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Prayer Request

- Souls to be saved, baptized, and discipled
- For our supporting churches.
- For Sarah's outreach with the local mums
- For Open Door Baptist Church and it's growth
- For us as we reach out to our neighbors and witness to them
- > To find a more permanent building for services
- > For our Visa Renewal in August 2020.
- For wisdom for our leaders as they make decisions that are best for the country.
- > For health and safety of our church and family.
- For new online ministries to reach the lost and to encourage those who are saved.

Greeting

Dear Pastor & Church family, Full lockdown is still in effect in Scotland, but ministry is still being accomplished. We thank God for his comfort and protection.

Ministry News

Even after switching to live stream only, the church continues to grow. We have new folks tuning in weekly for Sunday and Wednesday services. I've been in contact with them and one man joined in our weekly zoom church fellowship. God is good!

We were trying to think of ways to connect with the young people in the church, so we started making, "Sunday School Singalongs" and sharing them on social media. They love watching them and singing along with us. We also were able to do some zoom youth



activities with scavenger hunts, name that tune, and trivia game nights. It has been great to stay in connection with the whole church

throughout this pandemic.

We have also reached out to the missionary families in the UK (Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland) and had a fellowship meeting with the adults and had zoom quiz and scavenger hunts with the kids. It was a blessing and we hope to do more in the future. As people are social distancing, I do find that they are wanting to talk even to total strangers. When I go out for essential shopping, I always find a few people to chat with and invite to online services. They are always courteous to receive the tract, but we will only know the true effects in eternity.

Family

Sarah continues to homeschool the girls and accomplish spring cleaning the house. Many tasks have been accomplished, but there is always something more to do.

Madelyn has enjoyed the zoom quiz and scavenger hunts with the church kids. She

misses being able to see them each week. **Katelyn** also misses her church friends. After finishing a zoom call, she cried because she didn't get a chance to say goodbye to all of them.

Jocelyn is a conversationalist. She won't be three until December, but she will find any opportunity to ask a question or even to tell us about what has happened throughout the day.

Gracelyn is almost 11 months now. She is crawling everywhere she can. She can pull herself up and does well with keeping up with the girls.

Praises

There is so much to be thankful for and we praise God for his faithfulness. I'm encouraged to see our church people tune into each service and express how each message has been a blessing. I've truly enjoyed the zoom fellowships with the church and also with the missionaries throughout the week. I'm so glad our family is staying healthy physically and mentally while in isolation. We are anticipating the day



when we can open the church again. It's been trial and error when it comes to our livestream services. I'm thankful we can

share God's Word with people we might never have encountered if all this hadn't taken place.

Closing

I want to thank all of you for your faithful prayer and support for us! We pray the Lord blesses your churches and that they might grow and not retreat. I'm so glad that you have trusted God and continued to be faithful to Him. We look forward to the next time we see one another again!

In Christ,
The Demastus Family
Your Missionaries to Scotland