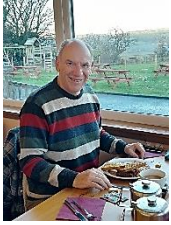


Christmas Greetings 2023!

Douglas & Marion Young, 6 Westfield, Kilbirnie, KA25 7EF

Let me begin by sending you our best wishes for the Christmas season. Our first Christmas card this year arrived by post in October, so perhaps you feel this is a bit late! It's good to know that when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons (Galatians 4:4).



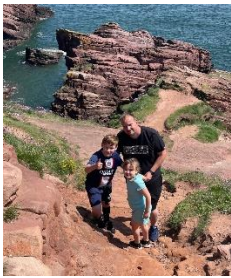
As we look back over the past year we are grateful to God for many things. There have been several little health concerns but we're happy to report that none of these has turned out to be particularly serious. One of these was that Douglas is pre-diabetic so he has reduced his sugar intake considerably. This has resulted in some serious weight loss!

Douglas has had some excellent encouragements as several people have begun to show an interest in open-air evangelism in various locations around Scotland. This has involved him in several trips to Edinburgh, and some trips to Dumfries in the south and Dingwall in the north are anticipated next year to give some guidance and help to those who are starting. Meanwhile, the regular round of local towns and cities is still being covered and he has been on six of The Open-Air Mission team events as well as having a couple of weeks of Bible Exhibitions and two Youth Camps at Teen Ranch. He is still involved in Barlinnie Bible Class and just this month has started a new activity as he's beginning to get involved with Wheels in Motion – a Christian Charity in Ayr which helps those who are less fortunate than ourselves by providing a hot drink and a bag of food on a weekly basis.

Marion is busy collecting grandchildren from school, taking our youngest grandson to Gym Joeys – an exercise class for toddlers, sitting on the Children's Panel, assisting with Mums and Tots and a Ladies Bible Study at church, as well as keeping the house in order as she looks after Douglas! Her involvement with Glasgow Street Pastors has changed as she has just swapped her duties from pounding the streets to working in the Safe Zone. She is still doing some deputation meetings for them. She still enjoys knitting and crochet, and is teaching Rebecca how to knit. She has also put a lot of effort in the garden this year and is proud of her produce!



Marion enjoyed a week at the Keswick Convention with some friends. Douglas also went to a residential conference with the Fellowship of Evangelistic Workers. Together we enjoyed The Open-Air Mission Supporters Conference and Family Conference as well as time away in the caravan in the north of



Scotland, some time in the Canary Islands, and occasional days out. We are blessed to live in a beautiful part of the world with amazing scenery less than an hour's drive from home. We also had a family weekend in Arbroath with our children and grandchildren. We stayed in three flats, all within the same building and overlooking the harbour. We had a great time walking along the cliffs and around the harbour. The children lifted stones from the beach and painted them. We also had a family day out at Wanlockhead where there is a disused lead mine and museum. Most of us opted to take the tour down the mine – any excuse to wear a hard hat!



Rachel has agreed to work full time at school and Bobby is still running the Property Care business. Daniel (9) and Rebecca (7) are full of life and great fun. Daniel still plays football, has started his own business cutting grass, and is learning to play the chanter. Rebecca does dancing & drama and recently joined the Brownies. Tyler is doing well in the Navy and is on his first deployment.



Andrew is still doing something with computer programmes for Jaguar Land Rover from his garden office, and Jill is a full time stay-at-home mum and does various techie things for church. Samuel (4) is enjoying being at Early Years and Jacob (2) just enjoys everything! They all love playing with the train set!



May the Lord bless you over Christmas and into the New Year of 2024!

Douglas *Marion*

December 2023

Pray for Douglas Young

January 2024		
7	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	All Age Service
8	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
10	Ayr	Open-Air
11	Glasgow	Open-Air
12	Dumfries	Training Session with Open-Air
16-18	Northampton	OAM Staff Conference
21	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Sunday@1 Children's Event
22-24	Yarnfield, Staffordshire	Fellowship of Evangelistic Workers Conference
25	Glasgow	Open-Air
26	Paisley	Open-Air
29	Kilmarnock Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Open-Air Monday Club Children's Event
31	Ayr	Open-Air

February 2024		
1	Brisbane Evangelical Church, Largs Glasgow	Men's Fellowship Open-Air
4	HMP Barlinnie	Bible Class
5	Kilmarnock Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Open-Air Monday Club Children's Event
6-13	Puerta de la Cruz	Study Leave & Holiday
14	Ayr	Open-Air
15	Glasgow	Open-Air
16	Paisley	Open-Air
17	Edinburgh	Training Session with Open-Air
19-23	Leek	Refresh of the Amazing Journey Bible Exhibition
26	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
28	Ayr	Open-Air
29	Glasgow	Open-Air

March 2024		
1	Paisley	Open-Air
3-8	Ripon	Amazing Acts Bible Exhibition
10	New Prestwick Baptist Church	Informal Gospel Meeting
11	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
13	Ayr	Open-Air
14	Glasgow	Open-Air
15	Kirkcaldy	Open-Air
18	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
20	Ayr	Open-Air
21	Glasgow	Open-Air
22	Falkirk	Open-Air
24	Kilnside Evangelical Church, Paisley	Family Service
25	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
27	Ayr	Open-Air
28	Glasgow	Open-Air
31	Kelty Evangelical Church	Easter Service

As always, these details are subject to change. It is likely that the rotas for Dimity Street Church and for Barlinnie Bible Class will include some dates for me that are not shown above. You would be welcome to join me at any of the open-air but please text/WhatsApp first to check the details and any late changes to the schedule. My number is 07515 435497.

Please keep on praying that as we engage in this spiritual battle that we would be kept safe, that the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ would be declared faithfully to the lost, that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of the blind to see this wonderful gospel, and that precious souls would be drawn to the Father through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.