Spanish believers in Houston, TX, the 15th to the 17th. We thank the Lord for a large number of people in attendance. It was a very encouraging conference. The local believers worked hard to accommodate all of us, and the Lord gave real help in the ministry and the preaching of the gospel. This was their 3rd conference since the establishment of the assembly. We’ve had the privilege to be with them on all three occasions. A little update on activities in Norco, a couple of months ago we received a young sister into the assembly. She trusted Christ when Glen (our son) was preaching at a wedding. She obeyed the Lord in baptism a year later and now’s she’s been received.

This past Lord’s Day, we celebrated our 10th year in Norco. It was a happy time of fellow-
ship. We shared how the Lord brought us to Norco and the many events that have taken place during the past ten years. We can honestly say; “Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.”

Also, we had a baptism that day. The sister has been coming to the meetings for a couple of years. She trusted Christ during the meeting in one of our outreach works.

That particular outreach work is fascinating. It’s in the home of a Korean family, from the Norco assembly. The meetings are in English and Spanish, so it’s quite a cultural mixture. The Korean family has a real exercise to use their home for the Lord and His work. The assembly in Norco is made up of three primary cultures, English, Spanish and Korean.

This sister has come from a very rough and challenging background. All her family is unsaved and involved in gangs and violent activities. When she first started coming to the meetings, she showed no interest in the meetings. But, slowly but surely, the Lord was working in her heart and revealed her need of salvation. So, it gave us great joy to see her take this step of obeying the Lord in Baptism.

Her husband was saved a couple of years ago and has been baptized. We look forward to seeing them both in the assembly, Lord willing.

So the work continues with the assemblies and the outreach works. We thank the Lord for every opportunity He affords us to serve Him and look to Him for His blessing on our service for Him and His people.

In the midst of all that has been going on, I was asked to transfer a large sum of money to help those involved with the Volcano in Guatemala. It turned out to be much more difficult than I expected, but with the help of the Guatemalan brethren here in the States, I was able to make the transfer. An interesting sequel; a 12-year-old Guatemalan boy is coming to the VBS in East LA. His parents sent him to the US a few months ago. The whole family lived at the foot of the volcano, parents’ siblings, uncles, and aunts, etc. They all died in the eruption.

Spanish-speaking Outreach, in Fresno, CA & VBS in East LA

Brianna Steele
(sister from the Turlock assembly in California, writing on behalf of all who laboured in this effort)

We have a work here among Mexican children/youth in Fresno that has been going on for about eight years. About 30 kids from about 12 different homes attend.

The children speak English and Spanish and Mixtec a dialect spoken in Guerrero, Mexico where their families came from. We are very blessed to work with such a wonderful group of young people. They come from very good, hard-working families.

Agriculture is a major industry here in the Central Valley of California. The parents of the children are mainly employed in field labor on the many farms and orchards we have here. The families are Roman Catholic but have been very open to letting us work with the children and share the Gospel with them.
Group of eight from Turlock the first week at VBS in East L A

We work with the children out of our homes through afternoon Sunday school and Friday youth Bible nights. Most of the children attend both activities, but the Friday Bible nights will attract some of the older teens.

Both activities are very Gospel oriented. There is hymn singing, Bible lessons/crafts, and the children are both encouraged and rewarded for attendance and memorizing verses.

This past May, we had the opportunity on the Sunday of Memorial weekend, to have a luncheon for the mothers and fathers of the children and thank them for allowing their children to attend the activities.

We catered food, rented tents, tables, and chairs, and hosted the meal as an afternoon backyard event. Ashley Milne, Omar Lozada, and Vladimir Pinto assisted in each giving a Gospel message to the families.

Seven families attended, and overall the interest was very good. Everyone listened attentively to the Gospel messages given, and the parents seemed encouraged and interested in attending future Spanish Bible studies/meetings with us.

East L A, CA.

We have been attending and helping out with the Vacation Bible School at the East Los Angeles Gospel Hall (Sala Evangelica) for about six years. They are very strong Christians and diligent in serving the Lord.

This year there were about 80 children in attendance. Brother Glen Baker helped out for the two weeks. The theme was S.O.S. — (Stories of Salvation/Save Our Souls) This year it took place during July 23 - Aug 3.

For the last few years, we have had the opportunity to take more and more children from Fresno. The parents are trusting, and allow them to come with us, and be under our supervision, and care. Last year and this year we’ve taken two groups down each year for a week.

From Fresno to the Gospel Hall in East L.A. it’s about a 4-hour drive with good traffic. The assembly there is very generous and allow us to borrow one of their 12 passenger vans to transport the children during the time that we have them, as we do not have a van of our own in Fresno.
We set out from Fresno on Sunday afternoon to get down to L. A. for Sunday night, so we are there and ready to go for Monday morning classes. Then at the end of each week, we take everyone home on Saturday.

VBS begins around 10 a.m. with hymn singing, followed by an introduction to the lesson of the day with a brief Gospel message, and a time of questions and answers from the previous day's lesson. After that, the children go to their classes according to their ages. The teachers have about 45 minutes to present the day's lesson to the class, and afterward, all the children come together for arts and crafts. Lunch is then served, and the children are released.

In previous years the children and I have stayed in the home of a Christian family from the assembly there, but this year we had the wonderful opportunity of staying right at the East L. A. Gospel Hall. The facility is fairly large and has four bedrooms and two showers, as well as a full kitchen. This helps us cut down on travel costs.

We had a wonderful time during the VBS this summer. I was blessed to have the assistance of a Korean brother Woo Hyun Jung from our assembly in Turlock. He was with us for the full two weeks of traveling and was a huge help with the children.

