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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 nature co-ops.
- For Open Door Baptist Church and its growth.
- 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—Westhill facility.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Abigail, from the states, working with our family and church leaves on 11th August.
- Local evangelistic opportunities this month.
- > 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.
- Citizenship approval.
 Neighbourhood Bible Time visits over the next few weeks.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,

It is hard to believe we are beyond the halfway mark in the year. Though some things didn't pan out the way we had hoped, we still see God's guiding hand in our lives.

Ministry News

July is usually busy with NBT training and preparation and the actual event taking place for a whole week. This year, we had the Tall Ships event in Aberdeen which gave us a great opportunity to pass out over 1000 tracts and NBT flyers. Though we found a few people who were repulsed by our endeavour, there were still those who received it and responded later with gratitude for what was being done. Praying for more fruit to follow! The NBT event went amazing! We 162 enrolled in the week, 17 salvations, 5 assurances, and many other decisions to live for God. We praise the Lord for the work that was accomplished. We had a great number of volunteers this year and they were eager to serve. We have follow up visits to make and we ask prayer in this outreach opportunity. We had a number of visitors over the past few weeks with interest to get involved. Pray for Billy, a new Christian, who is fire for God. His family is lost and he is looking for a Biblical church to help disciple him. He is engaged to be married and wants to raise a godly family. We hope to be used by God to help him in his

In the week ahead, we have Men's Camp with many of the missionary churches in Scotland. It is great to get our churches together for godly fellowship.

Abigail, who has been with us since February, is moving back to the states on the 11th. It has been a blessing to have her help our family and church during her time here.

Family

Sarah enjoys writing songs and publishing music. Since she was a little girl, she got creative on an electric piano and now develops great godly, Christian music. You should check it out!

Madelyn (10) continues to take violin lessons each week. The process is slow at the beginning, but recently she told me she is playing two stringed songs now. By her

excitement, I'm guessing this is good. **Katelyn (9)** went above and beyond at NBT this year and memorised 30 verses. She won first in her age and was just short of the grand prize for her age group. So proud of her. **Jocelyn (7)** has a front tooth that has been loose for weeks now. I've offered to help pull it out, but watching the trauma from her sisters in the past, she has resorted to let it happen naturally.

Gracelyn (6) won first place in her age group at NBT and was glowing all evening. She lost her ribbon, but smiled and told me she didn't need it because she would remember.

Richard III (4) had mixed emotions about NBT. He loved rally time, but by classroom time he was done. By the last day, he wanted to be with the nursery with the babies.

Oliver (1) is such a sweet boy. When I come home after being out, you can hear him say, "Dad!" Then he rushes over to me and gives me a smile and hug. Not that I have favourites, but he is in the lead.

Building Project

We mentioned in the last letter that we have put an offer on a building in Westhill [https:// search.savills.com/property-detail/ gb0398s111617]. After a bit of negotiating over the past few weeks, they have decided to put it up for auction on 6th August. Since the building requires a 'change of use,' we have submitted with the option of leasing the building at £1 per month (to subsidise the rates for the owner) until it goes through. Once it is completed, we would purchase at £250,000. We should hear by Friday if the offer is rejected, accepted, or countered. Would you pray with us about this? It has been a long road of building searching and it'll be nice to settle there if it is God's will.

Closing

What a wonderful month of blessings! We know this is fruit that abounds to your account. Thank you for your consistent prayer and support for us! We look forward to the weeks ahead. Our 7th Anniversary as a church is in October. It'll be great to be in a new building for this special Sunday!

In Christ, The Demastus Family