



News from the Warren's in Malta

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News Update

The weather has begun to get warm and summer will soon be upon us, so we thought it was about time we sent out another newsletter. Our first couple of months here in Malta were really tough for us as the sale of our house in the UK was delayed and looked like it was going to fall through. The little money we brought with us soon began to deplete and we got to the point where we only had enough money to pay the rent for the next month which was due five days before Christmas. We had nothing else left for food or presents but God provided the need, and friends in the UK encouraged us to stand in faith which we really needed at that time. One Tuesday afternoon, just when things were at their lowest, as we were praying about this situation we received an email from our solicitor to inform us that the buyers had exchanged contracts that same afternoon with a completion date set for the very day that our rent was due. We literally burst into tears when we saw how God had answered our prayers.

On Christmas Eve we enjoyed watching the local celebrations and customs, a procession of the Baby Jesus through the streets with music, prayers and liturgies. After this had passed we took a bus to the nearby town of Mellieħa where we joined the festivities and celebrations that were being held in the main square. The celebrations consisted of live music, another procession and food stalls serving traditional Maltese dishes. These lasted well into the night, with a Mass at midnight and then for those who wanted it there was a Christmas breakfast at 1am! We were getting cold and so we headed home about 9pm. Being a strong Catholic country, the religious festas are something to behold, with Christmas and Easter being the big celebrations of the year. Each town has its own festa at some time during the year, most of them occurring during Spring and Summer. Christmas Day was relaxed and Peter even managed to go for a quick swim in the sea.

Since New Year Peter has been leading worship along with another brother and sister from the church, and also teaching in the church most Sunday nights. All the messages from the teaching series that he has been doing are available from our website. They can be freely downloaded as mp3 audio files and the corresponding study notes are also available as pdf files. We are so grateful to God that He has put us in the Full Gospel Praise Centre and using us for His glory and honour. At the end of last year the sisters took a service and we were proud that Debbie shared a short but powerful testimony which was an encouragement to us in our situation at that time (*see picture and quotations from her message over the page*).

Peter has already had the opportunity several times this year of teaming up with a group from London, visiting the neighbouring island of Gozo for outreach. On each occasion we have met with local brothers and sisters, many of them new converts, to encourage them in the Lord. We visited other local people to pray with them and witness to them. On the last visit we made to Gozo, which was during the carnival, we spent time on the streets with tracts and sharing Jesus with those we got to speak to. At the time of writing this newsletter, we are expecting to make another visit at the end of March.

Since our last newsletter we have been blessed with a car, so travelling about is now much easier. Although the fares are really cheap, €1.50 for a day ticket, the buses do not run when and where we need them. Despite being old the car gets us from A to B so we no longer need to rely on the buses.



Peter teaching at Full Gospel Praise Centre in Buġibba

We mentioned last time that Jo is coaching 5-6 year old boys in football, she continues to do this on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings and is now getting paid for doing something she loves. She is also talking with another football nursery about the possibility of coaching in their summer school. Jo still plays football for a local team and was recently involved in an international friendly against Azerbaijan. She still hopes that Brendan Rodgers will spot her and call her to sign up for Liverpool!

Meanwhile Debbie is still looking for work, she has had several interviews of late but as of yet nothing has come of them. Many of the businesses shut down during winter and re-hire ready for the new season, so now that the summer lies ahead, we are sure that she will soon find something suitable.

We are taking each day as it comes with regards ministry, just seeing what the Lord has for us each day. We are still believing that God will raise up the Christian School once again and use us in that work.

While we are waiting, Peter would like to teach English as a foreign language in his spare time but Maltese regulations require a special teaching permit for this. As he doesn't have an English A-level he has recently had to undertake a Teachers English Language course and exam, this is additional to the EFL course that he passed in the UK. He is still waiting for the results and expects to hear very soon. There is a second part to the test, an oral exam which will be taken in May before the authorities will issue the teaching permit.



Debbie with the five other sisters that all shared in church last November - Debbie's quotes below

"If God wants you somewhere He will get you there no matter how many times satan knocks you down"... "If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it" - Debbie

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After six months we have begun to settle in to the Maltese way of life, which is much more laid back than we were used to and can be sometimes frustrating as most things can always be done "tomorrow"! We are enjoying being part of the church family and feel at home in FGPC. We have recently moved into a new house which is situated on the side of a mountain but still in the St Paul's Bay area. It has marvellous views of the bay and surrounding countryside.



Now that we have moved I would like to begin to set up a small B&B from our house. This was always on my heart when the Lord spoke to us about moving here back in January 2013. God wonderfully provided all the crockery needed and now we have space to provide a nice room for any guests/friends that would like to come and visit the island - Jayne

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PLEASE PRAY FOR US

- Pray that God will supply all our necessary living expenses here in Malta.
- Pray that Debbie finds suitable work soon. As Malta depends on tourism, work should be easier to find at this time of the year.
- Pray that as we set up a Christian B&B that God will bless it by sending us Christian workers and their families who need a break.
- Pray also regarding the vision of the Christian School which we are still believing God to raise up.



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