

AUTUMN UPDATE

WELCOME

As we move into the season of autumn and look back over the summer months the world seems to be in a darker place with persecution of Christians rife across nations including the UK. Christian values seem to be swept aside and the enemy raging in all areas of our daily life. When looking into the Bible it does seem to be that we are well into the end times and Romans 8:18 tells us 'I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us'

Paul didn't make this statement lightly. He knew hardship, just look at some of the painful challenges the apostle endured in his letter to the Corinthians (2Cor 11:22-23) His 'present sufferings' make most of our difficulties seem tame by comparison. However, Paul could say confidently that the glory he would have with Christ would be so incredible, with blessings so fantastic, that his hardships in this life would pale into comparison to that glory. He was confident that it would be ours as well!! And how can we be sure? Because the resurrected Jesus, who has ascended to the Father, holds us close to him and our future is guaranteed and bound up to His Glory (Col 3:1-4).

We pray that God will give us all courage and boldness to preach the Gospel and face the challenges that lay ahead with conviction that these sufferings are minor in comparison to the glory we will share with God when Jesus returns and brings us all to Him. Let us be expectant in these coming days!

HIGHLIGHT

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WALK**

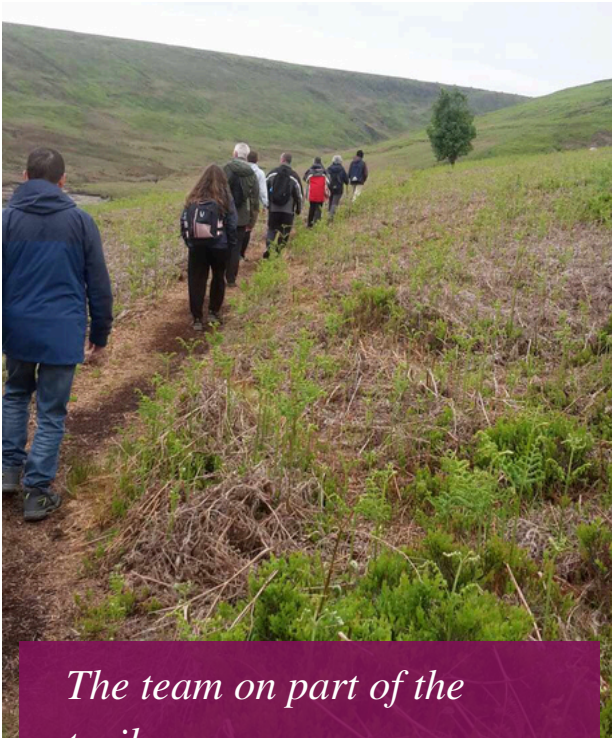
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The team on part of the trail

SPONSORED WALK

Since our last newsletter we have had a busy few months at the station which started with our annual sponsored walk around the hills and reservoirs of Winscar. As is usual our planned 10 mile walk turned out to be @13 miles, but it was enjoyed by our group of around a dozen supporters, and the weather overall was good for walking. This year with your help we raised over £3500 which was our best and we want to thank you all for your support.

INSIGHT FOR LIVING (IFL) UK VISIT

A good friend of Branch FM Scott Bean who serves as Senior Director of Europe and Commonwealth Ministries and Executive Director for IFL UK met up with our Station Director Steve Hodgson whilst he was over visiting the UK. Scott gave an update on Chuck and Cynthia Swindoll's health and wellbeing now they are in their 80's and how IFL is moving forward both in the US/UK and worldwide. We have been partners with IFL ever since Branch FM started broadcasting many years ago and our listeners have been blessed by Chuck's down-to-earth preaching of God's Word. We pray that God will continue to bless Chuck and his family and IFL Ministry and the Holy Spirit will continue to lead and guide them through the days ahead.



*Steve and Scott
from ifl*



flooring for the new studios

NEW STUDIO BUILDING WORK

During the summer school holidays work has been ongoing with the building of our new studio complex within Dewsbury Gospel Church where we have planned for 2 new studios and an office area. 2 floors have been erected, and we are looking for the 3rd to be erected along with staircases during the October half term holiday. If things go to plan we could be looking to be complete by summer 2026. Please hold us in your prayers as we need to see finances come in to fund new equipment and decoration that will be needed to fit them out ready for broadcasting.

GLOBAL GOSPEL

Following on from our opening statement we continue to highlight the persecution suffering that is taking place across the world through our weekly 'Global Gospel' show. This has been broadcast Friday morning 9:15-10am for many years with Barnabas and Wendy bringing to our attention people and areas of the world that we need to be aware of and pray for on a regular basis. Wendy is also the regional representative for Release International and speaks at numerous churches sharing about their work whilst raising awareness to the growing situation. Churches Together in Dewsbury also hold a monthly prayer meeting for them hosted at The Minster in Dewsbury every 3rd Wednesday at 10:30 am and everyone is welcome to attend.

*Barnabas and Wendy
on global gospel*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help out at a local
Christian community radio station
based in Dewsbury?

If you are Interested then email
studio@branchfm.com
for more information

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VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS

We continue to look for volunteers to get involved with the station and help out with the various roles within the ministry. Once again we will hopefully be working with our local schools, Colleges and Universities providing work placement opportunities for students. If you are interested in helping at Branch FM or know of anyone then please drop us an email at studio@branchfm.com.

LOCAL EVENTS

Over the coming months we are looking to be out and about more in the local area doing some interviews and programmes with content from within the community and raising awareness on what great work is taking place on a regular basis by our local churches and organisations in the Dewsbury and surrounding area. If you are involved with or know of things that are happening or taking place on a regular basis please contact us so we can follow up and who knows you might be on one of the future shows broadcasts!

Please continue to support Branch FM through your prayers and giving so as we can continue to broadcast the Gospel without compromise every day. Every blessing to you all from all the team here at Branch FM.

