

SCOTLAND FOR THE LORD
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Polly received her tissue test results yesterday. **The surgeons got it all** – she has another ten days of healing time, then a three weeks follow-up course of daily radiology (down from the previous five week expectation). Polly was a good patient – she behaved herself and followed the medical instructions.
Polly’s verdict, “I’ll be as good as new”

Our evening home studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays – based on the DVD series “*That the World May Know*” by Ray Vander Laan - are really making an impact. The DVDs flesh out the basic skeletal knowledge of those studying - of the life styles of Biblical characters within their cultures and with geographical explanations of where the events occurred. The whole series was made on sites in Israel and the visuals are stunning

Our Wednesday noontime Bible study at *Starbucks* has just concluded a yearlong study of the Gospel of John. Each of the study participants have now to suggest which book they wish to study – and give their reasons for their choice.



On the Sunday 24th January we attended the AM service at Glenrothes to meet a brother and sister in Christ, whom Maurice had not seen for some thirty years - Jan Korsten and his wife Karen. Jan Korsten is now an elder at the Weltevreden Park church in Roodepoort – to the west of Johannesburg. Werner Korsten, a member of the Glenrothes congregation, is Jan and Karen’s son. Maurice, when working with the Pinetown congregation – near Durban - used to do work for Neels Korsten, Jan’s brother. It was great to catch up with the growth news of the church in South Africa. While studying at The Southern Africa Bible School (now College) in the 1970’s Maurice preached some of his first sermons at Weltevreden Park – they have since forgiven him.



Group photo of Cumbernauld youth weekend



The Perth contingent

Over the weekend 29th – 31st January we supplied some of the back-up work for the Cumbernauld church youth retreat. This was held at a youth hostel lodge on the banks of Loch (Lake) Lomond. Despite the stark winter climate the scenery was still a vivid reminder of God's beautiful creation. The rough man made roads leading to the Lodge provided some painful contrast. Five of the Perth church youth club went to the retreat – their first experience of the lessons and activities that were held. Their verdict, "Can we go next time too?"

On Saturday, 9th January we took Norma Pearson, a member of the Perth congregation, to a church social hosted by the Motherwell congregation. The look on her face was worth travelling a thousand miles to see when she sat down and found her brother sitting behind her. At the breaks we left the two of them to catch up with their news that spanned several years.

Norma is a student of one of our evening class whom we teach in her own home. With roads being washed away or closed, because of serious flooding, successful travelling to such studies has been difficult. We have always managed to find a way through the maze of country roads on the twenty-odd miles journey – except once. We were stopped one mile short of her home by a couple who had found that their Land Rover vehicle could not get through the water. The last time Maurice had driven in such conditions was during the 1984 aftermath of the devastation caused by Tropical Storms Demoina and Imbuia – upcountry in KwaZulu/Natal, South Africa, and in Swaziland.

We feel so privileged that so many prayers have been offered up on behalf of Polly by so many people in so many places – and so blessed that they have been answered by God. We have given our thanks to God – and we give you all our heartfelt "thank you" for the loving concern you have shown to us.

We greet you with love,
In the name of our Saviour Jesus, the Christ.

Maurice & Polly Charlton