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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.
- HBC visits over the new few weeks.
- Sarah's family coming for a visit this week.
- Sarah's book study starting on 22nd August.
- Missions month in September. For the special speakers and for increase faith promise giving.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Wisdom as we provide security for the new bus on the church property.

### Greeting

Dear Servants of Christ,  
July has come and gone so quickly, but we praise the Lord for what He has accomplished through us in a such a short time.

### Ministry News

Leading up to our Holiday Bible Club, it seemed like everything was against us. The buses had been vandalised, volunteers were saying they couldn't help out last minute, and a former church attender, who did me much evil, contacted me asking to meet up. It was a lot to take on, but by God's grace, we took it a day at a time.

Both buses got written off, but a substantial amount of money was given in exchange. The Lord allowed us to purchase a new bus! We agreed to meet up with the former church member a few days before the HBC and he sat across us in a coffee shop apologising for how he treated us those couple years prior. The Lord brought about forgiveness and reconciliation! Though some planned workers couldn't help, God gave us additional workers elsewhere and provided one of the best HBC we have ever had. We had 166 enrolled that week with over 100 attending each day, close to 1000 verses were memorised that week, and 23 souls came to Christ! That following Sunday, we had two new families start attending our church. The month did not start off the way I had expected, but God brought about an amazing revival in our church. The following week, I preached at a tent meeting in Arbroath and one man asked to talk to someone about how he could be saved. During the first week of August, a fellow missionary hosted a Men's camp and we had five men from our church attend those few days. We received great encouragement that week and the men received a greater zeal for the Lord. We once again had an amazing youth connection with our church teens and children. I truly enjoy building relationships with the young people and pray that God will use them in a great way for His glory.

### Family

**Sarah** is expecting baby #6 in late February. It was quite unexpected, but we are very excited to meet this new addition to the family. She also starts her Ladies' book study on 22nd August. Pray for God's blessings!

**Madelyn** came to our bedroom door late Friday night (8/11) and asked about being saved. After talking for a bit, in tears, she prayed and ask Jesus Christ to save her. All of Heaven rejoiced as another sinner repented. (Luke 15:7)

**Katelyn** has been reading the Bible each evening before bed. Her mind is like steel trap as she absorbs each passage and informs me regarding what she has learned even weeks later.

**Jocelyn** found out Nanna and Pops (Sarah's parents) are coming to visit next week and she hasn't stopped talking about it.

**Gracelyn** had her speech assessment last month. They found certain letter combinations were difficult for her to say, so we are being given tools to help her overcome this problem.

**Richard III** gets in a preaching mode every once in awhile. He stands on top of the coffee table in the living room and begins yelling and pointing his finger at everyone. We don't know what he is saying, but he is pretty passionate about it.

### Praises

We have the opportunity to ordain another Deacon at ODBC. Pray for God's clear direction and blessing.

With multiple discipleships each week, we now have volunteers who are being trained to assist in this task.

Since multiple young people have gotten saved in the past month, we anticipate a baptism service soon.

We have many visits to make since the HBC this year. Pray for those who told us they got saved and their lives were changed because of the event last year. They now need a good church to grow in their walk with God.

### Building Project

We sit at around \$123,000 (\$82,700 from churches in the states) towards the building fund. I've been praying and asking for the building price and sell date, but God has answered in different ways. We now have two groups coming next year to help with church renovations. Though I won't stop asking, I believe God is telling me to have more faith.

### Closing

Thank you for your continued prayer and support for us! It has been an amazing month, to God be the glory! In Christ,

The Demastus Family  
Your Missionaries in Scotland