



Friday 4th August 2017

Dear friends, here is the latest update on the work of *Six Thirty One: Refreshment Ministries*.

Your prayerful support is such an encouragement as we continue to wait upon the Lord for the financial establishment of this much needed ministry. We feel that every time we take a step towards the serious investment that this charity needs we take another step backwards. The net result, of course, is that we are still waiting for our God to release the necessary funding to move forward. Any help or advice in this matter would be much appreciated as neither Lynn or myself have any experience in these areas; nor do we know those people who might have access to such funding.

Despite the lack of financial progress we still feel that this ministry is the Lord's leading for us as a couple. Answers to prayer specifically concerned about guidance and leading have confirmed this to us within the past couple of weeks. After such a spectacular start to this new project we don't know the reason for the current delay but we continue to trust in Him. When we have talked through our situation with spiritual friends and family they agree that the answers to prayer that we have seen, and continue to see, indicate that we are in the right place. One person even commented that we should write everything down to share with a wider Christian audience in time!

In the meanwhile we continue to pack up our possessions ready for the move. You may recall that Calvary Baptist Church have been allowing us to stay in the manse even though I am no longer serving as pastor at the church. The church is in the process of converting to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). When this is complete they want to sell the manse to release the capital that is invested in the property. Please pray for our accommodation needs through this process.

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We are also adapting to a new situation. After many years in ministry we are now making the change from the pulpit to the pew, from leading to being led. The Lord still provides preaching opportunities, for which I am thankful, but we are very aware that we are moving to a new phase in our Christian life. Please pray for us both that we would be useful members of the church, especially when we settle in Portugal.

Please pray for:

- Christian ministers and ministry workers who are struggling under the spiritual and emotional strain of their work.
- Ministry families who are unable to take a proper holiday away from the pressure of ministry due to financial and other constraints.
- The funds for Six Thirty One.
- Continuing accommodation and financial provision for Ray and Lynn as well as patience as we wait on the Lord.

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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