

THE DEMASTUS FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS IN SCOTLAND



...and how shall they *hear*
without a *preacher?*
Romans 10:14



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Prayer Request

- Souls to be saved, baptized, and disciplined.
- For our supporting churches.
- For Sarah's outreach with the book study, church ladies, and co-ops.
- For Open Door Baptist Church and its growth.
- For us as we reach out to our neighbours and witness to them.
- For wisdom for our leaders as they make decisions that are best for the country.
- For the health and safety of our church and families.
- Permanent facility for our church family - South St. Nicholas Church in Kincorth.
- For more labourers in the church.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Graham Gray, who is recovering from a stroke.
- Ben & Lisa Tabberer who experienced the tragedy of a stillborn birth.
- Furlough plans from Sept-Nov 2024.
- My wife's family as her uncle Ron passed away recently.
- New faith promise commitments for 2025.
- Neighbourhood Bible Time and Back-To-School Bible Blast visits being made in the next couple weeks.
- A young lady, Elizabeth, who has been staying with us, is leaving on September 2nd.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
August was a packed month with missions month, BIMI connect trip, and many ministry events. We are thankful for God's blessings!

Ministry News

August began with preparations to move into the west-wing of Gerrard Street Baptist Church. The move caused certain families to move on, but we have also gained new families in the process. The Lord gave us a wonderful missions month with special speakers and important topics that our church needed to hear. We are looking forward to adding a missionary and sending out £11,000 for world evangelism!

We took part in a fellow missionary's Men's Camp in Cullen. It was a blessing for our men and we found sweet fellowship with likeminded believers.

The BIMI Connect trip arrived on Saturday the 17th and we they hit the ground running. We held events like the park Singspiration, Holiday Bible Club, men's prayer breakfast, Ladies' tea, and International dinner. They assisted in the weekly services, local outreach, and encouraging the church with their testimonies. Of course, there was plenty of cultural experiences with haggis, neeps, and tatties, many castles, and a train trip to Edinburgh. If they weren't exhausted by the end of the 9 days, then I was tired enough for all of them combined. God blessed with new contacts and over 5000 leaflets into the community. We look forward to fruit abounding to their account.

Our church families were blessed by each person that came on that trip. Each had a different story to tell in how God brought them to the place they are now. It has revived our church family to continue pressing on for Christ.

Family

Sarah had much on her plate this past month and on top of everything the washer broke. A pastor and his wife on the BIMI trip paid for us to get a new washer. It was such an unexpected blessing! We are truly thankful! **Madelyn (9)** enjoyed hanging out with the young ladies on the BIMI connect trip. She said she made a lot of Christian friends.

Katelyn (8) has been marking down the days til our furlough on the fridge calendar. Each day I scribble it out and write a random number. I look forward to hearing her grumble in disbelief that someone keeps changing it.

Jocelyn (6) has a gifted personality that makes friends easily. If we go anywhere, she always makes a new friend. Praying this can be used for God's glory!

Gracelyn (5) asks me each day if it is the day that we get on a plane. It is usually prompted when I'm putting on my shoes to leave.

Richard III (3) considers deeply anything you ask him. He'll often shift one eyebrow higher than the other and reply with, "Shuuure."

Oliver is 6 months now. He is now teething and desires to scream at a high pitch to let us know he doesn't like it. Oh, I failed to mention this only happens at night.

Building Project

Thank you to all those who continue to give to the project. Though we feel it is delayed, we know God's timing is better. We already have a few groups interested in coming to Scotland next year. We pray and hope the legal matters over the land dispute is concluded before the end of the year so we can make better plans. Though we are downtown now, we still make our presence known in the southend through events and tract distributions. I believe God wants us there and I'm praying for a swift transition.

Furlough 2024

We have scheduled our next furlough for September 10th-November 14th 2024. We plan to be in OH, PA, NC, TN, SC, VA, KY, IN, and WV. We've completely filled our Sunday and Wednesdays. We've had a few reschedule their midweek to Thursday to accommodate us. If you're interested in having us come to update and could possibly do the same, let us know. Thank you!

Closing

We are so thankful for all that was accomplished this past month. Thank you for encouraging your church family to take missions trip, support missionaries, and pray for world-wide evangelism. This is fruit that abounds to your account. God bless!

In Christ,
The Demastus Family