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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 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 at the end of February.
- Weekly discipleships and growth for new Christians.
- Graham Gray - an active member in our Church recovering from a stroke in December.

Greeting

Dear Church Family,
Happy New Year! The transition into a new year always provides opportunity for new resolutions and past reflections. We thank the Lord for what He has done in and through us and for what He will do in this new year!

Ministry News

Following Baptism Sunday, Sarah held a Ladies Christmas Party at our house. Her godly hospitality has paved the way for many ladies to come to Christ and grow in His Word.

On Christmas Eve, we had a special service with singing, games, food, and gospel preaching. It was great to see so many families come out and enjoy fellowship with their Church.

We also had special services on Hogmanay and talked about our vision for the New Year and how the Church families could be more involved.

This year already, we have seen increase in attendance in our midweek service and an increase in volunteers to do street evangelism and door-to-door evangelism in Aberdeen. It is always quite intimidating at first, but when they witness people come to Church because of their efforts, and it makes it so much more thrilling.

We continue to have visitors coming to our Church. After 5 years, it still amazes me how they inform us, "we've never heard preaching like this before." It is definitely encouraging when they return. Pray for their growth and involvement.

This month's Youth Connection was a blessing. Though many families were out due to the weather, we still had a blast with games, kid's choir, and teen connect. I love answering their questions and doing my best to play an active role in their life. Continue to pray for their growth.

My sister, Evelynnn, has come to Scotland to assist in our ministry and family. She has been such a blessing so far. Pray for her as she continues to seek God's will for her life.

Family

Sarah is around 35 weeks along in her pregnancy. She plans to have a home birth

again. The last weeks are always a more difficult time, so pray for her and the baby.

Madelyn has always been interested in writing. She now makes little comic books for us to read. She actually does a pretty good job with her story lines.

Katelyn is excited about the snow. It started snowing yesterday and into today. The snow is light, but she is insistent that a snowman must be made regardless.

Jocelyn has enjoyed having Aunt Evelynnn with us. Each morning, she asks her, "What are we going to do today?"

Gracelyn's loves dressing up. She pics her favourite princess of the month and asks for her hair to be put up then proceeds to tell us all that she is that princess.

Richard III knocked on our bedroom door this morning to tell us it was snowing. He retrieved all the things needed to go and play in it.

Building Project

We continue to raise funds for the South St Nicholas Church and have raised around \$135,000. We had an inventory meeting regarding the larger items in the building. They've been cleaning out closets and offices and found more items. We have another meeting with them to discuss these things. I've communicated with CofS directly regarding the facility, but was informed that they haven't evaluated it completely just yet. They are aware that we use the building and will inform us before listing the building and manse.

We still seek to raise at least \$200,000 by April. We have groups coming to help with the building project. If you'd like to be a part of the BIM! 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

Thank you for your continued prayer and support for us and the additional giving for Christmas. Looking forward to a blessed year for God's glory!

In Christ,

The Demastus Family
Your Missionaries in Scotland