



SCOTLAND FOR THE LORD JULY 2017

The church is a wonderful world-wide family and, while mission trips are fairly common, our small congregation in Perth shouts across the miles a great big “THANK YOU” to the ‘family’ of sixteen Senior A.I.M. who arrived June 7th, from S.I.B.I in Lubbock, West Texas, to encourage us so much. Sharing time between Glenrothes and Perth entailed the group with much shuttling between the two congregations. The group’s stamina was such that the old adage, “When the going gets tough – the tough get going,” was spoken of them more than once. The various lessons that they taught were well received and so relevant in today’s world. Harold and Betty Romine were voted the couple that the Perth youth group would most like to have as ‘extra’ grand-parents.



The SAIM Group at Glenrothes



The Buford Group at the 'Kelpies'

Our second group from Buford, Georgia, arrived less than a week after S.A.I.M. returned to the U.S.A. The group of 3 adults and twelve late teens/early twenties came to do a H.B.S., during the local school holidays, with some of our regular Wednesday evening youth group. The Perth congregation also sends a big “THANK YOU” to Buford congregation for sending such a group for the last four

years – the first year to “prospect” the town. These young people wore themselves to a near standstill - with wanting to cram in as much as they could in their allotted time here.

These two visits helped a young lady to reach a decision on which she had studied over the last year. Abbie Ramsey, 14 years, was baptized in the River Tay near her home. Abbie lives in the apartment below us and has been taught by Scott and Maurice. Her Mum, Lynn, and 5 year old sister Ava, witnessed the baptism and were very moved by Abbie’s decision. Polly has been able to talk to Lynn about the church on occasion – and we have also answered questions from Abbie’s granddad (he ‘approved’ of the bible answers we sent back to him).



On Saturday, 15th July, Scott and 6 of our Perth youth group, including Abbie, left for a week at *Camp Heatherbell* – north of Glasgow. There, the week’s program(me) is a proven mix of study, games, time for their questions to be asked and answered, fellowship and time-out where the young people attending feel no pressure of worldly standards.

Our bible studies on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday noontimes at Starbucks continue, while the Thursday evening studies at Newtyle will continue after the school holidays.

We have had a couple of ‘guest’ song leaders at our Sunday services – as Maurice’s vocal cords are not yet fully under control and can range between three octaves – in one word. Even Steve Limb has been cajoled into song leading for his first time – much to his family’s delight.

We are planning a visit to our sponsoring congregations and supporters sometime in the early New Year. We again praise you all for your love of the Lord and by extension of us in His work.

Maurice and Polly