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Pictured Left: Scottish District Ministers

February was a month of breakthroughs for Aberdeen! We began Bible study with Mary, who is so hungry to know God and His Word. We were also blessed to attend the Scottish District Conference in Glasgow. Jeremiah assisted the worship team by playing bass guitar during the evening services, and we were able to join in planning and praying for continued growth of the UPC of GB&I across Scotland. It was powerful to witness the unity of the district and to share meaningful fellowship together.

Pictured Above: Jeremiah playing bass guitar at District Conference

While in Glasgow, the city was also hosting a Europa League playoff match between Scotland's Celtic and Germany's Stuttgart. We quickly learned just how serious football is in Scotland as police on horseback, on foot, and in vehicles escorted fans to the stadium to prevent clashes—particularly given the long-standing rivalry between Celtic (historically Catholic) and Rangers (historically Protestant) supporters.

Pictured Below: Police escort for the soccer game

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Pictured Above: Feb 8th, a patch of blue sky was sighted in Aberdeen!

On February 12th, we even saw a breakthrough in the clouds, ending Aberdeen's longest stretch without sunshine—21 days (January 21st–February 12th)—since records began in 1957. The heavy rainfall during that period caused significant flooding in the area, though the waters are now subsiding.

Pictured Below: Joelle enjoying the flood waters at the park

Scottish Word: Dreich (Dreek)
Definition: weather that is gloomy, cold, wet, grey, and miserable

Example: This dreich weather made perfect napping conditions for our local seal.

We are continuing to build relationships within our community—Jeremiah through a local chess club, and Jen through a local charity and with our neighbors—and we are believing that after all the physical rain, every seed we have been sowing will take root.