

Friday 22nd August 25

This Sunday:

- 10.30am Prayer time, with coffee served from 10.15am
- 11am Willie preaches on "Why Pray?" and we share communion together
- 12.15pm tea and coffee
- 6.30pm Jonny continues our series in 1 Kings, looking at chapter 3 this week.

Next Sunday we begin a new series in the morning services looking at the book of Habakkuk. In September we will be looking at 1 Peter and our next session of Home Bible Study groups will follow along with that study. Groups will begin in the next couple of weeks – you will hear more details from your group leaders.

All our mid-week groups get up and running this week after the summer break, apart from crafts and bowling on Tuesday mornings, who start up on 2nd September. Note that there is a very slight change of timing for Mainly Music on Tuesday afternoons! Please pray for the leaders and volunteers as they get back into the swing of things, and for those who will come along week by week, as the leaders share the gospel with them in various ways over the course of the next term.

At the beginning of July we launched a mission appeal for the support of various mission organisations identified by our missions committee. Below and on the slide attached is a summary of the information we have heard over the last few weeks:

Linda shared about the **Missionary School in Tabasco**, **Mexico**, which serves 70 learners with biblical, doctrinal, and pastoral training. Each week, students serve in multiple municipalities and support 24 local churches, including five in indigenous communities. Many of these churches are facing high poverty. The aims of the school are to equip individuals to share the gospel, disciple believers, and establish local churches.

Franz shared about **Pastor Max Aguilar**, who serves full-time in northern Bolivia, reaching remote communities by motorcycle to share the Gospel and provide discipleship. Few people are able to access these remote areas, and economic challenges in Bolivia have made it difficult for the local church to continue to support Pastor Max in his work.

Jonny shared about **Hope Community Church, Barlanark** (Glasgow, Scotland.) Hope Community Church is in a housing area of about 3,800 in Glasgow's East End. The area suffers high deprivation: 31% are income deprived; 29% are employment deprived; 15% take prescribed mental health medication. The church aims to point people toward Jesus to address their needs, through sharing the Gospel and making disciples in the community.

Kevin shared about the work of **Pak7**: Pakistan is the 5th most populous country in the world, with approximately 97% of its population identifying as Muslim. It ranks 8th on the Open Doors World Watch list for persecuted Christians. The organisation - Pak7 - utilises TV and social media to reach people nationwide, assisting local Christians in producing programmes for children, youth, and women. Additionally, Pak7 teams respond to viewer inquiries, provide prayer support, and connect individuals with local churches.

So far our Mission Appeal has raised £5,900. If you would like to contribute towards our £8000 target you can do so by making a bank transfer to the church account (marked Mission Appeal), by cash or cheque in a marked envelope in the box in the church foyer, use the church website giving page, or use the card reader in the church foyer. Remember to complete a Gift Aid declaration along with your gift.

The men's walk up Clachnaben is next weekend on Saturday the 30th of August. This is a moderate hillwalk which should take 3-4 hours, and we'll be starting the climb itself at 10am. If you are interested in going along, please sign up at www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/walk

SU Scotland are holding a training day for all those interested or involved with SU Groups in schools in the North East and Shetland. It takes place at The Mission church on Saturday 30th August from 9am. There will be various workshops and speakers throughout the morning, as well as coffee and pastries! Email pamela.sloan@suscotland.org.uk to register your attendance.

Every Blessing,

