

THE DEMASTUS FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS IN SCOTLAND

...and how shall they

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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 wisdom for our leaders
- For wisdom for our readers as they make decisions that are best for the country.
 For the health and safety of
- Permanent facility for our
- church family '
 Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of
- to start assisting in areas of ministry. ➤ Abigail, from the states,
- working with our family and church.
- Local evangelistic opportunities this month.
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- Visitors who came to church and need salvation.
- Graham Gray in the care home after stroke. His son, Bryan, to come to church. Pray for our monthly services to be a blessing.
- Evangelism/relationships at karate lessons.
- Church group coming 17th-23rd June.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,

"April showers bring May flowers." After the rain, there is the buds beginning to bloom. We desire to see the church blossom and grow.

Ministry News

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday! We had 22 visitors and for a few it was their first time in church. The gospel was given and contacts were made that day. We look forward to visits! The Sunday school choir sung a special. It is always exciting to hear anyone, especially young people sing praises to God for His death, burial, and resurrection giving us hope. We also had nine baptised that day! We used another church's baptistry and it was a blessing to have many stay for the ceremony. Continue to pray for these and their walk with God. Sarah started Scripture Union at the Countesswells School and organises it with two other ladies each week. Each week it continues to grow. The gospel is given clearly and the kids invite others to come along for the session during their lunch period. Continue to pray as they build relationships and the kids gain a fuller understanding of God's Word and the salvation God provides. The Torry Care Home switched us from every other Thursday to the first Monday of each month. It is disappointing we cannot do it as often, but it is still a blessing to be able to minister to them. Graham is still struggling, but enjoys weekly visits from the church family and his monthly church service.

Family

Sarah had the pleasure of witnessing to man on the street during Friday evangelism. He never heard the gospel before and soaked up everything she said. He trusted Christ as His Saviour. Pray for Billy.

Madelyn (10) got baptised on Easter. She had been questioning her salvation and a few months ago she came to our room late at night and asked how she could know for sure. She accepted Christ then and there. It was a glorious day to be a part of her baptism. Katelyn (8) also got baptised on Easter. She said she always believed in Jesus, but in this past year after hearing the gospel she recognised her need for a saviour for her own sins. She accepted Christ as her Saviour and she hasn't been the same since.

Jocelyn (7) Enjoyed Easter Sunday. Though she had to say goodbye to a friend who moved away due to adoption, she was glad we made it a special day for them before they left. Gracelyn (5) is at the stage where everything is boring that you do for more than 10mins. As you can imagine, we hear 'this is boring' quite a lot during the day.

Romans

Richard III (4) had his birthday party at Wynford Farms. Not only was there a large play area, but he also got to visit a small zoo. **Oliver (1)** has not started walking yet, but he is taking steps and walking along side walls and furniture. He is into everything now, which means, it will get worse when he starts walking.

Building Project

We heard back from our solicitor that the Church of Scotland has decided to go with another's church's offer regarding the Kincorth Church. They informed us that the final decision had nothing to do with the money, but rather that the other group better "fit" their vision for the property. Even though we'd offered more than their asking price, at this time, it looks like it isn't God's will for us to be there. We are very disappointed to hear this news after anticipating, preparing and planning to be there for the last 3 years. We know that this outcome is of no surprise to God. We know He as a plan and He is in control. Pray for us to follow His leading with wisdom and with patience. Please pray with us that:

- If the South St Nicholas Church is for us, the offer they accepted will fall through.
- If that facility is not for us, then pray that God will open up a door regarding where to go next.

This is not the news I was hoping to send in this letter. After much prayer, we will continue to rest our full weight on Christ and wait for His divine provision. We will keep you all updated on building prospects.

<u>Closing</u>

With eyes set on things above, we know God will continue to do great things in and through us here in Scotland. Thank you for your faithful prayer and support! In Christ, The Demastus Family