

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 health and safety as we travel in the States on furlough.
- 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.
- 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.
- Furlough from Sept-Nov 2024.
- New faith promise commitments for 2025.
- Hurricane victims and their families. The death toll is rising and many are unaccounted for. Pray about how you can help by donating to local churches to be a help financially and prayerfully.
- For more to be called to be missionaries.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
We are now stateside for furlough and making headway with all the meetings we have scheduled with churches, including visiting with family and friends on the way.

Ministry News

Open Door Baptist Church continues to thrive even in our absence. One of our deacons has taken on the administration role for church and has been doing an excellent job. We have four men in the church rotating on Sundays to preach and one of our deacons is teaching a home group on Wednesday evenings. It is exciting to see the livestreams each week and continue to hear/read the feedback from church families. One of the men in the church preached his first sermon a few weeks back and did an excellent job!

This is the goal for the church plant. We want it to be self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-governing. They continue to evangelise in the community and new people have started in our absence. God is good! We will continue to lead the church until God calls a pastor to take our place. Til then, we will continue to move forward reaching the community and sending out folks to reach other areas of the United Kingdom.

Continue to pray for the ministry in Scotland. Before we left for the states, we were making NBT visits and heard the testimony of a young boy (Calvin - 10) who was saved and God radically changed his life. His mum is a local witch and he has been fervently witnessing to her. She threw his Bible away, but he retrieved it from the trash and left it at a neighbours house to read each day. Pray for his mum to be saved and pray that we can help nurture Calvin in the truth of God's Word. We have a young lady in the states enquiring to assist us in Scotland next year. Pray for wisdom as we make a decision about this and for us to follow God's leading.

Family

Sarah and I had a rough go on flights getting to Louisville, KY. Long story short, we spent 60 hrs in airports to get there. Upon arrival, she was greeted by her family which made it worth it all.

Madelyn (10) celebrated her 10th birthday in the states. We had a day out planned, but unfortunately didn't arrive until the evening of her birthday. Thankfully, her Nana had a cake and party for her when we arrived.

Katelyn (8) has come on furlough with a different perspective. She now enjoys the food, but spends her time correcting people that they speak American instead of English.

Jocelyn (6) was shocked to find out we were missionaries. At the first church, she asked us, "are we someone important? Why do people keep telling us 'thank you' and asking us questions about Scotland?"

Gracelyn (5) loves Walmart. She asks each day if we are going shopping. One time we purchased clothes and now she desires a new outfit each time we go there.

Richard III (3) does not like the long car rides. He is always looking for ways to annoy his sisters. Even singing at the top of his lungs in the back seat!

Oliver is 7 months old now. He is sitting up and eating big boy food. When he gets food, he looks at me, makes the "mmmmm" sounds and giggles. He is a smart kid.

Building Project

I've enquired with the church administration and she informed me that the CofS has sent in all the necessary paperwork to prove the validity of the ownership of the entire church premises. The Aberdeen city council have yet to respond or even provide a court date. Praying that it will be resolved shortly.

Furlough 2024

We have had meetings in MI, OH, PA, and NC so far. The upcoming meetings will be in TN, VA, IN, and KY. Since the hurricane disaster, we've been sensitive about attending meetings in the southeast coast. Pray for wisdom as we navigate, encourage, and evangelise while on furlough.

Closing

Thank you all for your continued prayer and support for us. We are truly thankful that we are able to see many of you on furlough. We are looking forward to what God has planned next!

In Christ,
The Demastus Family