

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 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 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.
- Young lady inquiring about working with our family in February 2025.
- Christmas season services and local evangelistic opportunities this month.
- Visitor (Shannon) who came to church and needs salvation.
- A young couple in our church just found out they are pregnant.
- "How To Christianity" series we are doing twice on Wednesdays.

Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,
We made it home to Bonnie (beautiful) Scotland. Naturally, we were met with snow storms and darker days, but it is home nonetheless and we are adjusting accordingly.

Ministry News

We completed furlough with close to 8000 miles on the road. We are very thankful for Sarah's parents loaning us their vehicle for these couple months. It was truly a blessing. Thank you for your prayers regarding our flights. We were able to make it home at the day appointed. This was a complete relief considering the 60 hrs we spent coming into the States.

We arrived in Scotland and hit the ground running. Not only did I preach the Sunday we arrived, but we also had a baby dedication. Pray for this couple as they grow in the Lord and add another little child to their family.

It was a wonderful first service back as ALL I had to do was preach. The people conducted the service amazingly. It encouraged my heart that it is God's church and I am simply a vessel to be used for His honour and glory.

We have found an opportunity to be in one of the local schools in the city and to provide a weekly Bible lesson. This is a wonderful step forward. Pray for us as we try to find an open door in the the primary schools in Kincorth.

We love the Christmas season! One of the ladies in our church hosted a Ladies' Christmas party and did an excellent job proclaiming the gospel and encouraging believers. Pray for our men's fellowship on the 21st. We hope it is a blessing!

Pray also for the Singspirations in the Carehomes/Sheltered housing (12th-13th) and carols in our evangelism in the streets (14th). We pray for souls to be saved. Pray for our Christmas Sunday, Christmas Eve, and Hogmanay services. These are great opportunities for folks to bring visitors and for friends to hear the gospel for the first time. There are exciting times ahead! We are little by little getting back into the

momentum of things and are thankful for God's blessings.

Family

Sarah has begun discipleship with a lady in our church. It is exciting to see people eager to learn more from God's Word.

Madelyn (10) was the only kid that made it to church the first Sunday back as the other kids were sick. She reminded me how much she missed having them with her.

Katelyn (8) didn't sleep at all on the plane. She sat next to Richy who was sick and puked all over her. It was rough.

Jocelyn (7) celebrated her 7th birthday on the 3rd. She had a trip to the museum, pizza hut, and enjoyed chocolate cake and gifts.

Gracelyn (5) has started kindergarten and is enjoying doing school with her older sisters. She tells Richy she is his teacher now.

Richard III (3) was sick on the way back and threw up on the plane. We were thankful to be in our own beds and new clothes when we got home.

Oliver is 9 months old now. His appetite is huge. He enjoys his jam on toast, and anything else we give him to try.

Building Project

I spoke with Morag from the CofS the other day and she told me that nothing has progressed regarding the building. They have a solicitor dealing with the property conveyancing are told they will get an answer after the holidays. It may have to do with separating the manse from the church so that the CofS could make more money on the sale. It has been a challenge holding services on the west-wing of another church, but it is where God has us for now. We are praying for fruit to abound for His honour and glory.

Closing

Thank you all for your continued prayer and support for us. It is great to be back home in Scotland. We look forward to what God will do over the course of the next few weeks as we inundate Aberdeen with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We know it won't return void. Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

In Christ,
The Demastus Family