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We have much to give God thanks for in the first three months of this year. Most of our planned open-airs were able to go ahead in spite of it being winter. While the streets are considerably quieter in the cold weather, nevertheless, there are people who stop to have a conversation and some of these listen to the preaching for a while. The literature table still attracts people who stop to have a look. Once they are browsing the titles of the various booklets, it's time to gently wander across and enquire if they would like any help. It's at this point that people begin to talk and open up about their anxieties and fears, or perhaps their objections to the Bible or Christian morality.



During February and March I have had a young man called Daniel working alongside me. Daniel is a Trainee with OAM. The OAM Trainee Scheme provides opportunity for a young man to take a year to learn from those who have been on the road a long time. Over the year Daniel has been, or will be, involved in many of the OAM Team Events. Between times he is placed with one of the OAM Evangelists. During his two months with me he has been involved in preaching and contacting at open-airs, he's read the

scriptures in Barlinnie Prison Bible Class and in School Assemblies, taught a memory verse and conducted a quiz at Children's Clubs, and has given his testimony at a couple of Family Services. We trust that what he is learning will be a blessing to him and useful in future service.



It has also been a privilege for me to have three students from Tilsley College work with me in Glasgow on Thursday afternoons for their evangelism placements. It has been good to see progress as they have applied themselves to using the visual aids on the board and to interacting with the passing public. It was almost entertaining to hear one preach in his native Spanish while another interpreted into English but it certainly caught the ear of some and we trust

that the Lord will use all of this to bring precious souls to himself.



We had a full programme in Ripon with The Life of Jesus Workshop. Our first session was with the church folks themselves and then it was full on with school classes. Some of the school groups came to the church while at other times we took the equipment to the school and ran the workshop in the school. All of these sessions went to plan and it was great to see the interest shown by both pupils and teachers alike. The interest is growing with other schools in the area which gives us the dilemma of how to fit more in next year (DV). But it is exciting to see how well it is received. I have to acknowledge all the hard work put in by the local

believers as plans are made beforehand, schools are contacted and booked in, and then a team of helpers work enthusiastically together to make sure it all works well. Many of this team are "characters" who tell their own story of their interaction with Jesus. Mary telling of Jesus' birth, Peter talking about Jesus teaching, the bride at Cana waxing lyrical about the water that became the best wine, the woman at the well muses about meeting the Messiah, Nicodemus explains his nocturnal meeting with Jesus, Caiaphas commands attention as he pours out his frustrations about crowds following Jesus and confirms Jesus must be crucified, and finally the centurion describes the scene at the cross as darkness covers the land prior to Jesus calling out, "It is finished!" My role was simply to fill in the spaces and link the characters together.



The Bible Class at HMP Barlinnie has been encouraging in recent months as we have had up to 16 men plus prison officers. Attendance is often limited to 12 men in accordance with prison staff availability. We encourage the men to ask questions and several worthwhile discussions have ensued. Please pray for these men. I cannot give details but there are some who are clearly grappling with eternal issues and working out what the consequences of faith in Christ would mean for them on an ongoing basis. Most weeks you could hear the proverbial pin drop as they listen intently to the bible lesson.

Pray for Douglas Young

April 2023		
2	HMP Barlinnie	Bible Class
4-6	Northampton	OAM Family Conference
9	Kelty Evangelical Church	Easter Service
11-13	The Garden	Annual Leave
14	Carlisle Morton Park Gospel Hall, Carlisle	Open-Air Annual Report Meeting of OAM
16	HMP Barlinnie	Bible Class
17	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
19	Ayr	Open-Air
20	Glasgow	Open-Air
21	Falkirk	Open-Air
24-30	Leeds, Yorkshire	OAM Team Event

May 2023		
1-5	Inveraray	Annual Leave
7	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone HMP Barlinnie	Family Service Bible Class
10	Ayr	Open-Air
11	Glasgow	Open-Air
12	Paisley	Open-Air
15-24	Tissington, Derbyshire	Well Dressings Outreach
26	Falkirk	Open-Air
28	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Children's Event (with parents listening in 😊)
31	Ayr	Open-Air

June 2023		
1	Glasgow	Open-Air
2	Paisley	Open-Air
5	Darvel Primary School am Sorn Primary School pm	Assembly Assembly
6-9	Teen Ranch (near Dundee)	School Youth Camp
11	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	Family Service
12-16	Inverness	OAM Team Event
18	HMP Barlinnie	Bible Class
19	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
21	Ayr	Open-Air
22	Glasgow	Open-Air
23	Falkirk	Open-Air
25-30	Tinhill, Leeds	The Amazing Acts Bible Exhibition

July 2023		
3-7	Glasgow	OAM Team Event

Please pray for all of the above events. The OAM Team Events are typically a week of open-air in one city with a variety of church meetings scattered through the week. Tissington is different with the Well Dressings in the village. We run a multimedia presentation with a gospel message although it is also about Well Dressings. This is usually a good opportunity to speak to about 1800 people over the course of the week.