

Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is a blessing to be able to give you a report on the work of the gospel in Hexham, England over the last year, as I have laboured here with MTW.

When our family moved to Hexham, 4 ½ years ago, there was not an evangelical church here. The churches in the county of Northumberland had been growing more and more liberal over the last century. And there had not been a church that could be described as an evangelical church in Hexham since 1973.

Northumberland is, statistically speaking, the most secular county in England, with about 0.25% of the population attending an evangelical congregation. We were able to plant Hexham Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW), 3 ½ years ago.

Over the last year I have continued to labour as the minister of this church plant. We have grown over the last 3 ½ years to the point where we now have about 25 regular attenders on Sunday mornings, and 22 on Sunday nights. This can sound very small at times, but we are the 2nd largest evangelical congregation in the county, which covers a large portion of England. In addition to our Sunday services we have a midweek meeting for Bible study and prayer. We also have a women's and men's ministry's. We are also involved with youth ministry with two sister congregations. There is now a local church for believers to attend, most of whom have been travelling upwards of an hour to go to church. And there is a church locally with an active outreach ministry.

This past year I took on a new role with Westminster Presbyterian Theological Seminary (WPTS). I am serving as the Dean of Students with the seminary. This is a grand sounding title for what is really a pastoral role with the students at the seminary. WPTS is a new seminary, and the only seminary in England with a confessionally reformed MDiv program.

In addition to these 2 roles, I serve as an assessor elder for another congregation in Hull. East Hull Presbyterian Church is a small work that has been without a minister or elder for the last several years. I carry out the normal work of an elder in the congregation, as much as is possible at a distance.



Please continue to pray for the ministry here in Northern England. Pray that God will bless the work of church planting and that He will raise up labourers for the harvest.

We will be back in Jackson for a couple months this autumn and I hope to be able to meet with many of the churches and men in the presbytery while we are back.

In Christ,
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