

TIDINGS FROM THAILAND

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Prayer Points

- Good time management and focus for Karl in his Ph.D studies
- Being salt and light for Christ to our neighbors

Praise God

- Good transition to life in Scotland
- New church community and forming friendships
- Successful visa renewal and trip to Thailand

Calendar

10/25-30 Reformation Conference, Germany
11/2-13 Thailand trip, visa renewal and ministry
11/19 Karl share about Thailand ministry at Buccleuch Free Church



Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Bonnie Scotland! It's been 3 months since we've moved to Edinburgh and we wanted to give you an update on life, Ph.D studies, ministry, and our family. We appreciate your prayers for us as we take some time away from Thailand to prepare for our next phase of ministry there.

Life in a New Country

Lots of people have asked us, "How do you like Scotland?" We love it. It is a beautiful country with lots of history and beautiful green landscapes. Edinburgh is a beautiful old city with lovely epic architecture and lots of things for the family to see and do. There are castles, palaces, museums, libraries and plenty of cobblestone streets. We don't have a car but appreciate the excellent public bus system. Our kids particularly enjoy riding on the upper level of the double decker buses. Scots speak English and we have little problem communicating with most people. But listening to some people, we are like deer in the headlights. "I'm sorry. What did you say?"

They are speaking English, but we still sometimes find ourselves smiling, nodding, and saying something that we hope relates to what they said to us. Aye, it certainly makes life interesting!

Home Life and Homeschooling

After settling in a bit in September, Sun has recommenced homeschooling the children. They have found a routine that works for them and once a week, she takes them on a field trip to someplace in the city. There is lots to see in do in Edinburgh, so it is a great city for a family. I take over the kids' homeschool one afternoon per week so that she can get a bit of time off. We are getting to know some people in our apartment building, all of whose residents are international families associated with the university. We hope to be a light and a witness to Christ among our neighbors here.

Ph.D Studies

I have been enjoying Ph.D studies, which is mostly reading, research, and writing. There are



some seminars to attend and I have been auditing a class, but there is no required course work. A Ph.D in the British system is completely research based. I meet with my supervisor every few weeks and am doing the preliminary ground work for later primary source research that will form the bulk of my thesis. I'm enjoying getting to know some of the other Ph.D students in my program (World Christianity) and other disciplines at the School of Divinity, some of whom are becoming friends. To make it through a doctoral program, everyone needs friends when the going gets tough and you doubt whether you can really do this (I've had a few of those moments already).

Please pray that I would have good time management and focus as I plug away at my studies.

Church and Ministry

We have started worshipping at Buccleuch (pronounced Buh-kloo) Free Church, a small congregation of the Free Church of Scotland that is near the university. It is a small church of about 50-70 people and we are enjoying the worship, fellowship, and preaching.

Thank you for remembering us in your prayers, and thank you to all of you who financially support us. May you and yours have a blessed advent and Christmas season.

by Christ's grace,
Karl & Sun Dahlfred

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