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The past three months have been busier than ever. In the 91 days of April, May, and June, I spent 31 nights away from home – and that doesn't include the six nights holiday we had during that period.

April started with the OAM Family Conference where we were able to enjoy fellowship with others of like mind, and be refreshed with the ministry of God's word.

On Easter Sunday I was in Kelty, Fife, where I spoke to over 80 people in the Community Centre. There was a good cross section of ages from children to OAPs and good liberty in preaching. Several New Testaments were taken at the end and two families went to the regular Family Service in Kelty Evangelical Church the following week.

Another long drive was to Carlisle for an open-air and the Annual Report Meeting. The open-air was lively to say the least. Several people heckled during the preaching, some more aggressively than others!



When I offered John's Gospels at the end of my preaching session, so many were given out that our supply in the board (about 10) ran done and we gave away the Unique Jesus booklet instead. We did have more John's Gospels with us, it's just that they were not to hand at that point. A good number of people were spoken to individually and many booklets were handed to interested people. Pray for Graeme, my most aggressive heckler!

It was encouraging to note that we had about 200 more people at Tissington in comparison to last year and four of the six Well Dressings were of solid Biblical themes. We need another 300+ to reach pre-Covid levels but we are pleased the numbers are going in the right direction. There were some good conversations there too. Dorothy lives in the village and has had the gospel outlined to her on numerous occasions. I visited her (twice) in her home where she sat on her bed in the living room. She's been struggling with mobility issues for a couple of years now. As I was leaving she asked, "Will God hear the prayer of an old lady with dementia on her death bed?" I strongly advised her not to leave it that long. Please pray that she will trust the saviour while she can. Another interesting contact is Marie-Anne. She runs the craft fair in the Village Hall and after a long conversation last year about the gospel she came to visit us again this year and went in to watch our video – and hear the gospel message at the end.



It was good to be back on the streets of Inverness after a break of several years. After thunder with torrential rain on the Monday, we had four good open-airs in hot dry weather. Ideal for people to stop and listen to the preaching. Pray for Graham who heckled Tim McShane before talking with me for about an hour afterwards. Both Graham and his pal Liam showed a good interest in the gospel. Both accepted John's Gospels to read themselves.



During the Yorkshire week we had open-air in several towns. The outstanding contact of the week was Charlie who is an Irish RC, claims he cannot read, says his prayers every night, and only commits sins which are OK to commit! He spoke with another team member first, then we had a very long chat during which I recommended he should go on Sundays to the Baptist Church which was just around the corner from where we were standing. Interestingly, he said his wife has been encouraging him to go there every time they walk past it.

There were 50 young people from a Christian School at Teen Ranch. They enjoyed all the activities on offer and more importantly, they listened well at the 'Time Out' sessions. One wee fellow was so keen he wanted to speak at these meetings! It was a pleasure to lead devotions for the staff before breakfast each morning too.



About 400 children came to The Amazing Acts exhibition in Tinsill, Leeds. Each group had about 90 minutes to be guided round and hear the characters tell their story. They all participated well in the mimes, and the quiz at the end. What a wonderful opportunity to tell of the life-changing message preached by the early church. This was the first time I have used this exhibition since it was 'refreshed' during the Covid restrictions. I had to concentrate a bit more to remember what is on the updated boards.

Local open-air have been fruitful between the events. Some have been quite lively. Recently in Ayr we had a youngish woman shout at us. Her manner was aggressive and her language was foul. At one point she accused me of picking on women and I never spoke to any men. As I told her that most of the men I've spoken to were far more mannerly than she was, she wasn't pleased. Just then several men came over to me, one asked for a John's Gospel, another shook my hand and wished me well with my good work. There were three elderly ladies sitting on the bench listening to all of this and they also indicated their support for what we are doing. To the best of my knowledge, none of these people are Christians.

The photo on the right is of Tam preaching while Charles listens from the bench. Beside Charles is a man called John who greets us warmly on every visit to Ayr. John is still unsaved. Please pray for him.



As you'll see from the Prayer Diary, I am not away from home quite so much over the next few months, but I would still appreciate your prayers. This is a spiritual work and unless the Lord is building the house, we labour in vain. Thank you very much indeed for standing with us in prayer.

## Pray for Douglas Young

### July 2023

12	Ayr	Open-Air
13	Glasgow	Open-Air
16	HMP Barlinnie	Bible Class
17	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
19	Ayr	Open-Air
20	Glasgow	Open-Air
21	Paisley	Open-Air
23	Tarbolton	Open-Air and indoor Gospel Meeting
24	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
26	Ayr	Open-Air
27	Glasgow	Open-Air
28	Falkirk	Open-Air
31	Scottish Highlands	Caravan Holiday

### August 2023

1-12	Scottish Highlands	Caravan Holiday
14	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
16	Ayr Yoker Evangelical Church, Glasgow	Open-Air Deputation Meeting
17	Glasgow	Open-Air
18	Kirkcaldy	Open-Air
20	HMP Barlinnie	Bible Class
21	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
23	Ayr	Open-Air
24	Glasgow	Open-Air
25	Falkirk	Open-Air
27	Kelty - By Zoom	Evening Service
28	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
30	Ayr	Open-Air
31	Glasgow	Open-Air

### September 2023

3-8	Newcastle	OAM Team Event
11	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
13	Ayr	Open-Air
14	Glasgow	Open-Air
15	Paisley	Open-Air
17	Dalbeattie Baptist Church	Sunday Service
18	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
20	Ayr	Open-Air
21	Glasgow	Open-Air
22	Falkirk	Open-Air
23-29	Manchester	OAM Team Event

### October 2023

1	Bethany Evangelical Ch, Paisley	Family Service
2	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
4	Ayr	Open-Air
5	Glasgow	Open-Air