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## ✕ Rejoicing with Angels ✕

*Exercising unto godliness...*

### MIKE GAVIGAN BAPTISED

Adam and I have known Mike for several years. He is a trainer at the local gym and Adam and I used to attend

and when there, we used to get some good chats with him. His grandson attended

school at the same time as Joshua, Megan and Bethany. He was a member of a local charismatic group but had begun worshipping with us last year.

He and Adam began studying and after several weeks, he was baptised for the forgiveness of his sins.



Ed Wharton from SIBI was here in March and his lesson on baptism convicted Mike that his

baptism was not what the Bible demands. Mike faithfully attends each week and he prays earnestly he can persuade his wife too. Please pray for him.

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### Website

Our website is launched. There is a new domain so please check the new address on the left. Paulo is doing most of the work and pages will develop quickly.

# Liverpool... We Never Walk Alone



We had two trips to Liverpool in quick succession this spring. In March, seven of us headed

down to the city (200 miles away) for their annual Men's Day. Brethren had come from London too and we had a good day there of fellowship song and encouragement from the gospel. On the same day, several others

headed to the Tranent Social in the east of Scotland so the church was very busy that particular Saturday.

In April, I headed back to Liverpool, this

time with the youth group for the Liverpool Youth Weekend. It was another great weekend with excellent lessons and good fellowship. On the Saturday, the boys wanted to see Anfield the home of Liverpool FC who play proper football with a proper ball!



## Question Time

In April, we hosted our first "Question Time". We had spent some time over the previous few months knocking on doors and asking the community, "If you could ask only one question about God, the Church, etc. what would it be?" We got several responses and invited those who gave us questions to join us to hear the answers. Questions included, "Who/What is God?"; "Why do bad things happen to good people?"; "Will I see my family in the next life?" and others like them. It was challenging but we were excited.

Sadly, on the night, none of those we had met came along. We don't

know why. However, most of our people were out and we went ahead and addressed their questions

for them. Amongst us on the night was one chap that had been invited along. He was the worse the wear for drink and left when we had a break.

On the whole, it was a worthwhile experience. The congregation enjoyed the opportunity to ask some of their own questions and the time together was an encouraging one.



# The Work Continues

We have a busy summer ahead of us. Perth hosts a campaign with Scott's group from Buford, GA arriving on 4th July. It will take some time to properly develop the church in Perth, especially from a distance. Scott plans on moving there in the next year, though we still need a co-worker for him. In the meantime, worship continues on Sundays with men from various churches preaching each Sunday. Scott and Allana go to Perth every Wednesday and have begun a coffee shop Bible study in Starbucks there. In the evening, the youth group now has several children coming along and contacts are being made!

Closer to home, we have our own campaign in July too with a group arriving from Mayfair on 10th July. Dick Savage will lead our gospel mission and we'll have a VBS during the day. On the 25th July, we begin our annual camp.



Perth youth group is underway.



Our youth work goes from strength to strength too. Scott has begun a wee Saturday morning coffee shop study for the young people once a month. On the first Friday of the month there is a youth devotional too. It splits in two so the girls have their own lesson delivered by one of the girls. Both Megan and Bethany have taken a turn to teach the girls.



Keeping the youth active with some games.

One of our young girls, Leah Manson, asked about being baptized. Her mum objected though Leah is still allowed to attend everything. It is difficult when a young person from a family that doesn't follow Christ asks to be baptized and the parents object. Please keep her in your prayers.

My radio work continues. I did a guest stint running the breakfast show and then was asked to do the lunchtime show for two weeks. On May 31st at 3pm (10am EST), I will do a gospel program and it may develop into more opportunities to teach on radio. Prayers please!



Leah Manson

## From Beth

Hi to all and a very warm welcome. I pray that this report finds you in good health. We are all doing well, with just the odd coughs and sniffles. It would be great if we could find a cure for the common cold. Lol.

Elijah has been in the wars again. Typical boy. I had to take him up to ER on Wednesday as he smashed his toe on the curb. I think he is regretting that action now. End result is a possible broken big toe with the nail half off. At least we managed to escape surgery. They originally wanted to do surgery to fully remove the nail. Needless to say Elijah was having none of it. He is doing fine now. He can walk without crutches and just needs it to heal before the end of the month so he can go on his two outward bound trips.

Joshua is just back from his weekend away with the army cadets. He seems to

really enjoy his time there. It's good structure for him. This weekend he learned how to handle a new rifle. Not sure how he enjoys sleeping outside in a tent. I don't mind in the summer, but I think the nights are still a wee bit too cold for my liking.



Megan is thriving at her drama school that she attends on a Saturday. While I was in the States last month she had an audition for a play that takes place in September. She was thrilled to get a part and now she has rehearsals for the play. I can't wait to see it. For a child who jumps at her own shadow and won't say boo to a goose, I'm so proud for her. Megan is in the middle

of her exams right now and is on study leave, such a stressful time for teenagers. I think she will do great.

Miss Bethany is also doing great. She has been doing several tests in school and has been getting great results. Mostly 100% for things such as Geography. She's a wee bit worried over her English test, but I think she will do just fine.

I was thrilled to get the opportunity last month to get over to the States and visit many friends. It was a joy to catch up with everyone and continue to build up friendships. I got the opportunity to visit friends in Fayetteville, Huntsville, and Nashville.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers. God is good.

Love Beth xx

# News from Home

Church life is going very well these days. It seems that most Sunday mornings, we're bursting at the seams. The Offin family have placed membership with us and another Ghanaian (Daniel) has begun worshipping with us. Paul Offin is very highly respected in the Ghanaian community and is a diligent personal worker having brought many to Christ. He and Felicia have three very fine young men they have raised in the faith.

Last week, Amy Fenton's grandmother and aunt died suddenly. Her gran had terminal cancer but her passing came more rapidly than expected. Her aunt died only a matter hours of hours before her grandmother and it was a shock for the family. As you would expect, she is very upset. Please mention her in your prayers.

At home, Joshua has left school and begun training with a view to commencing college in August. He has a conditional acceptance for Forth Valley College to study construction and has two interviews for colleges the start of June. It's strange knowing my boy is growing up, and leaving school has reminded me that I must be getting old! I don't look it, but I must be if my son has left school.

Our girls are doing well. Megan has important exams this week that are foundational for her if she is to attend university in two years. Bethany too has exams as she prepares for university in three years. In August, Elijah begins high school. Beth and I can't figure out why all this happened so quickly.

In March, Beth visited America for three weeks. Cathy Whitacre is very ill with cancer and Beth wanted to visit her and Gerry. She had a good trip. We missed her but I am glad she made the trip.

Thank you again for your continued support of our work in Cumbernauld and Scotland. We thank God always for you. God bless you. Keep the faith.

In Him,

Graham, Beth, Joshua, Megan, Bethany & Elijah

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