



Reta Burns in England



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Dear Friends,

We are nearing the end of the second lockdown here in England, but this time it has only been for one month. The figures state that one in every 78 people in England has Covid. We had no sooner opened up our outreach Coffee Mornings when we were forced to close again. Then only a few came back for fear of coming in contact with a Covid carriers. One of our regulars told us he started reading his Bible from cover to cover during the lockdown. He is unsaved, but has asked questions allowing us to share truths from God's Word.

During the lockdown, we contact people by way of texts, internet and telephone calls. Many of our folks are alone and have found being confined to their homes a lonely time. Marcia baked cakes and we delivered them personally to individuals along with a Bible study challenge. Most of our visits were out of doors due to the fears people have of Covid, but it was good to keep in touch. Now that the weather is cold and the Covid numbers have risen, people are even more reluctant to meet together.

During this last lockdown, Marcia and I have also been working on projects around our house, taking time we never seem to have to do DIY projects. We made a small bedroom into an office space which is very handy. We also worked on my bedroom as the flooring needed repairs and the walls needed plastering and painting. Marcia laid the linoleum and I worked on the woodwork. Such a blessing to have it done.

This year we celebrated both Canadian and American Thanksgiving instead of Harvest, which is Britain's equivalent. In spite of lockdown, we have so very much to be thankful for.

Our pastor continues to teach on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings by way of Facebook. We had plans for other means of outreach coming up to Christmas, however, the newest lockdown has now forced us to cancel everything. We ordered tracts and calendars with Scripture to pass out to people on the street if they feel safe enough to take them. Please pray that, like you, we will all ask the Lord to open doors of opportunity to share the wonderful message of the Christ who brought salvation to all who will trust in Him.

In Christ,

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