

# SUAREZ UPDATE

|| "May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you." || Psalms 67 v 3 ||

## VISA UPDATE

Avisai's application for 'settled status' has been denied because I was not born in UK. Although I have a British passport, they do not consider me as 'a person from Northern Ireland.' It is disappointing the settled status has been denied as it was free, however we trust that God is in control and has His plans and purposes. So we have to go ahead and apply for the next 2 1/2 year visa on the current pathway we are on. The application will be submitted near the end of August and we do not know when we will hear from the Home Office, it can take anything up to 6 months.

## LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Judith has been wanting to start an 'International Ladies Coffee Morning' for some time. With the new Cafe area in church open now we are planning, along with help from some other ladies in church, to start this in September. The vision is to see more ladies from other nationalities coming along and to be able to build friendships with them and their families; share the gospel with them and ultimately that they will become followers of Jesus.

## Ministry Update

Avisai is continuing to be at the International Meeting Point in Belfast one day a week which he really enjoys. He recently has been able to go for lunch with a few of the guys that he has met, and build relationships. He often helps with distributing the food and clothes items on a Tuesday, but also goes on a Wednesday now more recently to help in other ways. He met a family from India a few months ago who had come along to IMP. They live and work in Northern Ireland and have recently moved to Portadown so we have had opportunity to meet with them in their home and Avisai has been helping them to install furniture, washing machine and so on. Please pray for them.



## Effect of the Pandemic

Over this past year whilst some ministry that we had been involved in did open again, others did not return to capacity of needing volunteers and so we did not have the same level of face-to-face ministry as we had previously. So while doing some carpentry work from home during the year for family and friends, Avisai had the vision to use this skill to try to help men in the community. Especially refugees and asylum seekers who are not allowed to do paid work as they await visa decisions, and often go through mental health issues such as depression as a result. He wants to have a place where men can come and learn a new skill, chat, have some purpose and meaning to the day, and hear about God's love for them even in their difficult situations.

## NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

So we have been in discussions with WEC UK and Ireland about our project idea and are currently in the process of trying to get the project up and running. We would love to start by September/October. WEC Ireland HQ have kindly offered us their stables premises to run the workshop from initially, however we do not know if this will be a long-term option and are looking for a more suitable space to rent at low cost.

**Coming up ...**

- 20-23 September, WEC UK Annual Conference. As last year, this will be online again. Avisai and I are leading the early morning prayer sessions, 7-7.30am.
- International Ladies Coffee Morning to start end of September in the church cafe
- The carpentry project we hope to start in September

**Please pray for:**

- Avisai’s new Visa application
- Eliab as he starts Nursery (31 August) that he will settle quickly and well. And for his health this winter as he will be mixing with so many children he will be more susceptible to chest infections.
- The ladies coffee morning to be blessed by God and that we would bring a blessing to the ladies we meet and their families.
- That the carpentry project will be able to move forward and will make a difference in the lives of the men who come along.

**Thank you for your support for us. It means so much!**

*With much love,  
Avisai, Judith & Eliab*

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**We would love input from people in church** with this project so if you have an interest in carpentry/woodwork or chatting with people from other nationalities and making them feel welcome (or if you aren’t that confident at that side of things but would like to be), we would love to have you involved. Also, if you have any expertise in the legalities/procedures/finance side of things and are able to offer some advice, we would value that too. Please get in touch with us as we are still in the processing of setting up.

**PART-TIME SELF-EMPLOYED**

Avisai has registered as a ‘part-time self-employed carpenter’ this month because he is now doing a couple of days a week carpentry work as it comes in. The aim of this is to help fund the ministry project rather than being a ‘for-profit’ business. He is working from a shed out where Mum and Dad live. He is very grateful for the space however it is not a workshop, and so we continue to look for a more suitable workshop for him to be based.



**Family Update**

Eliab has had 2 chest infections and tonsillitis, been on 3 antibiotics, all in the past 3 months. We think due to the social mixing at the Play Group.



He is now doing much better and was able to enjoy at day at the beach during the recent heatwave, & time with Granny and Granda! We have done a few general home maintenance jobs during these summer months too. Which Eliab loved to help with!

