



SCOTLAND FOR THE LORD MAY 2017

Greetings from Perth in 'Bonnie' Scotland.

Since our last newsletter we have had a helter-skelter time. To sort out some family business Maurice needed to make a trip to Johannesburg – Qatar Airways. Eight and a half hours flight from Edinburgh to Doha (in the Persian Gulf). This was followed by another eight and a half flight from Doha to Johannesburg. It was good to stay in Benoni at a family Guest House and Spa that was owned by Maureen Anderson (nee Tonkin) and husband. Maurice had known Maureen and her family since the early 1970's and it was good to catch up with the family news. After some aggressive handling by ABSA Bank, and then SANLAM personnel, over the next few days, the return flights beckoned - 2 X 8½ hours back to Edinburgh.

Whether it was the travelling, or something else, Maurice went down with a further prolonged bout of asthma - which eventually caused him to be 'grounded' with all necessary medication, and monitoring, until yesterday (2 June). With his voice wobbling, breath shortages and the coughing he couldn't lead any singing at worship services. He did manage to preach when scheduled – but the aftermath was a complete loss of vocal sound. However, he is now on the mend.

Polly took over teaching our Bible Studies with our congregation's individual ladies – with Scott and Steve, ably assisted in other aspects of the Perth congregational work, by some younger men from the Cumbernauld congregation.



A thank you card from a young lady called Chloe



Wilson from Glenrothes visiting the youth club

The visit of the Senior Adventures in Ministry team from Sunset International Bible Institute starts with the arrival on Tuesday 6th June, with Harold and Betty Romine who will be arriving from Eastern Europe. The rest of the group arrive on the next day, Wednesday. The preparation is keeping us busy in the run up to their arrival.



The church in Perth now meets at a different location – in the *North Inch Community Campus*. There are more facilities available - and the very helpful staff members have made us very welcome.

With Polly acting as chauffeuse, we have visited several congregations in the last three weeks to hand out our fliers for the SAIM lessons and to introduce our guest speakers. The local men, and of those of the group, will be using the Kirkcaldy church building, probably for the last time, as the building has been sold. The congregation has been in this town since the 18th century - and celebrated the 200 years anniversary of appointing its first elders in 1998. Alexander Campbell visited in 1847 and stayed in the homes of congregation members. Alas, times are changing. The smaller building, to which the congregation will move to, will be the fourth building they have had in their history.



Our new to us bus.



Visiting the Falkirk congregation evening service

Thanks again for all the support and prayers you give to the work in Perth
In the service of Christ
Maurice and Polly Charlton