

transcript of video from Tom Wheeler, recorded May 7, 2025

Greetings from Wales one more time before furlough arrives!

I'll quickly bring you up to date from where we were previously. I was looking forward to baptizing a mother and daughter together once they got past their individual health issues. Brenda was supposed to have had her surgery in February, but the NHS finally got it done about three weeks ago. Pressures for hospital bed availability led to them sending her home too early and, within a day or two, the work that had been done came undone and she was readmitted. Last week a surgical consultant agreed to do the necessary repairs, and she is now facing at least two more weeks immobile in a hospital bed. We are praying that we can see her at home rather than at the Royal Gwent Hospital before we leave. Her daughter, Shirley, awaits her mother to be recovered enough to be baptized along with her. We all rejoiced to see a video of Shirley ringing the "all clear" bell at the cancer centre a few weeks back. May our good Lord increase her strength and put some meat on her little bones! It has been a trying time for all three of these Cole ladies; being "little people" complicates their treatments and surgeries. Wendy (Shirley's sister) goes on the 19th to receive, we pray, her all clear - for a second time - after the final cancer treatment. They want to express their appreciation to all who have prayed for them through this months-(even years)-long ordeal.

I am somewhat disappointed at missing out on administering these baptisms, but if Bro. Steve or Bro. Alun get the privilege, I will praise the Lord for it. I am commending our folks to the care of these men. Steve was a protégé of the late missionary Ferrel Kearney and he has brought Alun alongside as his co-pastor for a few years now. Our folks should prosper under their ministry.

Frank, the fellow I mentioned last time, is still regularly attendant upon the preaching of the Word. He has yet to profess faith in Christ, but we continually point him to the Lord Jesus as the only Saviour. And if Steve or Alun - or anybody else in the congregation - are able to bring Frank to the rivers of Living Water and see him drink deeply, then all praise be to Jesus! We will sow, that others may reap, and God will get the glory.

As for furlough preparations, we're less than two weeks from getting everything into storage. Then it is a matter of cleaning up the house and property for the landlady, selling the car and getting on the train out of town and making our way stateside.

I've already scheduled some appointments for 2025 and early 2026. I'll soon be emailing a 'request for a meeting' card, which can be posted to us by mail or emailed to us. If you are keen for a certain date and want first dibs before I send out the card, then just message via Facebook or email twheeler1961@yahoo.com.

Brothers and sisters, it has been a long time since we've seen some of you to press flesh and break bread, so we've got lots to catch up on.

Again, we thank you for partnering with us to proclaim the glories of King Jesus - He who is mighty to save - to all who will hear. God bless you all and hope to see you soon.