



Scotland for the Lord April, 2016

Polly has completed her period of daily Radiotherapy treatment at Nine Wells Hospital in Dundee. No problems have surfaced and her last check-up will be 13 May. However, now she is not travelling to Dundee every Monday to Friday she flew to Jersey (in the Channel Islands - not south of the Hudson River) to take a break to visit her eldest son and family whom she had not been able to see for the last six years (I think the two growing grandchildren was also a magnet).

Our weekly Wednesday Coffee House (*Starbucks*) Bible study continues with our small group as well as the Tuesday and Thursday home studies with two of our ladies from our Perth congregation. With the new school term starting, Maurice is now teaching the teenagers (several of whom are attending our Sunday worship service) while Polly continues with the youngest in the Youth Club. Scott now takes the middle group – they need someone who can keep up with their energy levels. We are also travelling to Glenrothes on a Friday evenings to study, with Bert and Isobel Surgeon, the DVD series “*That the World May Know.*” We also travelled to Glenrothes and Cumbernauld, on different nights, with Norma and Annette, and two of the Youth Club teenagers, to support the seminars being conducted by Steve Diggs from Nashville, Tennessee.

To finish of a hectic week we attended the annual “Social” hosted by the Kirkcaldy congregation on Saturday, 9 April, where good teaching and fellowship are given and received. Our teenagers loved it.



On the Wednesday, 13 April, we travelled to Runcorn – between Manchester and Liverpool – to meet up with a very special brother in Christ, Lawrence Okorafor. Lawrence was the Best man at our wedding, and we were his witnesses at the ceremony where he received his British Citizenship. Her Majesty the Queen’s representative The High Sheriff, and the deputy Lord Mayor and Mayoress were the officials. (You don’t believe we have a High Sheriff ?– we had a Sheriff of Nottingham who chased Robin Hood around the country @1200 AD - long before the “West was Won”). Lawrence is now engaged in research



work using his Masters degree in ‘Micobio-
something or other. It was a great day for a man
who, on the death of his parents, worked long
and hard to provide the funding to pay the
university fees for his three younger brothers.
Having live in Newcastle upon Tyne (*Geordie*),
Oban (*Scottish*), Glasgow (*Glaswegian*) or
Liverpool (*Scouse*), Lawrence is undecided as to which *dialect* he is to cultivate.

Scott has now moved from Cumbernauld – from his family home and congregation – and moved into an apartment/flat here in Perth. Everyone from the Perth congregation turned out to help in ‘all and every way.’ His mom was relieved that he had local help at hand if he needed it – I think every mom has to be assured and reassured when their sons in the mid-twenties leave home.

The Glenrothes congregation now has a great audio-visual system installed in their building. Most of the costs were raised by Stephen Aitken who did a sponsored swim. Nothing unusual about that – except that Stephen is wheelchair bound and has severe physical handicaps. He swam his mile in four sessions. A sister in Christ from Altus, Oklahoma, Joyce Cypert, who we met on several campaigns with the Northwest congregation in Lawton, OK, gave us a donation of several hundred dollars for the work in Scotland. We, in turn, gave it to this project.



We look forward to our trip to the States on the 19th May and we will be there for 5 weeks and hope to see as many of you as possible. We offer our thanks to our Lord for our sponsoring congregation at Hermleigh, TX, our supporting and partnering congregations and friends. Also, for your love for the Lord’s work together with your love, encouragement and prayers for our involvement in His work in Scotland.

May our Lord bless you and keep you all in His bounteous care.

Maurice and Polly Charlton