



SCOTLAND FOR THE LORD

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Phew. Record temperatures, no rain, a proposed hose-pipe ban and record ice-cream sales -- this for Scotland boggles the mind. Yet we are humbled by reports coming in from other parts

of the world – especially the devastation and deaths caused by the California fires. Today it is raining – and people are walking into the centre of Perth with smiles on their faces.

The group from the Buford, Atlanta congregation arrived on schedule and we had the two youngest of the teenage girls staying in our home. We began with a barbeque, in a park, for our congregation – together with children attending our V.B.S. and those of their parents who could attend. Most of the children paddled in the stream that flows through the park – with not a few adults feeling the need to do the same. The youngsters still played their game of soccer and other energetic games. From beneath the shade of trees we adults,



still felt exhausted watching them. Fun and bonding for all who attended.



After the daytime V.B.S. our gospel evenings were well supported by members of the
Cumbernauld,
Clarkson,
Livingston,



Falkirk, Tranent and East Kilbride congregations.

Our few Perth ladies made and supplied all the ‘goodies’ to set up our travellers for their journeys home. After the Buford group had

toured north to the Highlands, Loch Ness and Inverness they still had juice in their batteries. After service on Sunday 8th July the group then travelled east and south to St. Andrews (home of Golf) and then to Edinburgh. We said our goodbyes to them on the following day at Glasgow airport as they left for America.

Life then resumed at a slightly slower pace with our Wednesday Bible studies at the *Blend Coffee Shop* and our various studies with members of the congregation. Our Wednesday Youth Club could not meet in the Goodlyburn Primary School as all schools were all closed for the summer holidays – but will resume on 15 August.



The week long Camp Heatherbell for teenagers, hosted by the Cumbernauld congregation, was a great success – with our Abbie and Grace from Perth having a great week of study, games, devotionals and lots of fun. Maurice and Polly were ‘press-ganged’ to be judges of the talent show on the final evening. We made friends with Liam’s Mum and Gran who found themselves stranded at the camp site because of road closures due to road works. We took them home to Glasgow by a round-about route.

We took the opportunity to take some of our church widows for an afternoon outing to a beauty spot at *The Falls of Dochart*, at Killin. We enjoyed it as much as they did. We also took the opportunity to travel to Melton Mowbray with a sister in Christ, who is wheelchair bound, to see her two grand-children. She could never have made the trip by public transport. We then travelled to Coventry to see Maurice’s sister who has some health problems. We then moved on to Stoke-on-Trent to see Polly’s son Alex. Then it was the reverse trip to collect our passengers. Just under a 1000 miles round trip from the Wednesday 1st to Saturday 4th August.

Well that’s all for this newsletter as we prepare for the new school year and all our classes starting again, with a little extra work as Scott our co-worker will be off to the USA for his report back to his supporters. We are all still praying for another couple to replace us so that we can be more of a supporting role. Looking forward to seeing you all possibly over the New Year

Thanks again for all your prayers and your support for the work here in Scotland. May God continue to bless you all.

Maurice and Polly.