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Spring 2011 - Prevette Report

In true British fashion, a remark on the weather is always appropriate, so here it is — Britain remains on course for the hottest April since records began – it’s a remarkable contrast to the record breaking cold of the past winter! The seasonal changes remind us that we have been here a full year now. We feel happily at home, but a reliable (and cynical) British friend says that in regards to accepting us foreigners, “The first 20 years are the hardest...” We are enjoying putting him to the test!

Ky and I have just celebrated a wonderful Easter Holy Week in Oxford. The English celebrate Maundy Thursday with foot washing and the giving of money to the poor. We participated by attending a very meaningful service at OCMS led by one of our scholars who is the Archbishop of the Baptist Church in the Republic of Georgia (near Southern Russia). That evening we enjoyed a Passover Meal with a local church congregation.



On Good Friday, Bill carried the cross for an open-air community service called, Churches Together for North Oxford [click here for more.](#)

Our Easter Sunday was celebrated with a number of international friends at St. Aldate’s in the center of Oxford City and we closed the day with a contemplative Taize service. Christ is Risen, He is Risen, indeed!

The last three months have been both challenging and rewarding. Thankfully, we continue to experience God’s grace in our lives and ministry. Here are some of the highlights:

Bill continues to work as both tutor and mentor with OCMS PhD candidates. These men and women are from El Salvador, Columbia, India, Mainland China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Korea, Zambia, Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana and Australia. To work intensively with these leaders is especially rewarding – each is working on critical areas of mission and research.

We just completed our OCMS March-April Research Induction School where we welcomed

10 new students from China, Zimbabwe, Canada, Korea, Japan, and India. These scholars are beginning a five to six year process of research and will make significant contributions to their home nations

In March, Bill was a speaker and participant at a global forum called 'Now and Next' held in Nairobi, Kenya. This theological conference on children brought together 106 leaders of major church organizations as well as key leaders of the '4/ 14 Window' Global Movement, Child Theology Movement, and the Holistic Child Development Global Alliance. The outcomes of conference and all papers can be viewed online at <http://www.hcd-alliance.org/nowandnext>.



Ky continues to lead the 'Women's Gathering' every Friday at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies and meets with individuals regularly to mentor and develop their spiritual lives. She also gives "background support" where needed whether by providing tax assistance to our son, long-distance bookkeeping for her mother, babysitting a scholar's child so that the papa can attend lectures and the mama can work, welcoming guests in our home or simply bringing in the groceries and the laundry! She finds God's presence in the daily doings...

On May 6th our son, Daniel, will graduate with a BS in Film Studies and Communication from Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida. Daniel has excelled in his undergraduate work and overcome several extremely difficult circumstances this past semester. We are proud of his accomplishments and will be celebrating this milestone from the cheering section at his graduation ceremony. Please be praying for him as he comes to your mind; he has decided to base in Los Angeles following graduation and work in the film industry.

We pray that your relationships and your work continue to bear fruit in the Kingdom of God. May you be blessed!

We are deeply grateful for your continued friendship and prayers,

Bill and Ky Prevette

P.S. In our last update, we mentioned our friend, Dr. Julie Ma, who suffered a cerebral aneurysm in mid-December. It is a testimony to the power of prayer and the mercy of God that Julie is back at her duties as a research tutor at OCMS! She has completely recovered from what the best doctors here in Oxford considered a severely life-threatening incident. Special thanks to all of you who joined with many others around the world on Julie's behalf!



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