

transcript of video from Tom Wheeler, dated July 15, 2023

Well, hello from South Wales! I trust that all my friends stateside enjoyed the July 4th celebrations last week. We don't really have anything comparable to that here in Wales, but I do impress upon believers here, especially as we've recently looked closely at *Romans* chapters 6-8, that we have real, ultimate freedom in Jesus. The vaunted "liberty" that so many Americans glory in is but bondage compared to the liberty that we possess in Christ! Would to God they could see it!

In the last video update, I asked you to pray with us concerning the monthly board game outreach on a Saturday afternoon. The idea was to try to develop an "in" with the younger people in the community: teens, twenties, and thirties. We have had outside participation, but thus far not from our targeted demographic. We shall carry on for a couple more months to see what inroads we make. At the very least we are getting our people interacting outside a formal worship or *Bible* study setting.

Also, last time I asked you to pray with me about God sending a genuine large scale Welsh revival, one to rival those of the past. Please continue to pray for that. But I want to make another request, one that concerns not just Wales, but the whole of the UK. I find it ironic that, with the British government permitting hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world into the country every year - with many thousands of those with no legal right to do so - the government then changes the requirements for entry and visa renewal for new missionaries on the way here or recently arrived, making them considerably more difficult. I just found out about this a few weeks ago from a missionary who has been in England for forty years. I know and you know that our Lord knows all about this. But let us ask the Lord to intervene; to turn the hearts of those in positions of power to not impede the arrival of the relatively few labourers from across the water, effectively making the Old Guard - the veteran missionaries now here - to be the last of that cadre of workers who began coming to spread the gospel in Britain in the post-war period. The labourers are too few already. Beseech the Lord of the harvest on behalf of us all, *please?*

One last thing: my recent cardiac appointment was all good (thank You, Lord), but they asked to see me again in November as they suspect I will need the pacemaker to be replaced just into the new year. It has already served me two and a half years longer than expected for which I am thankful. God willing, a new one should get me well past my threescore and ten *if* our gracious Lord grants me that.

Thank you, folks, for being mission-minded, missionary loving, prayer partners and co-labourers in the Lord's work here in Wales and across this island and around the world. Grace and peace to you all. God bless you all; and I'll talk to you again soon.