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## ✘ Watch Out America ✘

*I'm on my way*

AUGUST 18TH - SEPTEMBER 10TH

Well, it has rushed upon me but my trip to America has arrived. I'll be visiting Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma in the span of 23 days. There are other appointments

I am trying to make as well and I will attend Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville, TN for the full week (20/8-27/8). I hit the road running and don't stop until

I get home. If you want to get together, get in touch and we'll try and work something out.



As this is a shorter trip, I won't be seeing all of you but hope to see as many as I can.

Hopefully, this is the beginning of more frequent, shorter trips so I am not away from the family for too long. Beth appreciates that.

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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.

# A Summer of Campaigns



Perth and Cumbernauld had campaigns back to back this year. Young folk came over from Buford,

GA to work with Scott in Perth.

As I was on holiday when they arrived, Adam drove the bus for them to get them started and on the Tuesday I took over and was with them for the rest of the campaign. It was a great week though with fewer children than we expected.

The group from Buford had a tremendous spirit about them and in the evenings we had the opportunity to sing and pray together in some beautiful settings.



In the evenings, Buford's youth minister, Jeremy Pate, preached the gospel and did a superb job clearly setting out the gospel. The meetings had good support from other congregations and some-

one from the community came along. She is a cousin of Jack Strachan.



At the end of the week, as the Buford group prepared to go home, the group from Mayfair arrived to begin working with Cumbernauld. So, after finishing at Perth, it was straight back to work on our own campaign. Ed and Kathy Linebaugh strayed with



us and it was Ed's first time in Scotland - Kathy is a regular guest. We had our annual VBS in the mornings and the gospel meeting in the evening with Dick Savage presenting the gospel at the night. In the afternoons, we had FAT - Families All-Together to try and develop contacts

and get to know people better that we meet through the VBS. It was a great success and we got to know several



families and learn a lot about them. The challenge after a campaign is the follow-up, especially with a summer as busy as this one. These are good contacts and we can only pray that the Lord opens hearts while we do our part and keep visiting and encouraging them as best we can. With clubs and classes resuming this week, our work with these families begins in earnest as all of them have children who attend

our clubs. Please keep us in your prayers as we influence and teach souls for Christ.



# Camp Heatherbell



One of the big highlights of the summer is our annual Camp Heatherbell.

This year, we had booked an old, familiar campsite: Auchengil-

lan. Many camp were held here during the 1980's and early 1990's. Our last time at the site was in 2001. As we were returning, we chose as our theme for study "The Return" and concentrated on lessons from the Babylonian captivity and the work of men Like Ezra and Nehemiah and women like Esther. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the camp. The weather was poor but then, this is Scotland, so no surprises there.



Unfortunately, a bug went through the camp making about half of those attending ill. It didn't hold us back though. Strachan House excelled in

the competitions throughout the week and retained the Directors' Cup. In the Bible Bowl, Hughes House squeezed into



first place in a year when all the teams did exceptionally well. There was a great spirit among the children and each cheered the others on, going through the thrill of winning at times and the frustration of being oh so close.



During the week, we always take a day off the camp and headed to a nearby park for some afternoon activities and an evening barbecue. It was the best day of the week to go away for the day and as we were leaving, the heavens opened and down poured the rain. Adam headed off with the older campers for an evening in tents in the Highlands but had to head back when several took ill and a place to camp was proving hard to find.



The week finished with a great talent show and everyone participating. Next year is already booked and we're looking for a theme. The Bible Bowl will be Genesis 37-50 and the life of Joseph and his family.



Caylie Houch



Jordan Families All Together (F.A.T.)



Leah Manson



A Day at the Park



## As I Travel

Well, I've arrived safely in America and have been to Georgia and Alabama as I now head to Polishing the Pulpit with Dave Rogers, the preacher from Fayetteville. I'll

have a stall at PtP and the opportunity to encourage others about the work we are doing in Scotland. If you are at PtP, come by and say hello. It will be good to see you.

Below is a brief itinerary of where I will be during my time in America. If you want more information about specific locations and times, please get in touch.

