



- The Bradleys in England - Rope Holder's Review



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Dear praying friends,

It's time to catch up... so much good news to share! Let me start with a family update...

Family... On January 1st, Michael proposed to Harriet Robert ... and **she said, 'YES'!** Initially she wasn't sure if he was serious - but when she realized he was - she said, 'Michael, please say it again. I want to hear it again!'

So, how did we know if Michael was serious? Hmmm! When a musician takes the money he's been saving for a new guitar ... and buys an engagement ring instead – that's serious!

Harriet is a wonderful compliment to Michael and vice versa. She is a BA - Drama major, Michael ... BA - Music Composition! What a match! And both are committed Christians. Like his dad, Michael is marrying a British young lady! They are looking at July 2010 - after their University graduation. We are so excited for them. We'll keep you posted.



Jonelle continues to excel in her first year and Coventry University. She was recently rewarded a small scholarship based on her grades from the first term. (We didn't even know they did this.) She is in a BA in English/Journalism – but will be changing to an English only major in her second year.

Jonelle has done well to commute to school 4 days a week, work 7-10 hour/week, help in the music and youth program of the church and ... take driving lessons! Two weeks ago, **Jonelle passed her driving test ...** on the first go! She is ahead of her brother on this! Several times now she has asked to borrow the car keys ... our family is growing up!

Ministry addition... Britten Grove Baptist Church is now in its 5th year ... we have been here 4 of those 5 years – but only 3 years in Milton Keynes. During that time we've been eager to find a couple to compliment us in the work. Well, two months ago ABWE missionaries Dave and Debbie Woodard moved into Milton Keynes. The Woodards have been in England for 18 years and have graduated 2 churches and helped start a 3rd. This past Sunday **our church voted to have them join us!** Dave will be taking the 'senior' pastor responsibilities and I will be working with youth, evangelism and music. It will be good to have a team!

Church update... We've had some encouraging momentum over the last 3 months. Attendance has been close to 40ish each week, the people are encouraged about the direction of the church, giving has increased, one young lady who will soon be baptized and another who is keen to join the church. Plus, we continue to have regular visitors! And we keep reaching out.

Christianity Explored (<http://www.christianityexplored.org>) is a 'seeker' course designed specifically for people who are keen on discovering the Christian



faith. Currently I am taking 4 of my friends through this. We are in week 6 of a 10 week course. Let me introduce them to you so you can pray for them ...

Gary and Karen ... Gary is an ex-boxer. His wife, Karen, has had a life long battle with epilepsy and now Gary is her 'care giver'. They've both had challenging back grounds ... but are keen to study the Bible. After a recent session, Gary said, 'I know that I don't deserve heaven, but I don't want to go to that other place either.' *Wouldn't it be wonderful if both Gary and Karen were confident of heaven?*

Jason ... is Karen's brother. Within a few minutes of being introduced, he volunteered the following, 'I've been in prison for 14 years and I've done drugs, but I've been clean for 2 years now...' What an introduction! Jason is training to be an anti-drug counselor. *Wouldn't be great if he could counsel from a Christian perspective?*

Dionne ... has a rare genetic blood disorder. About a month ago she sent me a text after a doctor's appointment: 'They say I have only 2 years to live.' Out of the 4, Dionne seems to be the most interested. *Whether its 2 months or 2 years, I sure want to see her in heaven with me.*

Why a 'seeker course'? Most British people like to think through a topic before making decisions – and becoming a follower of Jesus is a BIG decision. Some will go through a course like this several times before it 'clicks'. Please pray with us for God's Holy Spirit to bring conviction and enlightenment to this group of 4.

Youth Quake – March 27th About 3-4 times/year I've organized a Youth Quake activity for area youth groups. Our next themed event will be called 'Newspaper Madness'. We'll play a variety of newspaper games, eat pizza and hear a gospel presentation by Scotland Rugby player Ewan Murray. We are anticipating 3-4 groups to join us for a crowd of 50 or more. Once again, this is a wonderful opportunity for young people to hear about our Lord Jesus.



Christianity Explored for Youth – Starting April 24th? We have 12 – 22 teens that come out regularly for our bi-monthly youth activities. They have heard the Gospel and we have modeled Jesus before them. We are now considering taking a BIG step up and take them through the youth edition of Christianity Explored. We are hoping they will trust us and continue to come out for the 7-week course.

Car repair ...

One last thing ... we had a \$1,200 repair to the ministry mini van. This was outside of our budget – a necessary but unexpected repair. Thank you in advance if you're led to contribute toward this.

Thank you so much for your interest in church planting in England, your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you for being a Rope Holder. You make all of this possible. God bless!

Out and Out for Jesus,

Mike

Mike & June, Michael & Jonelle
– ABWE England Team –



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Family...

Michael and Harriet to honor the Lord during their engagement.
Jonelle in her schooling and ministry at the church with music and youth.
Mike and June as they adjust to Dave and Debbie joining them at BGBC.

Christianity Explored...

Pray for the conviction of the Holy Spirit in the lives of **Gary & Karen, Jason** and **Dionne**.

Youth Quake – March 27th

Speaker, Ewan Murray, as he speaks to a group of 50 plus teens.

Youth Christianity Explored – April 24th start date

Wisdom regarding the starting of Christianity Explored for Youth.

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