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Prayer Request

- Souls to be saved, baptized, and discipled
- 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 weekly book study
- 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.
- Sarah's pregnancy
- Weekly discipleships and growth for new Christians

Greeting

Dear Servants of Christ,
August 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

It was great to have family visit this past month. On top of fellowship and exploring castles, they assisted us in ministry by teaching, serving, and helping pass out tracts/leaflets in the community. I hope we were just as much an encouragement to them as they were to us.

After a busy few months, I met up with a couple missionaries in Dundee, Scotland to explore the rich, Christian heritage that resides there. I encourage anyone coming over to visit the sites of the Christian martyrs prior to the reformation (Patrick Hamilton, Henry Forrest, George Wishart, and Walter Mill) and to read regarding the life of Robert Murray M'Cheyne, Duncan Matheson, Robert Annan, and Mary Slessor. Not only were these known for their tremendous desire to reach people with the gospel, but their utmost aspiration to honour and glorify God. That trip encouraged me to press on for Christ no matter the ministry results. September began missions month for our church. The church has increased in missions giving each year for the past 5 years and we pray that this endeavour continues. We are adding a missionary in Italy to our missionary family and we look forward to sending support to all our missionaries in October.

I preached on giving and some people got upset. The next week, a visiting missionary preach the same passage on giving. Let's just say, God wanted the church to hear it again. We had another encouraging youth connect after the service this past Sunday. I'm thrilled that the young people are not only knowing us better, but they are growing in their relationship with Christ.

Family

Sarah has been doing well in her pregnancy. We found out last week that we are having **ANOTHER BOY!** Still working on the name. **Madelyn** turned 9 years old on the 12th. She

had her party at JumpIn with family and friends. She is such a sweet person with a kind heart.

Katelyn is reading through different books in the Bible right now. I had her read Daniel recently and she is now on the second half. Yesterday, I asked her how it was going and she said, "This guy has a lot of weird dreams."

Jocelyn asks us each day what her new brothers name is going to be. Each time, we tell her something different and she just replies, "No, is that for real?"

Gracelyn has been obsessed with a new game called, "Wobbly Life." It doesn't make much sense, but to her 4 year old brain, it is an awesome adventure.

Richard III is not convinced that Sarah is pregnant. We've read books, watched videos, and told him straight up, but he refuses to accept this news.

Building Project

We have raised \$125,000 so far with many more fundraisers in the future.

The CofS responded with an update regarding the building.

The minister official retires on 15th August. The church will be sold in April and the closure will take place in August.

The valuation is for the church & Manse and the General Trustees are aware we are already using the building.

In December, the CofS will be doing inventory on the building and including us in the process to see what we might want to keep. (Chairs, tables, etc)

I know this is not the exact update I expected to give, but it is an update nonetheless.

Continue to pray with us as we raise funds and reach the goal of \$200,000 by April. God has made this opportunity available to us and we trust His leading hand in it all.

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