



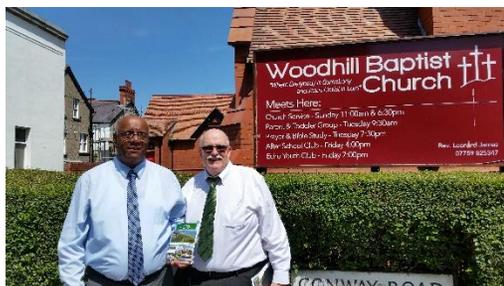
# RICHARDS REPORT



## First Church Revived in Wales--Outreach

Oct 2018

While we were in Wales we had the opportunity to visit the first church we revived, Woodhill Baptist Church in Colwyn Bay, to preach and to say goodbyes. I must say it brought back great memories of souls saved, souls baptized and souls that are still serving the Lord many years later. One soul, Ivan, came up and gave me a huge hug and that brought back memories of a year of hugs he gave me every Sunday after our daughter, Kimberly, died in 1995. The first Sunday back from burying Kim in the USA he came up to me and said, "...**What can I do for you Pastor? and I said, "My grief is great, you can hug me."** Ivan hugged me every Sunday for a year. I remember the meaning of every one of those hugs because his wife, Nancy, on the day of Kim's funeral had told me, "**When you get back I want to be baptized....**" She kept that promise and Ivan followed her into the baptismal pool that day in



August of 1995. They are in need of your prayers as Ivan has memory loss now, but what encouraged his wife was he still remembered to hug me!!! The picture to the left is the British Pastor of that church, Leonard James, and I outside their new building in Colwyn Bay. He is handing me a New Testament Bible with the name of the church on the back and a road map to God in that N.T. They have enough to put one in each home in Colwyn Bay. Please pray with us for this outreach and for the Word of God to have its effect in all those homes. When Pam and I

returned to the USA in late July we were asking God why are we here instead of Wales. The first weekend back, the last girl Pam and I put in the home at Ruth Harbor, T (we cannot share her full name) accepted Christ as her Savior and has been reunited with her 6 month old daughter (which had been removed because of her homelessness). To see the smile on each of their faces told us you are right where I want you at this time. Though it is only a part-time job to help us make ends meet it has added value to our service to the Lord. I continue to preach in churches for Missions months, teach Sunday School as needed, along with doing Wednesday night Small Group Bible Studies for the church here in Iowa. If you need a weekend off, give us a call we will try to work you in if possible. We are starting to plan our next trip to Wales in December of 2019 if the funds are there. In August we moved into our own home here in Des Moines, as the rent was more than what we get from the BBF after Health Insurance deductions (**New Address at bottom of letter**). It is a small 2 bedroom townhome, but we thank God for those of you that stuck with us during this transition, you are making it possible.

## The Work Continues in Wales with Baptisms

The picture to the right is of two small miracles that God continues to do in Wales. The young man, Josh, was banned from the church by his parents after being in the church for several years and being saved. When he turned 18 he started coming back to help in the youth club and summer camps. He made a decision to be baptized and asked his family to come see him follow through in his decision. They refused to attend, but he got baptized anyway. Several young people from other churches came to support him in his decision. When he first came to the church, he was a handful, but now has grown into a brave young man. Rick and Jaime had 73 in attendance at his baptism, "To God Be The Glory...Great Things He Hath Done", through you and your investment.



**Contact us at BBF Missions Office or 3701 Brook Ridge Court Unit 903, Des Moines, Iowa 50317 or 515 943-6266**