Christmas Greetings!

This letter comes to you with our best wishes for the Christmas season. It's always good to remember the Saviour and at this time of year we love to remember the Nativity as the Saviour came into the world. In Luke 1:46 Mary says, "my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" and it's good for us to follow in her footsteps.









As this year has progressed we have been able to enjoy several trips away. These enabled us to catch up with relatives and various friends in the north of Scotland and in Spain while we enjoyed some rest and relaxation. Covid still had its part to play as Marion caught it once, Douglas caught it twice, and Marion briefly came out of retirement to vaccinate against it.

Marion is still enjoying retirement although she works hard looking after grandchildren after school on two days per week and at other ad hoc times, sits on the Children's Panel twice a month, serves with the Glasgow Street Pastors on a four-weekly cycle, helps at Dimity Street Church Toddlers, and is heavily involved in the Lady's Bible Study every week. Marion still enjoys gardening, crochet and knitting when she has the time.



Douglas continues working with The Open-Air Mission and passed the milestone of 25 years of service. A lovely picture of Tissington was presented to him while in Tissington for the Well

Dressings outreach. This was particularly appropriate as it was the very first team event which Douglas was on in May 1997. Other OAM trips this year have taken him into England to Carlisle, Newcastle, Ripon, Tinshill, Leeds, Manchester, Lichfield, Bath, and twice to both Leicester and Northampton. He also had a trip to



N. Ireland as well as visiting numerous places around Scotland.



Rachel is still teaching while Bobby has been busy with his property care business. Daniel (8) and Rebecca (6) are settled at school and both attend various clubs which they really enjoy. Daniel seems to be developing skills in





football as part of that. Bobby's nephew **Tyler** joined the Navy and we were both privileged to attend his Passing Out Parade in Plymouth. Shortly afterwards Tyler was involved in the Royal Funeral as the Navy pulled the gun carriage through London.



Andrew changed his job and left Barclay's Bank to work for Jaguar Land Rover. Since he's working from his garden office the working conditions haven't changed much! Jill has given up her regular hours with Inverclyde Youth For Christ to spend more time at home but she will continue to do some project work with them. Samuel (3) is thoroughly enjoying life and is in the process of starting at Early Years (Nursery to old folk like me!). Jacob (1) is crawling at great speed and enjoys doing all the things that little people do. He particularly likes singing!



May the Lord bless you over Christmas and into the New Year of 2023!

Marion

Pray for Douglas Young

	January 2023	
9	Albert Hall Ev Ch, Renfrew	Ladies Meeting
10	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
11	Ayr	Open-Air
12	GLO Centre, Motherwell	Training Session with students
15	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Children's Event
17	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
18	Ayr	Open-Air
19	Glasgow	Open-Air
20	Paisley	Open-Air
22	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Children's Event
23-25	Yarnfield, Staffordshire	F.E.W. Conference
26	Glasgow	Open-Air
29	Dimity Street Church	All Age Service Morning
	Gospel Hall, Blackburn, Midlothian	Family Service Afternoon
30	Sorn Primary School	Assembly
31	Yoker Ev Ch, Glasgow	Ladies Meeting

	February 2023		
1	Ayr	Open-Air	
2	Glasgow	Open-Air	
3	Paisley	Open-Air	
5	HMP Barlinnie	Bible Class	
6	Darvel Primary School	Assembly	
7	Kilmarnock	Open-Air	
8	Ayr	Open-Air	
9	Glasgow	Open-Air	
14	Kilmarnock	Open-Air	
15	Ayr	Open-Air	
16	Glasgow	Open-Air	
17	Paisley	Open-Air	
20	Sorn Primary School	Assembly	
	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Children's Club	
21	Kilmarnock	Open-Air	
22	Ayr	Open-Air	
23	Glasgow	Open-Air	
27-28	Study Leave		

	March 2023	
1-3	Study Leave	
5-10	Bethel Evangelical Church, Ripon	Bible Exhibition
13-15	Northampton	OAM Supporters Conference
16	Glasgow	Open-Air
17	Paisley	Open-Air
20	Darvel Primary School	Assembly
21	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
22	Ayr	Open-Air
23	Glasgow	Open-Air
24	Kirkcaldy	Open-Air
27	Sorn Primary School	Assembly
28	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
29	Ayr	Open-Air
30	Glasgow	Open-Air
31	Falkirk	Open-Air