AUG 20-27  
Polishing the  
Pulpit

AUG 28-SEP 1  
(Various)  
Georgia

SEP 2  
Moore,  
Oklahoma

SEP 3-10  
(Various)  
TN, AL & AR

SEP 11  
Heading  
Home

### Perth

The work continues in earnest in Perth. The summer campaign was a good one and we met some more kids and got to know some parents. The youth club is up and running again and the preaching schedule continues. Scotches a regular weekly Bible study in Starbucks on Wednesdays and afterwards uses the time to promote the youth club and worship services. Although no plans are determined yet, he is looking at moving to the city in the next 12-18 months though he does need a co-worker to move there with him.

### Caylie Houch

During the summer, Caylie Houch came to work with our girls for seven weeks. Caylie is a fine young woman and did a great job with our young people organising various activities and events. She helped with both the Perth and Cumbernauld campaigns and was at Camp too. She is studying at Harding and is a member at the Mayfair church. She stayed with various families and Megan and Bethany really enjoyed the time they had together with Caylie when she stayed with us. Thank you Caylie!



Helping at VBS



Games at VBS



Paulo with Kathy



Adam at Perth

## From Beth

Glad tidings to all from bonnie Scotland. We have had a very busy summer. As many of you have probably already noticed, we got a new family photo taken. It was past due getting updated. Unfortunately Joshua didn't want to be in it with us. What can I say? Is this just typical teenagers? Maybe in time he will want to have a new photo taken and join us.

The start of the holidays brought a much needed family holiday with a week down in Cornwall. It was great seeing the kids splashing around in the ocean. We had the opportunity to visit a couple of different beaches. Elijah even managed to find a huge jellyfish that had been washed up. The boys were really excited with this find. I even managed to get a picture of Elijah with it. One for the scrapbook I think. Graham took the kids out one day to go on a huge zip wire. I think I'm glad I sat that one out. I'm getting too old for all these thrill rides.

We were all rested and ready for the summer of church activities. As soon as we got back from our holidays, Graham had to leave straight away to head to Perth to help out with the campaign there. It flew past so fast. Im hoping for some growth with the outreach we had. Scott did a great job.



As soon as the Perth group left we had our Mayfair group arrive. It was lovely to see old friends again as well as making new friends. We had a better turn out this year for the V.B.S than last year, so hopefully the tide is turning and the numbers will keep increasing again. Our V.B.S campaign coincided with our new sign for the building arriving and being installed. It's nice to finally have our sign up on the building.

Plenty of people have already noticed it and made comments.

Our camp went really well again. All the kids really enjoy the weeks activities and lessons. Even the adults got stuck right in. Our photos are proof that there is such a great thing going on at camp. Mind you, there was a virus that tore through the camp that threatened to grind it to a halt. Good old Scottish grit got them through it and still managed to have a fantastic time. Now we are getting ready for the kids returning to school next week. This is the first year of not having any kids at primary school. Elijah starts first year at high school with the girls going into 4th and 5th year and Joshua starts college. I'm going to miss not helping out in the primary school anymore. That[s one door that has now closed on my life. Good health and God speed to you all.

Beth xx

# News from Home

Life at church is going well. This summer was the busiest I think we've ever had. Starting with a family vacation, two successive campaigns, camp and then preparing for my USA trip are combined with the daily needs of the work as well as preparing for a gospel meeting I am doing in Livingston when I return from America. I'm very excited about October.

Another Ghanian, Daniel, has placed membership with us. Paul taught him the gospel and he lives in Glasgow, a few miles from our building. He catches the same bus as the Griffins for Sunday worship. Chris Weir's sister, Beryl, has been visiting and returns to Canada this week.

Another thing that has kept me busy are the kids and their paperwork. With Joshua starting college August 24th, there was a pile of paperwork to complete which was finally concluded today. Megan too needed paperwork done as she is continuing her schooling. The government assumes children leave school at 16 and have to be notified if they stay at school. My most Biblical government-interaction was filing my tax return as I rendered unto Caesar what is Caesar's. Lol.

We are excited for Joshua beginning college. He is doing a one-year course on Construction Skills which will prepare him for his career choice in carpentry. Over the summer, he was working in a building supplies yard as part of a training program he was doing. It was good for him and the company was very impressed with him and are keen to give work part-time. Next month, he is 18. I still remember the 1980's when I was 18 - vaguely remember anyway.

With three kids now at high school, we'll tell you more about them next time.

Thank you again for your continued support of our work in Cumberland 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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