

Morlan Family Update: December 2023 - Please take the time to pray for the Lord's work in Oxford, England! God is blessing!

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Derrick and Julianna

Remembering
PASTOR CLARENCE SEXTON
October 10, 1948-December 12, 2023

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42



We are thankful to the Lord for the love, influence and training invested in our lives by Dr. Clarence Sexton. His love for the Lord Jesus Christ, passion for the Gospel and burden to 'teach others also' has impacted our lives, family and ministry beyond what we could ever express.

One of the last sermons we had the privilege of hearing Pastor Sexton preach in person was taken from Jude v22



Micah Ridley (13)



Hadley (12) has been learning to make sourdough bread!

"Of some have compassion, making a difference." He spoke of his high school principal and others throughout his life who took an interest in him and was used of the Lord to make a difference. We are truly grateful for the difference Pastor made in our lives and as a result, the lives of our children, our church in Oxford, the team of labourers in the Crown Christian Heritage Trust and now those we have the privilege of working with in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Zimbabwe. We are one example of countless others whose lives have been changed through the life of Clarence Sexton. Only eternity will tell how far reaching one life can be if fully yielded to the Lord. D. L. Moody said, *"The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him. By God's help, I aim to be that man."* It is clear that this was our Pastor's goal.

We are praying for the Sexton family, Temple Baptist Church and the Crown College. We rest in the hope that Christ gives and the promise of eternal life with the Lord.



Titus (10) enjoyed holding a cow's heart at our homeschool co-op.

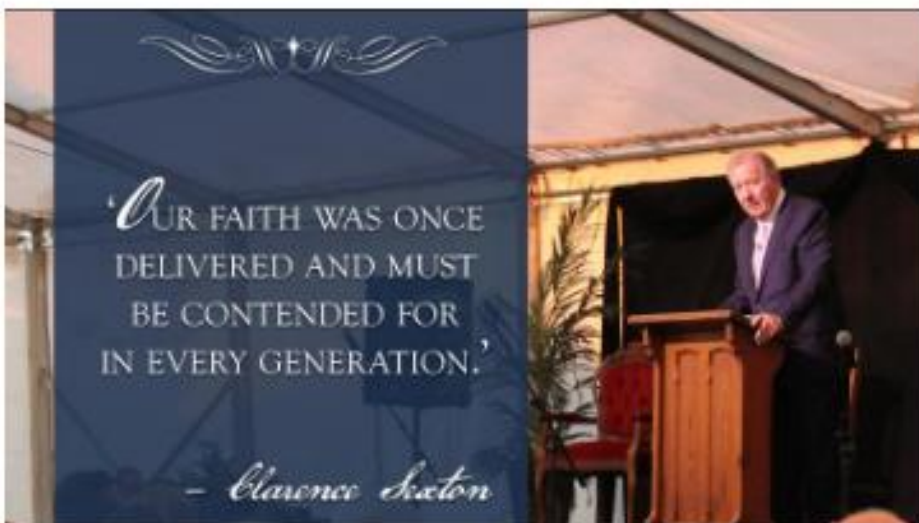


Eliana Grey (8)



Harper Eliseus (6)

*"And of some have compassion, making a difference."
Isaiah 30:21*





**Paxson Nehemiah (6) and
Samson Knox (1)**

Zimbabwe



In the month of September, we held a special service to highlight the ministry in Zimbabwe and to encourage people to pray for the Lord's guidance in beginning a work there. We had a wonderful evening eating sadza and relish, looking at photos from previous mission trips, speaking to the Recean family who are stationed there and hearing a challenge from God's Word. That night, Levi Mullins drove down from Birmingham with the pastor of his sending church who also supports our family. Following the service, this pastor asked if we would like to return to Zimbabwe and informed us that if we did, he would like to help our family purchase tickets. Of course

we were shocked. It's not every day that someone offers to pay for nine plane tickets, especially for such a long journey!

Later, the same pastor contacted us again, letting us know that he meant what he said and that his church would like to help us get to Zimbabwe if we felt that was what the Lord wanted. We had been praying about whether or not Derrick should go on the trip that was scheduled for December, but now began to pray about the whole family going. We decided to take a few days as a family to pray and seek the Lord specifically about this, and at the end of the week, the pastor contacted us again. We believe that the Lord opened this door for our family for this time. We are grateful for the Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church and Pastor Herdman for giving our family this opportunity. We are trusting the Lord to use us and guide us during this time and are anticipating great things that the Lord will do in Zimbabwe.

Our Pastor, before his passing, spoke of praying for four miracle years, and we believe that this open door in Zimbabwe is just one of the many ways that that Lord will answer his prayer, God willing. We are thankful that we were able to speak to Pastor on multiple occasions about Zimbabwe, relating the miraculous way in which the property was given, showing him pictures and videos of our previous trip there and thinking about what great things God could do. In July, I had the privilege of preaching at Temple Baptist Church's National Youth

Congress. It was precious to spend time with Pastor and Mrs. Sexton. During one of our times together, Pastor Johnny Pope was with us and Pastor Sexton said to me, "Derrick, tell Johnny what God is doing in Zimbabwe!" It was a joy to share what God is doing and what we are trusting Him to do in the days that are ahead.

*"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying,
This is the way, walk ye in it..." Isaiah 30:21*

We don't have all the answers as to how things should proceed, but we believe this is an open door from the Lord and that we must walk through it. Lord willing, we will spend a few months in Zimbabwe, both to help the work move forward, as well as to take some much needed time for our family. For many years, Seth Izer, a Crown graduate, has been my Assistant Pastor here in Oxford. During our time away, Seth will lead the church and we trust that the Lord will enable him for this task. The Lord has also blessed our church with many faithful, "second-mile" people who will stand beside Seth and help him in our absence.





The churches of the Crown Christian Heritage Trust worked together to provide Christmas boxes for the children of Zimbabwe. It was such a joy to see the children receive these!

We would like to thank each of you for your prayers and financial support that enables us to minister here in Oxford, England. God is at work and we are thrilled to be a part of it! Thank you for the part that you play and for the interest you have in what God is doing in Oxford and throughout England. Any financial support may be sent to:

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"That they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."
John 17:3

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