



*Six Thirty One*

REFRESHMENT MINISTRIES

Friday 4th May 2018

Dear praying friends, thank you very much for your continued faithful prayer. We are very aware that we have your support and encouragement.

**The Work of Six Thirty One:**

We continue to seek the necessary capital injection that the charity needs so that we can purchase a suitable property. Answers to prayer seem to confirm to us that this work is ideally based in Portugal for many reasons, however the available funds still don't allow us to move forward in this valuable ministry. Recently we have been given the contact details of someone who may be able to point us in the right direction for funding. Please pray for this approach and that we continue to look to the Lord and don't put our trust in the hands of man. If you think that you may know of someone who might be able to help do please put us in touch.

Our original concept had been for a long-term rental property that would provide suitable facilities for needy ministry families. A place where they could enjoy a complete break from the pressure of ministry and enjoy peace and quiet. Somewhere to draw aside and reengage with the Lord as well as with each other, as in Mark 6:31. The cost of a long-term rental in the Algarve region is prohibitive and due to its popularity in the summer months it really wouldn't be wise stewardship of the Lord's money. However there are other regions of Portugal that are as accessible from the U.K. and provide peace and quiet at a much more affordable rate. In light of this we are seriously thinking and praying through both the size of our vision and the ideal place for this work to commence. In addition to exploring purchase options in other regions of Portugal we are also looking at rental properties. Please pray for wisdom for us and the Trustees in this matter.

**Please pray for:**

- For ministry workers and their families, especially those in straitened circumstances.
- The provision of funds for *Six Thirty One* to move forward practically.
- Guidance as to whether we should continue to try to purchase or move to a long-term rental.
- Consideration of other equally accessible regions of Portugal.

*Mark 6:31*

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## **Ray & Lynn**

The church have now had the manse valued professionally and are in the process of placing it in the hands of estate agents for marketing. We have been told that properties in this area generally sell quite quickly for a number of reasons. Lynn and I have been offered the use of temporary accommodation if we have to move out before we are able to move out to Portugal; for which we are very grateful. Thank you for your concern, many were in touch about this following the last update, and for your continued prayers. At the moment the manse is a scene of busyness as increasing numbers of packing cases surround us containing the contents of many years of life and ministry. Please pray that we continue to know peace and contentment through this process.

Some of you may recall that I mentioned the need for prayer for pressing matters in our family life and other areas. Thank you, God has been so very gracious to us and it is good to report that everything is much easier in so many ways. We are especially pleased that some important responsibilities of a legal nature have now been concluded and that that burden is much lighter but not yet completely removed.

We continue to know the provision of our needs through various ways. It would be easy for us to look into an uncertain future and let apprehension creep into our souls. However the Lord continues to keep us focused on Him and His provision. We are regularly reminded that He is the Promise Keeping God and we delight in His paternal provision. Please pray that we continue to look to Him trusting that He will meet all of our needs.

### **Please pray for:**

- The ability to support others, particularly our biological and church families, as they also work through the process of change.
- Peace and patience as we wait on the Lord for the outworking of His plans both in and through us.
- The continued provision of our various needs.

If your church, fraternal, or conference would like to hear about *Six Thirty One: Refreshment Ministries* with a short presentation then do please get in touch.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Ray & Lynn Peel

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