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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 youth activities
- For more labourers in the church.
- Baptism service in the upcoming weeks.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Sarah's pregnancy - due in February.
- Weekly discipleships and growth for new Christians.
- Special services over the next couple weeks.

Greeting

Dear Church Family,
Another great month of gospel outreach in Aberdeen. We always attempt to slow down this time of year, but instead God opens doors of opportunity and we thank Him for His blessings.

Ministry News

For the past couple months, I've had the opportunity to teach a man in our church door-to-door evangelism and street evangelism. He was a bit intimidated at first, but now seems to enjoy the opportunity and has made it a regular thing. This same man was ordained as a Deacon of our church here on 19th November. The Lord continues to bless His steps of faith.
Sarah set up a "Ladies' Swap" fundraiser and raised funds for the church building. It was great to see many ladies come out and donate items no longer needed and receive items that they did need.
We held our monthly youth connection and made it Christmas themed. It was a joy to build relationships with the kids and share the Gospel.
We've been having some issues with the Church bus, but managed to find a garage that could assist in the repairs. It is expensive, but it is worth it!
We finally were granted permission to do an event at local care homes and sheltered housing and split a few of them up over a couple days. We sang Christmas carols and shared the Gospel. One elderly man attended the church today and told me, "that was some fiery preaching today! I'll be back." Praying for God's continual blessing.
Sunday, we had the opportunity to baptize two men. One man, I led to Christ 4 years ago and after attending faithfully for years, he message me Sunday morning saying he was ready to be baptised. The other man, we've had the opportunity to disciple and upon studying baptism he asked if this was something he was supposed to do. After further investigation of Scripture, he asked to set up a time to get baptised. God is good!

Family

Sarah has completed her book study and will now take a break before the baby arrives in February. She is 31 weeks along now. She took a hard fall while out Christmas carolling and spent a few hours in the hospital for observation. The baby is fine and we are thankful for God's protection.

Madelyn dressed up like "Mary" for one of the Carolling services. The next day, she chose to be an angel. Her reason: "It is too hard being Mary and carrying the baby all the time."

Katelyn dressed up like an angel for those days. She said it was better than when she dressed up as a sheep for the Christmas cantata last year.

Jocelyn celebrated her 6th Birthday on the 3rd. She had a fun day with friends and family at a soft play called Den In The Glen.

Gracelyn received a Christmas dress a few weeks back and has been insistent on wearing it every day. She has even referred to herself as girl-santa.

Richard III dressed up like a lamb one day and a donkey the next when we did Care Home Christmas Carolling. I think he knows he is cute.

Building Project

We continue to raise funds for the South St Nicholas Church and have raised around \$133,500. Expecting to do the inventory at the church soon. Pray for wisdom.

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 wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued prayer and support for us and the additional love offerings for Christmas. We are truly blessed by your love!

In Christ,

The Demastus Family
Your Missionaries in Scotland