



Reaching Scotland in Dumfries and Galloway

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Winter 2023

As I sit to write this newsletter I have just made my return to Scotland 3 weeks ago. Furlough has definitely been a whirlwind! It is such a joy to be back in the place where God has called me.

First of all I want to say that I am thankful that the Lord protects us in times of trouble and sickness even when we do not realize how sick or how big the trouble.

When we arrived in America on furlough I had been battling some minor health issues. I knew that I was tired and not feeling well, but I just marked it up to how busy we had been. In November, I had the flu which turned into bronchitis and soon caused laryngitis. In the midst of all of that, I had kidney stones. I pressed through the suffering of this body, trying to stay busy in the work we came to America for; to report and raise additional support. On January 15, I was preaching at a church in Oklahoma and just had begun reading my text when I felt very hot and a bit dizzy, I had to stop preaching as my vision began to get dark. I thought I was about to pass out. Thankfully there were EMT's in the church and immediately came to my side. Paramedics were called and my blood sugar was 531. I was taken to the emergency room and seen very quickly. The Lord protected me for several months as I believe I was battling this for quite a while. I am thankful to have it sorted and on medication that has helped me feel normal again. I am maintaining my glucose now and ideal numbers. Never miss a prayer for your missionaries, you never know when your prayer is what helped them in the moment of trouble.

Just a few weeks into our furlough and the Lord allowed several churches to take us on for support. We took a special trip out to visit with my sister Evelyn who had been battling Cancer for over a year. I am so grateful that we were able to spend some time with her, the Lord decided to take her home on December the 7th. I drove back to Missouri to preach her funeral and it was evident that Evelyn knew the Lord and the joy that she carried spilled over into friends and family.

We enjoyed seeing Gingers family over the Holidays and it was good to see my parents and siblings as well.

Many of you have been praying for my 12 year old great-niece Emma, I am so thankful that we were able to see her and her family. She has been battling cancer as well and on February 14, she made the crossing to eternal rest with our Lord. Please pray for her family.

We are grateful for the time spent in America, but we are thrilled to be back in our beloved Scotland. We have many plans for this upcoming year. We have many visitors that plan to come and a large outreach covering 10 towns in 10 days. Pray for these outreaches to bring people to our services and ultimately to the Lord. We need to print leaflets and church information for this outreach and will need to raise the funds for this. We would like to put a packet together with our testimonies in tract form, our church information and a small John and Romans. We are trusting the Lord to do a mighty work through this outreach effort.

I am so thankful for you, for the support, and the special gifts, but especially your prayer. Continue praying for us, we were able to get a good deal on an 8 passenger van, although after 1,000 miles of driving, the van has broken down and is currently in the shop. We have applied for a rental house just outside of Dumfries. The landlord and rental agency have agreed with us on a rental price. We are now awaiting the final application process to be completed. While we wait, we are very blessed to have Missionary friends that are allowing us to stay with them at this time. We are trusting the Lord to let it all work out in His time.

In His Service,

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