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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 will be for sale before August 2024.
- Monthly teen activities
- For more labourers in the church
- Baptism service in the upcoming weeks.
- Sarah's weekly book study
- For increase faith promise (missions) giving.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Sarah's pregnancy
- Weekly discipleships and growth for new Christians

### Greeting

Dear Servants of Christ,  
Another month has passed and we have so much to be thankful for. Through the ups and downs of life, God is always our constant.

### Ministry News

Missions month was an enrichment time for our church. Many had been doing missions since the start of ODBC, but we had quite a few families who have never heard of it and were even a bit reluctant to even try it. After hearing Biblical teaching from different speakers and through much prayer and studying themselves, they informed me that they desire to take God at His Word. We are tallying up the commitment cards and anticipate a great response. This past week, we sent out a check for £12,000 to seven different missionaries. This came in above the commitments from last year. Only God can do that!

During the month of September, we had two families move away. We also had a family move away in October and now anticipate another one moving in November. We probably should change our church name to the "Revolving Door" instead of "Open Door" Baptist Church. We know the probability of families moving away and we are so thankful for the time we had to invest and see many of them come to Christ.

On the 23rd of September, I got to officiate my first wedding. Deana had been such a big help over the past couple years at ODBC and we were so happy for her to meet her spouse. They both have now moved to England and are now involved and serving in a likeminded church.

Anniversary Sunday was an amazing day! We heard testimonies, special singing, a video presentation, preaching, and a meal following the service. That day we had four new families visit and one salvation decision. One of the men that came, I met on the street while passing out tracts. He would boast about not needing God, but I still talked about my Saviour every chance I got. After a couple of meet ups and prayer, he accepted my invitation to come to Anniversary Sunday. He enjoyed time with

everyone and told me he wanted to talk more about the things I said when I preached. Praying for God to save him!

### Family

**Sarah** is past the halfway mark in her pregnancy. We know it is a boy coming in February, but stuck on either calling him Oliver Shane or George Wesley.

**Madelyn** is enjoying learning to multiply and divide. She asks her sisters word problems on the way to church using the calculator that's built in the van.

**Katelyn** is flying through different book of the Bible in her daily reading. She thinks she is almost finished reading the whole Bible, but I told her there were 1,189 chapters total and she had done around 60 so far. She is still determined and I love it!

**Jocelyn** could care less about school. She thinks she can get on without it and attempts to slip through the cracks. This year is a new routine for her.

**Gracelyn** loves chocolate. I asked her a few questions so you all could get to know her better, but she wants everyone to know she just loves chocolate.

**Richard III** is now being toilet trained. Looks like we will need a divine intervention to get that kid to accept wearing underwear.

### Building Project

We have raised \$127,500 so far with more fundraisers in the future.

Continue to pray with us as we raise funds and reach the goal of \$200,000 by April. We have three groups that have shown interest in coming to help with the building project. If you'd like to come with the BIMI connect group, they will be here August 16-26, 2024. You can find "Connect Scotland" at <https://www.bimi.org/connect/home.php>. Hope to see you in 2024!

### Closing

We want to thank you once again for your continued prayer and support for our family and the ministry God has called us to in Scotland. This is fruit that abounds to your account.

In Christ,  
The Demastus Family  
Your Missionaries in Scotland