

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 health and safety as we travel in the States on furlough.
- 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.
- Furlough from Sept-Nov 2024.
- New faith promise commitments for 2025.
- For more to be called to be missionaries.
- The Deacons and church volunteers as they press on in our absence.
- Young lady inquiring about working with our family in February 2025.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
The Lord has blessed substantially over the past month while on furlough. In a couple short weeks, we will be returning home.

Ministry News

Continue to pray for Open Door Baptist Church in our absence. The leadership has done an excellent job maintaining services and ministries. Last week, they had their first "low" Sunday. We encouraged them in the Lord to press on and find contentment in those that did come faithfully. Sometimes people drift during the winter season and the shorter days. Encouragement comes with those who are eager to receive the Word and grow even in the darkest of days.

Furlough has been busy with 30 meetings in 10 weeks. Since our last letter, we had meetings in TN, VA, IN, KY, WV, and SC. The last of our meetings will be in TN, KY, and OH. It'll probably be around 8000 miles of driving by the time we return back to Scotland.

We've had some wonderful churches to connect with and faithful Christians who love missions. I'm often asked, "In what way have churches been a blessing to you?" My answer is always that they pray for us and that they personally involve themselves in my family's lives. We have seen many needs provided and even many wants fulfilled.

God is good to us and I'm glad that my family can see God working through His people in their lives. Often young people see the ministry as doom and gloom. I'm glad God has placed us in areas where we can be encouraged in the Lord in that He always supplies our need. (Phil. 4:19)

It has also been a great blessing to connect with our field director and many of those who came on the BIM! connect time in August. What a blessed bond as fellowlabourers in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Do pray for our travels back to Scotland on 14th November. We do not want to spend 60 hrs in the airports again, but desire to reach our destination at the projected time. We look forward to being with our church family again and anticipate an exciting year ahead for Open Door Baptist Church.

Family

Sarah celebrated her 34th birthday with family in Indiana. We spoiled her, but she definitely deserves a whole lot more.

Madelyn (10) told me her favourite part of furlough is the food. She is no longer ordering off the kids menu and she is experiencing a variety of foods.

Katelyn (8) told me her favourite part of furlough is stopping in-between church meetings to visit with her cousins. She only wishes the visits were longer.

Jocelyn (6) told me her favourite part of furlough was making new friends at every church. She loves the attention and leaves every church with a new best friend.

Gracelyn (5) told me her favourite part of furlough was shopping. We have a list of things we acquire while stateside and she loves the hunt for what she wants.

Richard III (3) is a sweetheart, but can shift to a stinker at any moment. Ex. R: "Madelyn, I love your dress. Did you get it from the shops? That is a beautiful dress." M: Thank you, Richy." R: "Did you get it at the pooppy shop?"

Oliver is 8 months old now. He moves about a room by rolling around and shifting his direction. I'm sure it is a great relief from sitting in his carseat for most of a each day.

Building Project

Continue to pray for South St Nicholas Church and it's sale date. We were told to be patience and await the Aberdeen City Council's response regarding the land inquiry. We are praying that it happens by the new year. We have groups that plan to come in 2025 and acquiring the building will make their time in Scotland more eventful and it will help us along in completing renovations.

Closing

We truly appreciate the continued prayer and support from you all. We are thankful to be stateside for a short while to update our churches and to visit with family. Yet, home for us is Scotland and we look forward to our return. God's work done God's way never lacks God's supply.

In Christ,
The Demastus Family