

The Mansfield Family

Missionaries to **Liverpool, England**

“...they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints” 1 Cor. 16:15



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Greetings, Praying Churches and Friends,

Deputation is so exciting! Over the past two months we have visited many churches, survived mechanical disaster several times, seen souls saved, grown a greater appreciation for world evangelism, and watched our support grow from 25% to 33%!

We have driven the equivalent of twice the width of the United States in the last two months. We had meetings all over California, then in Illinois, Kansas, Eastern Tennessee, Southern Indiana, Northern Indiana, and next week we take off for West Virginia.



In the midst of those meetings, we attended BIMICandidate School where we were refreshed by the seasoned wisdom of the veteran missionaries and challenged by the lengthy classes covering everything from deputation principles and wills and trusts to church planting and prayer life. It was during this week while talking with our European director and another veteran missionary to England, that we learned the gravity of the new law just put into effect in England.

This law states that any missionary wanting to go into England has to be invited in by a licensed church. There is a missionary with full support waiting to get into the country, and the veteran missionary of 25 years isn't sure how he can even return! Thus far, there are no independent Baptist works that are licensed and therefore able to invite missionaries in. We ask that everyone would pray that these new

laws would be either removed or an allowance made for Christian works. (This law was put into effect to keep out the radical religious works of Islam; unfortunately, we are lumped in with them.)

However, gratefully, these laws have no effect on us since I hold British citizenship. It is a blessing to realize that before I was ever saved, the Lord was working behind the scenes planning the tiniest details such as my birthplace!

Please continue to pray for us and our safety as we travel. Recently, we personally witnessed God's hand of protection. We had settled down for the night about 45 minutes from where we were to attend a missions conference the next day. We had a peaceful night's sleep; then we received a call the next morning from the pastor. He had to cancel his missions conference since the town had been practically flattened by a series of tornadoes. They had no electricity or water, and all roads into town were impassable. We checked the news and realized the system of storms that covered several states and killed five people, had hit cities around us; and we never even knew it! Also, a church we visited in California the week before, sent us some photos of their town and the devastating fires we had narrowly escaped.

We hope this encourages your prayer life. Your prayers for us have kept the Lord busy and have kept us active in His service. Our schedule is very full for the fall including conferences from Maryland to California. We are excited about what God is doing. Thank you for partnering with us in His work.

Led by Him,

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