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“God so loved the world that He gave His only son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life”. John 3 v 16.

We pray that you will have a very special Christmas enjoying the best gift of all, our Lord Jesus Himself. The joy of Jesus being with us is the joy unspeakable full of glory. Jesus is the ultimate expression of God’s love. Let us come and adore Him but not just for a day but to know Him better and better by His grace in 2025.

This letter is written just before the celebration of 30 years of Living Hope. We have been preparing for some time and reflect with joy how God has opened door after door to preach the Gospel and to strengthen pastors and leaders to know God and His word better and to build churches that proclaim Christ in every way.

The LHM tracts are bearing fruit in countries where it is very hard to preach Christ. Here is just one testimony. *“ In my family Buddha is only God. He is truth. We received tract and read it. This changes our entire family of 5. It is dangerous to embrace any religion other than Buddhism in our country. But we risked our lives to find real salvation. Jesus is truth. He is only way to heaven. No matter what comes on our way. Jesus is our saviour. This is real enlightenment. Thanks for Bibles provided to stand on. Nirrkshan ”*

To see new churches planted in Burundi, particularly among pygmy people, to see pastors gathering in Guinea, the Gambia and the Ivory Coast for the first time, to see our Bible school regularly attended through whatsapp and zoom is very humbling and exciting. The phenomenal breakthrough in people coming to Christ in hundreds in Mozambique all brings joy in heaven and staggers us.

New developments.

A new book, *Around the world in 30 years*, written by our son Steve gives an updated story of Living Hope and is available now and will be formally launched in time for Christmas presents. By God’s grace I will bring copies of the book when I visit your church but we can post it to you for a donation of £5 plus postage. It is also available on Amazon and Verite. at <https://veritecm.com/product/around-the-world-in-30-years>

We are also introducing a new website which will be much more orientated to being a resource centre for people who want to know Jesus better and for leaders and Bible teachers.

Family We also remember a considerable number of the Living Hope family who have left for their heavenly home, each one valued and missed.

We are very grateful for your prayers and support for Elaine as she has been walking through quite a deep valley of ill health. The boys have been incredibly supportive and are all doing well in their various jobs and our ten grandchildren bring us lots of joy. Elaine has been massively supportive over the challenges of the travelling ministry and it has been a privilege for me to support her. God clearly guided that I should concentrate on sending people and although very busy at home base I have been available at home for Elaine and the family.

The future is in God’s hands. Having travelled to many countries for 25 years, a team has emerged of people from many countries to carry on the work.

The enclosed prayer sheet tells you of the people who serve and who we serve.

By God's grace I will continue to produce a monthly Bible study, First Friday prayers. Bible school lectures weekly, talks on the 14 radio stations, TV programmes and seminar talks. Maintaining and improving the LHM you tube channel. I plan to continue to support Pastors as a mentor or friend who ask for that help.

Thank you so much for all the financial support. This will still be needed as although I am not travelling abroad I want to help as appropriate those who travel in my place, especially those based in poorer countries. Also the various radio stations require a modest payment to help with their costs. Purchasing Bibles and getting the tracts printed to reach many Buddhist countries and Arabic speaking countries has been a great investment in Gods kingdom. We plan a gift day February 23rd so please pray about that.

Someone kindly summarised my ministry saying

“Rev Richard Brunton highlights the need for practical Christian living, using Abraham's journey as a powerful example of faith and obedience to God's will. He discusses key elements such as trusting God's direction, waiting on His provision, and the willingness to sacrifice personal desires in pursuit of God's greater plan”

For the Bible school prospectus, these themes would form the backbone of courses aiming to deepen students' understanding of:

1. Faith and Obedience: Understanding biblical figures like Abraham to learn how to trust God in every area of life.
 2. Living a Christ-Centred Life: Practical application of biblical teachings for everyday living, including personal transformation, relationships, and workplace ethics.
 3. Overcoming Challenges and Legalism: Teaching freedom in Christ while maintaining a disciplined Christian life free from legalistic practices
 4. Theology and Christian Doctrine: A deeper dive into foundational Christian beliefs, including the cross of Christ, His resurrection, salvation, baptism, and the victory of Christ
- This approach, enriched by video messages and podcasts available through the ministry's platforms, offers an engaging and comprehensive learning experience suitable for a global online Bible school

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We are so grateful for your concern and support for us.

God bless you with a peaceful Christ filled Christmas and a very happy new year.

Richard and Elaine

Living Hope Anniversary November 30th



Timetable

9:30am: Coffee and arrival (and some live music)
10.30am: Session 1: Looking back with thanks
11.45am Break
12 noon Session 2: Looking forward with hope
1:15pm Lunch with birthday cake and a chance to meet friends and our overseas guests.
2:30pm End

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1 v 3.

Session 1:

Aim – to reflect back on all that God has done and give thanks

Welcome: From Barnaby , Pastor of Lancing Tab

Opening verse of encouragement: (Colossians 1.6)

Worship: Led by Lewisham Elim (starting with To God be the glory)

A power point introducing the current family of Living Hope across the nations.

Panel of special guests: Peter and Rose Kasozi, Andrzej, Pepe, Nevena and Zeljko

We are grateful for these good friends of Living Hope and Barnaby will put questions to each of them.

Prayer: for Richard, Elaine, and the work – Led by Andrew and Graham.
Break for tea and coffee.

Session 2:

Aim – to look forward and recognise the ongoing work to reach the nations, the part Living Hope will play and the call to mission for all of us.

Introduction to a new book, Around the World in 30 Years Jonni Brunton

Message: Richard will speak about our call to keep praying and working at world mission. He will share the new developments over the last five years and future plans..

Song: Facing a task unfinished

Open prayer for the nations. We will be led in prayer: for Europe by Andrzej Nedzusiak, for Asia by Sybil Claridge and S J Kumar, for Africa by Chris Lane, David Bowden and Scot Carr and for South America by Chio Fordham and Antonio Zabala.

Song: Phil Brunton

Song Living Hope then lunch.