

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.
- Neighbourhood Bible Time 22-26 July.
- 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.
- BIM! Connect Group coming August 16-26.
- 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,
The past month has gone by quickly! I can't possibly proclaim every perplexing problem without presenting practical perception of God's prodigiously perfect provision in it all.

Ministry News

We have spent the last month searching for a temporary facility to accommodate us until the sale of the South St Nicholas Church and have found only two (out of numerous enquiries to different facilities) that could accommodate us. We prayed with our church this evening to ask God to make his direction clear. We've moved all our belongings out of the South St Nicholas Church and are ready for God to lead us to where He'd have us be. It is difficult to be in a position to have to complete such a big task last minute, but we know God will provide. We need to update our licence for our church bus but after a few weeks we've still had no return on our application request. Some have found other means to get to church, but others have simply decided not to return on their own. Currently, the bus has been moved from the property and is in our driveway. Praying for God's leading in this area. We had a good trip to the US embassy in Edinburgh to complete Oliver's Birth Abroad and also to renew on some of the kids passports. We also were able to do some site-seeing along the coast of Gullane. The church continues to move forward having visitors and active outreach. We developed a new tract focusing on the Creation, Curse, Christ, and Consummation. The church has enjoyed giving them out. We attended a church building dedication for another missionary down in Loanhead. They have been searching for a building for 15+ years. It was a blessing to see God's blessings in their life.

Family

Sarah and I celebrated our 11th Wedding Anniversary on the 29th. We had lunch date at a nice restaurant and spent the afternoon site-seeing at Braemar Castle.
Madelyn (9) has taken the last few mornings going outside and making mud pies. Richy was convinced that one looked good enough to eat. I had to shut down her operation before

it got out of hand.

Katelyn (8) has enjoyed having Jonathan at the house the last few days. Someone she can practice her quick wittedness with— inconceivable!

Jocelyn (6) was messing around and singing a well known opera song today. I didn't realise she had such a great range and clarity vocally.
Gracelyn (5) had an enjoyable birthday celebration at home. She chose such an elaborate birthday that the only place to showcase it was home.

Richard III (3) hates having his picture taken. If you try to video him or take a photo of him, he will turn his face, run away, or try to smack it away.

Oliver is 4 months old now. He is going through a growth spurt. He fights nap time even when he is extremely tired.

Neighbourhood Bible Time

We have made all the needed preparation for NBT this year. We held two training sessions on the program and how to lead a child to Christ. We have around 140 pre-registrations signed up for next week. We are praying for plenty of faithful workers, for souls to be saved, and for families to be reached. It is a new area for us, so we can't wait to see what God is going to do!

Building Project

With close to \$200,000 raised for the building project, we are putting it on hold until the property dispute is resolved. The money is being held in an account at BIM! ready to be used when that opportunity comes. We are praying for it to be resolved soon and will stay in contact with the CofS leadership for any updates. Until then, we are praying for God's guidance and wisdom in meeting in a temporary facility. Please pray with us!

Closing

This past month has been busy, but God has provided such a contentment that I can't even explain it. We thank you all for your continued prayer and support for us. We know that your prayers to God for us are being answered and the blessings that come is fruit that abounds to your account.

In Christ,
The Demastus Family