

THE DEMASTUS FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS IN SCOTLAND



...and how shall they *hear*
without a *preacher?*
Romans 10:14



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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.
- Monthly youth activities
- For more labourers in the church.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Graham Gray, who is recovering from a stroke.
- Ben & Lisa Tabberer who experienced the tragedy of a stillborn birth. They still haven't returned back to church.
- BIMI Connect Group coming August 16-26.
- Embassy Appointment next week in Edinburgh for birth abroad certificate and passports.
- Praying for God's guidance and wisdom as we seek a temporary facility until we are able to purchase the CofS building.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
Another month has passed and new developments have come up in our life and ministry. We are thankful that God is in complete control.

Ministry News

I left for a few days for Zagreb, Croatia to be a part of the BIMI European Field Conference. It was a blessing to connect with other missionaries and be encouraged by the preaching and ministry advice given each day. I missed my family, but glad the church helped Sarah while I was away.

The bus' yearly MOT was due upon my return, so we scheduled the Youth Connect a week early in case the bus didn't pass. Since we had warm weather, we had a water day! They enjoyed getting wet and competing in different competitions.

After that weekend, I took the bus in for the MOT and it passed (after a few repairs). We were also informed that an upgraded license was required to drive the bus with passengers now. Myself and another volunteer are completing the process, but it can take a few weeks. Pray for the families affected by this change.

Some families have moved away recently. We know it is inevitable, but it still doesn't make it easy. Continue to pray for growth at ODBC.

Family

Sarah was Wonder Woman the few days I was away in Croatia. She insisted on keeping to her regular ministries and accomplished them with ease—even with the kids around. I married up.

Madelyn (9) loves dog stuffed animals. We don't have a dog of our own, so she collects as many stuffed animals as possible. The Jumble sale didn't help her obsession.

Katelyn (8) had her birthday on the 7th. It was a chilly day out, but she still enjoyed time with friends and family.

Jocelyn (6) has loved putting tracts in letterboxes. She has been extra careful as one of the guys got clawed by a cat on the finger while putting a flyer through the door.

Gracelyn's (4) is going to be 5 yrs on the 27th. She is our drama girl and says her birthday is taking forever. She wants chocolate cake and everything to be just so for her big day.

Richard III (3) has hit the terrible threes and is getting into everything. He is creative with his destruction and even says he's helping, but it can be hard to keep up with it all.

Oliver is 3 months old now. He is being more playful, but he has developed a high pitched scream that can happen at any moment.

Neighbourhood Bible Time

We were notified that the property is going up for sale on 21st July and we would need to find a different facility for our event. We thought we were going to have to cancel this year, but a local friend talked to her church leadership about our event and they agreed to let us use their facility that week. Praise the Lord! Pray for the event from 22nd-26th July that souls would be saved and families would be directed towards Christ.

Building Project

We have raised around \$197,000 so far for the South St Nicholas building. We had a Jumble Sale on 15th June and raised another \$1000! The community is excited about this opportunity for us and helped donate their belongings for the sale as well.

Unfortunately, a new development came about yesterday. The Aberdeen City Council has declared that half of the manse property is owned by them. The CofS is taking them to court and it has put the sell of the whole property on hold until it is cleared up. We were told to vacate the property on 28th July and find different accommodations. They still plan to sell it to us, but cannot move forward until all is resolved. We were also informed that it could take months. This was unforeseen by us, but not God. We are praying for His guidance and wisdom as we seek a temporary facility until such a time as we purchase the building. Please pray with us!

Closing

It has been an overwhelming month of new developments, but we are assured that God is in complete control. We thank you for your continued prayer and support for our family and ministry. We look forward to what God is going to do!

In Christ,
The Demastus Family