We were blessed to have our brother Ashley Milne from British Columbia join us during the second week of VBS. He was not only there to assist with our group of children but was also invited to speak at the children's' program that took place on the final night of VBS. Most of the parents of the children who attend the East L. A. VBS only speak Spanish, so Ashley had the opportunity to deliver a Gospel message in Spanish to the 250 who were present for the evening program. I’m so glad that the Lord opened the door for so many children from Fresno to attend the classes. We continue to pray that the Gospel messages and lessons they heard will work in their hearts and that the Lord can speak to them about their need to be saved, as well as all the children who continue to attend our Bible activities here in Fresno.

Tirana, Albania
Enri & Sylvia Nase

Tirana is a city of over one million people which affects daily commuting and in general results in a busy pace of life. This is one of the many challenges to the fellowship here, but despite it, there is a strong sense of belonging among the believers.

We are consecutively going through the gospel of John with the assembly at present. On Thursday we bring ministry, and on Sunday the Gospel is preached. There has been a real interest from the believers to study the Word more in depth and to learn from the Life of our Saviour.

More time has been dedicated to small groups and one on one these past six months due to the variety of needs and requests. We have found them very fruitful as individuals feel more comfortable to open up and discuss spiritual matters.

Two young ladies have recently made professions of faith, so we are going together through topics such as Salvation, Eternal security, Baptism, etc. In another study with four-five young men, we have been through the book of Romans and some specific topics.

Sylvia has weekly Bible studies with yet another girl, and I have started another one with her husband and another man who are both showing interest in spiritual matters. We are glad to see souls searching for the truth and would much appreciate your prayers for them, that the Lord may open their eyes and bring real change in their lives by trusting the Saviour.

I continue to be responsible for the teenagers’ class and before finishing up this year we organized a three-day camp for them. During this time we considered the life of Timothy and his commitment to the Lord despite his young age.

They got saved seven years ago and were received into fellowship shortly after. Alban was the treasurer of the assembly, and his wife Mona helped with the children’s meeting. Many
of the other believers were saddened to hear of their move, but we believe in God’s sovereignty and that He will raise up others to fill the gap left behind.

Publication
It has been our great privilege to finally print and present to the Albanian believers the book “Windows in Paradise” by our brother David Gooding. His depth of thought has blessed those who have started to read it, yet simplicity of presentation. A few other books are waiting to be sent to the printer within the next few weeks which are aimed at young Christians and Christian parents bringing up adolescents. We continue to visit other small assemblies around trying to encourage the dear believers as well as the prison in Lezhe.

We were blessed to have visits from brother Michael McKillen as well as Jason Rogers and his wife Laura in the past few months. We much appreciated the help of the brethren in both ministry and Gospel.

As most are probably aware, the container work which brother Cecil Gaw commenced over 25 years ago to send humanitarian aid to Albania, has now come to an end. Although we weren’t involved with the handling of the containers, many of you blessed us as a family by sending parcels which we much appreciated. We are also grateful to Cecil and his wife Mildred along with the many co-workers for the effort, time and diligence given faithfully over the years to this practical ministry.

The children are doing well and have finished another school year. They are looking forward to visiting Northern Ireland for a few weeks over the summer to see their grandparents, cousins, and relatives.

Again we take the opportunity to thank you for your spiritual, prayerful and practical fellowship towards us over the past six months, of which we are truly thankful. We continue to visit other small assemblies around trying to encourage the dear believers as well as the prison in Lezhe.

Loloma, Zambia
Margaret Gould

Life has been busy since coming back from Winnipeg in mid-June. I spent the first weekend of July at a women’s camp at Chitokoloki. Some of our dear sisters have problems that are unimaginable to us. Some men still take a second wife, and this is such a cause of grief. Some are men who in the past professed to be saved. Very sad indeed. Women suffer terribly.

Our senior girls camp is next weekend, from Friday to Tuesday. 160 have registered which is all we can accommodate at this time. More want to come what a nice problem to have! It amazes me that these young women want to go to a Bible camp...there are plenty of meetings, and they usually listen very well. They are also given a good number of verses to memorize and receive Bibles or New Testaments as prizes. We do pray that as they hear the Gospel and learn the verses, the Word will speak to them and convict them of their need of Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Paul and Eunice Poidevin and I have bought the Brooks house at Kabompo. Elva passed away a couple of years ago, and Don is not coming back to stay. It will be used for the revision team working on the Luvale Bible. They meet for a month four times per year. They have been going to Loloma twice a year and also to Chavuma. This means a lot of transporting equipment and food and supplies. None of us is getting any younger, and we feel this move will be very expedient and helpful. I find it exciting that this house is less than 500 meters from the Watch Tower Society printing press at Kabompo. It is thrilling to know that the pure Word of God will be translated into Luvale so close to where the devil is using printing presses to deceive so many. There are still so many opportunities for the Gospel in this country. May we use each one to speak a word for the Lord. May we never take this freedom for granted.

Yesterday I went with a carload of believers to an assembly north of here about 90 km. It has been over a year since we had last visited there.
and it was nice to fellowship with them and encourage them. They are in a somewhat remote location up near the border with Angola and do not get a lot of visitors or help.

This has been quite a cold season, and although it means less malaria at this time of year, there have been a lot of bad colds and pneumonia going around. The very young and the very elderly are the most affected. I make frequent trips into the hospital with emergency cases as well. The latest last week was a young man who was fooling around with a homemade gun and fired it off, and the bullet went through his hand. A huge mess it was. I also hold regular prenatal clinics here at Katombi and also in other villages. The contact with the women is essential for the health of their families and also for giving them Gospel tracts.