



News from the Warrens in Malta

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News & Prayer Update

Family News

It seems that time flies past so quickly these days. It's already October and some people are beginning the countdown to Christmas. We have been in Malta four years now and recall the blessing that we have received in serving the Lord Jesus here. Yes we have had lots of laughs, and tears too, but through it all we have proved that God is faithful, and that there is joy in serving Him.

We have had quite a year as a family and a church. It did not start off too well as we told you in our last newsletter but we have better news to share with you this time. Since writing to you in May we have become grandparents. Our daughter Joanna gave birth to a beautiful little girl in July a little later than expected and she weighed just over 5lbs (2.4kgs). Our grand-daughter Bethany is growing so quickly and is such a joy to us. Although we spent a short time with her after she was born, we do get to see her often through Skype. Even though we would love to be there with Bethany this coming Christmas, we will not be travelling to the UK as in previous years, because Debbie and Nathan are joining us in Malta for Christmas and the New Year. We hope that when she is a bit older, Joanna will bring Bethany over to visit us next year.



Guy's & Ellie's wedding - praying with the couple

Church & Ministry News

Our church has been blessed with two weddings over the summer. The legal part is usually done in the registry office and this is often followed by a ceremony with a blessing and the exchanging of vows and rings. It is lovely to see couples meeting at church and eventually getting married. This was also the first time that Peter has officiated at a wedding ceremony. During the first marriage he assisted Pastor Vince and for the second he officiated it on his own. Everyone agreed what lovely services they were. Many non believers were present at both and it was a good opportunity to preach

the gospel and witness for the Lord.

A few weeks before the second marriage ceremony, Peter and myself were ordained into the eldership of the church during the Sunday morning service by Pastors Vince and Antoinette. We were honoured and humbled as we were the first members Pastor Vince has ordained in the church since he took over as Pastor. Peter continues to take the midweek Bible studies and regularly preaches on Sunday mornings.

We remind you that an mp3 audio recording of Peter's studies and sermons are on our website, and more recently we have started uploading videos of some of them too. There are also copies of the study notes to download and a daily devotional to read.

There have been a number of baptisms this year, mostly in the sea but the last being in the hotel pool where the church meet, as the sea was extremely choppy.

Just before the children returned to school at the end of September, we accompanied the Sunday School children on an outing to Rabat where they visited a potter and had hands-on experience on the potter's wheel. This outing was organised as an accompaniment to their Bible lessons on the Potter. Afterwards, we visited the catacombs which were used by the early Christians. We had a good time of fellowship with not only the young ones but also their parents as well. It was a good day out and enjoyed by all.



Our ordination service

Other News

- We have had a more relaxed time this year with our B&B. We haven't advertised but just relied on word of mouth. Still we have had guests from Poland, Spain and some of our family visited from the UK. We are expecting another guest to arrive next week. We are open through the winter if any of you fancy some winter sun, just contact us.
- Peter passed his Maltese exam (Year 2) with flying colours and is now just about to start an O-level course in Maltese. This will be much tougher than the previous courses so uphold him in prayer as he studies.
- We have recently had an unexpected blessing in that we had the opportunity to book a trip to visit the Holy Land in November. This is somewhere we have always wanted to go and as the dates suited Peter's work rota and with no guests booked in to stay with us, we decided to go ahead and book the trip. The tour is being led by Andy Paget, a good friend and pastor of a church in Bristol. Andy is also one of the trustees of International Gospel Outreach and we have known him for many years. We are sure that we will have an enjoyable and rewarding trip. As the flights leave from Luton, we thought it would be a good idea to fly into the UK a few days earlier and spend some time with our girls and grand-daughter.



In the potter's house

Until next time be blessed and stay blessed. Don't forget you can always connect with us using one of the ways below.

God bless you all, much love Peter & Jayne



Preaching at open-air wedding

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

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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 our church, pastors, elders and leaders.
- for the ACA Christian School, especially that we will be allowed to open soon.
- Pray that our contact with the locals will bring them into a relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for our girls, their partners and families



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