

# THE DEMASTUS FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS IN SCOTLAND

...and how shall they *hear*  
without a *preacher?*  
Romans 10:14



## BIMI

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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 us as we reach out to our neighbours and witness to them.
- 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 will be for sale before August 2024.
- Monthly youth activities
- For more labourers in the church.
- Volunteers within our church to start assisting in areas of ministry.
- Graham Gray who is recovering from a recent stroke.
- Ben & Lisa Tabberer who experienced the tragedy of a stillborn birth.
- Evelyn's time in Scotland and for her as she seeks God's will for her life.

### Greeting

Dear Fellow Labourers,  
Another eventful month with our family and the ministry in Aberdeen, Scotland. We are thankful for the opportunities that God gives.

### Ministry News

We are so thankful for our church family picking up in areas of ministry while Sarah and I worked on balancing a new baby in our household. Though it'll still take more time, it is nice to know that there are those willing to stand in the gap.

Easter Sunday was a blast! We had choir and specials, Easter quiz, egg hunt, and the preaching and celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in each of our classes. A visiting couple loved the service and it gave me an opportunity to visit them the following week. The wife gave her testimony, but the husband painted a picture of religion his whole life but it wasn't personal. I gave the gospel, but he only responded with "everyone knows the story." I connected with the wife the next week about concern for her husband's spiritual security in Christ and she informed me that I wasn't invited back. I thought she would be glad that someone cared for her husband, but she desired rather for him to be left alone. Pray for this couple that the husband would get saved and the wife would have her eyes opened to the truth of God's Word.

Graham is still undergoing rehabilitation, but is in good spirits. He celebrated his 37th spiritual birthday on 5th April and has made it a point to let all the nurses know. He still tells me at each visit that he has a message to preach when he returns to church. Praying for his recovery.

We travelled to a fellow missionary's church to hear a study on Baptist History. It was enlightening to hear the history on the Waldensians. The church enjoyed it.

We had our monthly youth connect this past Sunday. With great weather and uplifted spirits, we had a wonderful time together. Continue to pray for these young people. One of the kids told me yesterday that they enjoy coming to our church because we actually care. I reminded her that it is the abundant love of God that makes it possible.

The Lord blessed our family with a new van.

(2015 Peugeot Tepee - 9 seater) We now have adequate space and the kids love it.

### Family

**Sarah** is doing great! She returned to church on Easter Sunday. She loves her church and is always seeking to be more involved.

**Madelyn (9)** just finished reading through the book of Genesis. She said she learned so much that she was excited to start Exodus.

**Katelyn (7)** chose to read I Kings recently. She said she enjoyed reading about so many different kings and the prophet Elijah.

**Jocelyn (6)** asks me each day if it is Friday yet. She said it's the day that Aunt Evelyn tells scary stories on the trampoline. They love her.

**Gracelyn (4)** and Richy have been getting up extra early with the sun rising. It's not a bother except for when they pound on our door because of a disagreement between them.

**Richard III (2)** loves his brother. Not only does he protect him at home, but fends off people at church that come too close.

**Oliver** is 6 weeks old. He wakes up a few times in the night but goes back to sleep quickly after he's fed. He is quite aware during the day. I love when he smiles at us.

### Building Project

We have raised around \$175,000 so far for the South St Nicholas building. No finalised price yet. We know they have a meeting on 21st April and will vacate the premises on 21st July. We hope to get informed soon. The plan is still to raise \$200,000 for the property. We have a couple fundraisers planned for this year. We will keep everyone informed if we hear any news on the building before the next prayer letter is sent out.

Keep in mind the BIMI connect group in August 16-26, 2024. Come join us! You can find "Connect Scotland" at <https://www.bimi.org/connect/home.php>.

### Closing

Thank you all for your continued prayer and support for our family and ministry. As we make plans this summer, we are doing it with our sights set on having this permanent facility. Continue to pray for God's leading in our lives and ministry.

In Christ,  
The Demastus Family