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# NEWSLETTER

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August marked our final month in Scotland, a month filled with both challenge and encouragement. Early in the month, we attended a portion of the UPCGBI general conference in Llandudno, Wales, where we were greatly strengthened by the fellowship and ministry. We had the honor and opportunity to meet Bro. Harrod and discuss some possible next steps.

Upon returning to Aberdeen, we participated in the camp meeting of the church that has been central to our focus since the beginning of our journey—mentioned in every newsletter. Around 400 people attended, representing 11 churches across the UK. I had the opportunity to meet the founder of this organization and engage in meaningful discussion with him and other leaders about the essential truth of baptism in Jesus' name. While he ultimately rejected it, I know the conversation was a seed that needed to be planted.



## MONTH OF AUGUST

The next evening, he preached a pointed message on the necessity of believing in a triune God and that baptism was works. My family and I were seated on the front row among 400 saints and pastors. Though the message was delivered strongly, the overall response from the congregation was muted. In the days that followed, many individuals with whom we've built personal connections reached out, expressing discomfort with what they had experienced in that service. A Nigerian minister in the church approached me and said, *"I believe what you believe... baptism is for salvation, and it must be in the name of Jesus!"* Also, several pastors' wives who had not met my wife during the camp meeting but were there have since connected with her on Facebook, which we believe indicates a growing spiritual curiosity. Truly, God is not finished with this fellowship.

We remain deeply connected to this church, the individuals within it, and the apostolic family who are awaiting our return. I was able to teach a Bible study to the family of the apostolic lady we met within the congregation, including her backslidden son. I also baptized her daughter in the name of Jesus. This daughter is actively involved in the church and feels the call of ministry. She recognized the need for Jesus' name baptism and courageously made the decision knowing her church's stance. Glory to God!

This lady who is Sister Liberty, has been openly and unapologetically Apostolic since our arrival. She had prayed for 18 years for a UPC church. She faithfully attended this trinitarian work and was faithful and involved but she never opened up to them the truth of what she knows about doctrine however since we came, she rose up in power to be a witness. She knows God is doing something great! Her husband has also recently returned to God. She continues to influence her circle of friends who attend this church, many of whom have begun asking questions about doctrine. They have shared with her—and with us—that they feel something different when my wife and I minister. We are humbled by this and confident that God is moving in Aberdeen. We believe, with faith and love, that the vision God gave us has placed us with an apostolic family that will serve as the foundation for many more apostolic families in this city.



During our time in Aberdeen, we also connected with a Mandarin-speaking congregation, The True Jesus Church, which believes in the oneness of God, baptism in Jesus' name for salvation, and receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in other tongues. They practice some distinct traditions, such as infant baptism and keeping a strict Saturday Sabbath. They invited us to a Bible study, and since we look for every opportunity, we attended. It was a rich discussion, and we were told we had given them much to think about—particularly when we brought up Romans 14 and the principle of Christian liberty. This congregation is mostly a “born into it” fellowship and isn't often challenged, so the conversation was especially meaningful. The pastor and I developed a friendship, and he expressed appreciation for the amicable discussion. He reached out the next day, asking to stay connected while we are in Canada and to continue the friendship when we return. He told me he had never heard some of the things that we had discussed and that he was looking into it further.

We wrapped up our Wednesday Starbucks Bible studies and will stay connected to them through zoom.

In our final week, ministry friends and faithful supporters from Canada visited us. Their encouragement and generosity blessed us immensely, and we were able to enjoy Scotland in a new and refreshing way before departing.

As we prepare to return to Canada, we carry a deep and growing burden for Aberdeen, Scotland—far greater than when we first arrived. We look ahead with faith to the next steps in this global mission, trusting that God is directing the path before us.

We give special thanks to the whole team at Global Missions, Bro. Poitras, Bishop Kelley for his burden and beckoning, and Sis. Rachel Zehm for patiently answering our constant questions!

We look forward to continuing our relationship with you all.

The whole Gospel to the whole world

With love from Aberdeen,

The Cletheroes

