

News from the Warrens in

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News & Prayer Update

Welcome to our newsletter which we hope you will enjoy and be blessed by hearing what God is doing here in Malta.

Family News

In early May, Jo, Debbie and Nathan (Debbie's boyfriend) joined us for ten days to celebrate Pete's birthday. During their visit it was a privilege and a joy to assist Pastor Vince as we baptised Nathan and others on the beach. The weather that day had been unusually inclement but as we gathered together the sun made an appearance and the baptism was witnessed by a few hardy holiday makers who had ventured onto the beach that afternoon.





Nathan being baptised

Also in May Pete took his Maltese language exam and passed so he has now enrolled on a higher level course which begins in October. Then a couple of months later, on July 22, our eldest daughter Jo announced her engagement to Andy. We wish them all the best for the future and pray that God will bless them and draw Andy to Himself.

We are planning a trip to Sicily in a few weeks time with some friends of ours from the UK who will be coming to spend some time with us here and then we will head over to Sicily together. Sicily is only 90 minutes away by catamaran and we are so looking forward to seeing our friends and also getting away for some rest and relaxation.

Accelerated Christian Academy

We still have the opening of our Christian School very much at the forefront of our hearts and minds. Current legislation is making it difficult for us to open as Pete doesn't have a degree in school management. However, the Maltese government is even now discussing the possibility of allowing home schooling on the island which they have always been opposed to in the past. It was only permitted for certain non-Maltese nationals. This is how the school began before and grew from a small group of children around a kitchen table. We have been praying along these lines and this could well be the opening we need for our school.

Please pray with us that the right conclusion will be made to enable us to start the school. Although it could only be with expatriate children in the beginning, as with the school before, once the Maltese see what benefit their children could receive, they can lobby their government to allow ALL children to be able to attend.

Church & Ministry News

The church is going from strength to strength and we thank God that He has put us in such an amazing place. Our church family is a constant blessing to us and Pastor Vince and his wife Antoinette are an example to us all. Pete is still leading the midweek worship and teaching in the Sunday evening Bible studies as well as on the occasional Sunday morning.

The church has just started a youth group which is only in its very early stages but we are sure that it will encourage the young people in our church that can sometimes be forgotten. Also our Sunday School is growing week by week and we are



Some of the Sunday School children enjoying a picnic

grateful to have committed members who faithfully teach the children every week. We are also increasing our numbers with many from our church having babies. We have 3 new babies to look forward to between now and February next year and it is wonderful to see the tiny babies and watch them grow and know that they are being brought up in a Christian environment.

Our church enjoying the presence of the Lord

Other News

Since moving to our new home our B&B has been busier than ever and we have hardly had time to clean the room between guests leaving and guests arriving. As we have been so busy since the beginning of the year we have decided to pause the B&B from the end of September until the New Year to give us a chance to do some things that we need to do and to be able to spend some time together.

Pete is still working at the English language school and has been very busy taking extra classes and also he has had some home tuition classes as well which has meant that we have had very little time to enjoy the beautiful weather that we have had this year. Even now, although Autumn has arrived in the UK we are able to sunbathe, swim in the sea and enjoy being out doors in the warm September sun.

Some of you have asked how you can support us with a financial gift. The easiest ways to get gifts to us are:

• Direct to our UK bank account either over the counter or by telephone/internet banking. Please drop us a quick email if you use this service so we can check safe arrival. Account details:

HSBC Bank

Sort code: 40-47-04 Account#: 51433210

Account name: P D Warren

• Or through our website: www.voice-faith.com Follow the link to 'sowing into the ministry' where you will see a donation button. By using this facility your gift can be made by debit /credit card or online Paypal account.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US

- that God will supply all our necessary living expenses.
- For the needs of the ACA Christian School, especially that the current legislation will enable us to open and for those students and teachers that will join us.
- Pray that our contact with the locals will bring them into a relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for our girls and their partners



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