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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

A Little Update



Hiya! Kelsey here. Preston and I have felt God's favor working since we first arrived in Scotland. We are settling into our wee cottage nicely and we have met most of our neighbors. One in particular has been especially wonderful. An older Irish man named Jim lives just across the street from us and has been unbelievably kind and welcoming. After finding out that we would not have a car until ours sold in the states, he offered an extra car that he had for us to use. Obviously it has been such a blessing, as the church is 30 minutes from our home.

Jim has expressed to us how they have struggled to fit into the community, because they are "Outsiders." I truly believe that we were placed across the street from Jim and his family by God and he has already showed interest in coming to some events. Please be in prayer with us for Jim and his family.

Because the area we live in is small, everyone we speak with already seems to know that we are the Americans here to help with the church. The culture here is very respectful of the church, so we seem to be getting a welcoming response from the community.

In this newsletter:

Settling in, Vision for the Highlands, Church activities

Add to your calendar:

Please be in prayer with us for the following dates:

12th of July: Church Picnic

every Friday: Coffee Mornings at the church

Every Thursday night: church prayer

18th of July: 1st service in Aberdeen



Coming Up

WORK AROUND THE CHURCH

The church is in need of a few repairs. Thankfully, Preston has some building experience, so he will be completing a few projects in this coming month.



Vision for the Highlands

We have been having weekly meetings with the senior pastors of our church here to be very intentional about the future of the church and to make the best use of our time here. We have been setting themes to each month after prayer and consideration. In June we decided that the theme would be "purpose," with Pastor Derek, Preston and I each taking a Sunday to preach with this underlying theme in mind.

We have also started a weekly prayer night on Zoom. Because most of our congregation lives in different villages around the community, Zoom is the most convenient. The hope is that these home prayer meetings will grow into opportunities for home groups to start. We have also restarted the Sunday School program and Friday "Coffee Mornings" at the church. Coffee Mornings started as a charity where people donated to the cost of the coffee for different charities throughout the UK, but a lot of churches offer free coffee mornings as a way to open to the community.

I was also blessed this month to join the Northern District Ladies on a prayer walk around the City of Aberdeen. Aberdeen is third largest city in Scotland and it has been a city that has been prayed over for revival many times. A couple of months before we arrived, a couple with their two children started AIMing in Aberdeen and God has been doing incredible things. We will be joining them for their first "service," on July the 18th.



Fun Stuff

We were blessed to celebrate so many things this month. We began the month by celebrating our pastor's anniversary. I baked a cake for us to have with tea after service. We also celebrated our own anniversary (5 years!) and our pastor's wife's birthday. I got to take her to Aberdeen, along with Melissa and Kim (both fellow AIMers) for a day full of birthday surprises.