



Saturday 30th December 2017

Dear praying friends, thank you very much for your faithful prayer support over the past year.

We have been encouraged by the continuing interest in the work of *Six Thirty One*, most especially by some pledges of quite significant funding. As you are all aware we need capital investment to actually purchase the property that we feel is ideally suited to our work. Unfortunately, we have had pledges in the past that have failed to transform into actual funds. Please pray that the Lord opens the hearts of those who have access to the sort of money that is needed to establish this work, support and respite for those sharing the gospel in these changing and uncertain times.

As time has passed during this year we have, at times, questioned the work that we hope to set-up: is our vision too big (or too small), have we found the right property (the location relative to the airport, a suitable church, beaches, shopping, peace and quiet, facilities at the property, and many other sound reasons indicate that we have), have we prepared the ground properly, is this really the Lord's will for us? Please pray for clarity of thought for ourselves during this soul searching process.

Calvary Baptist Church have now started the process of selling their church manse. This means that Lynn and I will need to start trying to find alternative accommodation for ourselves during the time that we continue to wait for suitable funds. Looking back we can see that had we already been in Portugal we would have had to return to the UK for some pressing family and other matters that have required our time and attention. Hopefully all of these things are reaching (have reached) the point where we can take more of a back-seat role.

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The change in our circumstances has meant that we have been able to place ourselves under sound ministry from various sources as we adapt from a leadership role. Preaching and teaching opportunities have ceased which means that time and opportunities for other things are available. We are especially thankful to those brothers and sisters in the Lord who are helping to support us. As you are all aware we are taking nothing from the funds of *Six Thirty One* as we lean on our Heavenly Father for His provision in all areas of our life. We are continuing to learn lessons of faith, patience and humility.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all, and your families, a very blessed 2018. May you know Him in a better way and be very aware of His never failing provision.

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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