

# *The Northern Light*

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*November 2009*

**Missions Report from the Renwick Family in Aberdeen, Scotland**

## **Headline News**

### **Family News**

- Kristen’s dear friend, Tonia, came to stay with us to give us help and support
- David, Deborah, Abigail, & Anna Jane came to visit with us for the weekend
- Russell & Rachael hosted Thanksgiving for Tim & Ann Byers, Mum & Dad, David, Debs & family, and us, with all of the ladies contributing to the meal

### **Church News**

- Tim & Julia Clark hosted a bonfire & fireworks night for our church family
- John A. taught the young adults class & started a midweek class for our boys
- There was a Games Night at the building, and John A. organized the games

### **Outreach News**

- John A. continued to meet with Steven Glennie for their weekly Bible study
- We hosted our 3rd monthly Singing Evening, and we had 4 visitors this time
- The Outreach Group shared plans for our evangelistic efforts for all of 2010

### **Prayer Requests**

- Kristen to feel better physically, mentally & emotionally after a difficult time
- John A’s Dad to be strengthened, and successful, in his fight against cancer
- Ian & Barbara Starrs to receive the support they need to continue in the work
- Bible Studies... ‘Magic’ Cieslewicz, Steven Glennie, & Virginie DesChamps
- Visitors & Contacts... Barry, Betty, Dorothy, Carol, Lisa, Brian & Jennifer, Rod & Stephanie, Paul & Shona, Wullie & Catherine
- FriendSpeak readers... Almyra, Tomas, Irek, Jack, and Kristof
- Youth Club teenagers... Ashleigh, Helen, Connor, David, and Ross

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### **In Depth Report**

#### **Family News**

We are so thankful to feel support, even across the miles, and to know that dear friends have been praying for Kristen during this time that she has been unwell. One of our dearest friends, Tonia Davenport, took time off work and traveled all the way from Florida to help us. We thank God for her love and friendship, which have been a constant blessing to us. It was wonderful to spend time with her, and Tonia's help in taking care of the boys was invaluable, as was all her encouragement to Kristen. The past few months have been one of the most difficult periods in Kristen's life. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers.



*Auntie Tonia with Kristen, Brennan & Jonathan*

We also had a visit from David, Deborah, Abigail, & Anna Jane this month. They came to spend a weekend with us, and we thoroughly enjoyed our time together. We had a full house, and three days packed with activity! The Chapman family accompanied us to our church Games Night at the building, and David went with John Anthony the next day to our monthly Men's Breakfast. We also fit in a visit to the brand new Union Square Mall, and made time to take the children to a soft play center. Recent times, like this one, with family have been very important for all of us. Russell and Rachael Gaunt were gracious enough to host Thanksgiving at their house. John A's entire family is part of the Thanksgiving crowd, as are Tim and Ann Byers. Rachael made the turkey and side dishes, with all of the other ladies contributing appetizers, additional sides, or desserts. The meal was delicious, as always, and we enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship.

#### **Church News**

John Anthony was finally able to start the young adults' class for the new quarter. It took several weeks for every member of the class to actually be there on the same Sunday! He plans to work through the book of Acts, and to allow it to address vitally important doctrines for the church.

John Anthony also started a midweek Bible class for Brennan and Jonathan. They are the only two children in attendance on Wednesday nights. The boys did an excellent job of sitting, fairly quietly, through an adult Bible study lasting forty–five minutes (or more!) but it is much better to have something geared specifically for them. It is also beneficial for Kristen not just to have a break, but for her to have the opportunity to participate in an adult Bible class and be spiritually fed. We call our Wednesday night Bible class “King’s Kids” and are looking at foundational stories from Genesis. Brennan has looked forward to his “class with Daddy and Jonty” each week, and Jonathan has done well considering that some of what we do is way over his head!

Tim and Julia Clark hosted a bonfire and fireworks night at their house for the church. It has become an annual tradition that many people in our church family look forward to. The night for fireworks in Scotland is the 5th of November, known as Guy Fawkes Night. Tim did a great job with his own fireworks display and, Julia (with the help of the ladies of the congregation) laid on a delicious spread of food. It was a very enjoyable night of fellowship. Another excellent evening of fun and fellowship for the congregation came towards the end of the month, at our Games Night. We started with pizza for dinner and had a selection of desserts to follow. John Anthony had been asked to organize the games portion of the evening and kept us all busy playing for almost two hours! The evening was very relaxed, and everyone seemed to enjoy it.



*Kristen’s 3 boys watch fireworks with Tim & Ann*

## Outreach News

We hosted our third straight monthly Singing Evening, as an ongoing follow–up event from our campaign efforts earlier in the year. Once again we had excellent support with a good number of our own members in attendance. As a byproduct of this outreach effort, over time, we may improve our own congregational singing. However, the focus of these nights is an evangelistic effort, and we were thrilled to have four visitors with us this month. Betty and Dorothy were with us once again and have been present every time we have met, going back to the Singing Evening with Solus in August. Please pray that doors of opportunity will open for us to share the truth of God’s word with these two dear ladies, and indeed with any of the other visitors with us.

The Outreach group made plans for the churches evangelistic efforts for all of 2010. At the year end congregational meeting we shared our vision for the coming year. Our proposals and budget were approved by the congregation. We prayerfully anticipate a great year for the Lord’s work.

John Anthony continued his personal Bible study with Steven Glennie. They have been working their way through the gospel of John over the past five months, and the study seems to be going very well. Steven has been married to Emma, one of the young ladies in our congregation, for just over a year. Please pray for Steven as he continues to search out the truth of God's word.

## Prayer Requests

### FAMILY:

- Please pray for Kristen to feel better physically, mentally & emotionally and recover fully
- Please pray for JA's Dad to be strengthened, and successful, in his fight against cancer
- Please pray for both of us, for our marriage, for us as parents, for Brennan & for Jonathan
- Please pray for our ministry as we strive to build up the church and reach out to others

### CHURCH:

- Please pray for Ian & Barbara to receive the support they need to continue in this work
- Please pray for our young brother and sisters in Christ...Pieter, Stacey, and Agnieszka
- Please pray for our struggling and absent members...Jim and Kath
- Please pray for the unity of our church family and for our outreach work in the city

### OUTREACH:

- Please pray for those involved in ongoing Bible studies... Magic, Steven, and Virginie
- Please pray for those we are working with in our FriendSpeak ministry, and pray for new contacts for us to work with...Almyra, Tomas, Irek, Jack & Agnes, and Kristof & Magda
- Please pray for the teens at our Youth Club...Ashleigh, Helen, Connor, David, and Ross
- Please pray for the children at Charleston Primary, and the teens at Kincorth Academy, involved in SU...Abby, Caitlyn, Megan, Nicola, Olivia, Ruby, Cameryn, Carla, Chloe, Claire, Ellie, Erin, Hannah, Julia, Kayleigh, Lucy, Tanera, Finlay, Kathryn and Samantha
- Please pray for open doors for the gospel, for us to establish new contacts, and for our current visitors and contacts...Barry, Betty, Dorothy, Carol, Lisa, Brian & Jennifer, Rod & Stephanie, Paul & Shona, and Wullie & Catherine

Our love to all of you in Christ Jesus,  
*John Anthony, Kristen, Brennan & Jonathan*

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