



The Spotlight - March 2020



Our greetings this month, come from Opole in Poland, where, after just two days in residence, we're experiencing truly mixed emotions. As we travelled across country by train yesterday, we marvelled at the countryside and the pretty Polish homes and allotments we saw, such that despite the overcast rainy day, we were reminded of what a beautiful world the Lord created for mankind. Today, however, we have been reminded of the exact opposite - the ugliness of man, for Auschwitz is one of the places we could choose to visit during our free time here. To be honest, we're not sure whether we want to go to a site of Holocaust horror, but regardless, we do know that it's a place that represents an event mankind should never forget. Sadly, despite the world vowing events like this would never happen again, since that time, mass genocides have taken place in Bangladesh, East Timor, Cambodia, Guatemala, Bosnia, Rwanda and Sudan!

Edmund Burke has been credited with saying: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing." But, what can we do to really make a difference? Many of us are not in positions of political power and probably wouldn't know where to start on such huge issues if we were, but praise God, there is something we can all do whether the issue is an international 'mountain' or local challenge - we can pray, we can trust the Lord and we can play our part by doing what He tells us to do in the area of the world in which He has placed us. One thing, we must never do is despair because that represents a complete absence of hope, and in Christ, that's never our position. Let's remember our wonderful calling regardless of the mountains we face: *"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

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May God Bless your every effort to bless others, and to those of you who may feel you have yet to be blessed by God, don't hesitate to let us know how we can help.

Jim & Elaine

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

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