



# PRAYER DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR US



2004

- April 3- Walter & Ishbel at Bardowie Street Mission, Glasgow at 7pm  
 “ 5- Walter & Ishbel at Bridge Drop-in Airdrie 1pm **AND** Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
 “ 8- Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am **AND** Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm  
 “ 9- 12- Walter & Ishbel travel to Northern Ireland 11am on Friday. Meetings from Friday night  
 ..... right through till Monday night at Mountain Lodge Church Easter Camp, Co. Armagh.  
 April 13th Travel home from Ireland.  
 “ 15- Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am **AND** Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm  
 “ 16- Walter & Ishbel at the Good News Mission, Johnstone, 7.30pm  
 “ 18- Walter at Hartwood Hospital with Colin Cuthbert 9.15am  
 “ 19- Walter & Ishbel at Bridge Drop-in Airdrie 1pm **AND** Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
 “ 20- Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 6.30pm  
 “ 21- Walter & Ishbel at Gorbals Christian Centre, Glasgow at 7.30pm  
 “ 22- Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am **AND** Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm  
 “ 23- Walter & Ishbel present Sounds good Country on Revival Radio 105.4 FM at 8pm – 10pm  
 “ 26- Walter & Ishbel at Bridge Drop-in Airdrie 1pm **AND** Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
 “ 27- Walter & Ishbel at the Christian Coffee Club, Jean Kirkland High School, Leven at 7.15pm  
 “ 29- Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am **AND** Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm  
 “ 30- Walter & Ishbel present Sounds good Country on Revival Radio 105.4 FM at 8pm – 10pm  
 MAY 3- Walter & Ishbel at Bridge Drop-in Airdrie 1pm **AND** Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
 “ 4- Walter & Ishbel on Morning Matters on Revival Radio with Alex Gillies from 10am- 12  
 “ 6- Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am **AND** Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm  
 “ 7- Walter & Ishbel present Sounds good Country on Revival Radio 105.4 FM at 8pm – 10pm  
 “ 8- Walter at Men’s Breakfast in Kilmarnock Prison with Christian Prison Ministries at 9am  
 “ 9- Walter at Hartwood Hospital with Colin Cuthbert 9.15am  
 “ Walter and Ishbel at Lower Johnshill Retirement Home, Auchlochian at 7.30pm  
 “ 10- Walter & Ishbel at Bridge Drop-in Airdrie 1pm **AND** Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
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 “ 26- Walter & Ishbel doing a country Gospel Concert, Salvation Army, Erskine at 7.30pm  
 “ 27- Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am **AND** Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm  
 “ 29- Start of Christian Caravaners & Campers Weekend at Abington and we will be doing a  
 .....country Gospel concert during the weekend.  
 “ 30- Walter at Hartwood Hospital with Colin Cuthbert 9.15am  
 “ 31- Walter & Ishbel at Bridge Drop-in Airdrie 1pm **AND** Shotts Prison 6.30pm



# Released to Life

I have come that you may have life, and  
 that you may have it more abundantly.  
 John 10:10

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## NEWSLETTER

Hello again! Isn't it lovely to see all the crocuses and daffodils making an appearance, the lambs playing in the fields and fresh buds on the trees. I have a Forsythia tree in the back garden and at present it is just covered in beautiful yellow blossom – what a splash of colour, especially if it is a dull day. I was up at Skye visiting my family just two weeks ago and when I was travelling home in the bus I was looking out at a tired, jaded landscape. Everything was brown and drab and, along the verges, so dirty. Yet here we are just two weeks later and there are signs of spring, signs of new life all around us. The bus journey from Skye really spoke to me because there was so much mist about and you couldn't see very much. We were passing places where I knew we should have been seeing stunning scenery through the mountains and yet we could barely make out the outline of the mountain we were passing. I was so sorry for the people on the bus who had never been on this journey before because they did not have a clue what they were missing. I really felt God was saying there are so many people out there who are living life in a mist and not knowing what they are missing – and so many Christians who aren't prepared to even try and describe what living life with a real relationship with God is like, they are quite happy to let the people live in their mist and not see what stunning things are being hidden from them. The scenery I saw on my journey from Skye may have been drab and shrouded in mist but it was also beautiful and just right for the stag, which was so cleverly camouflaged as it fed. God's creation is beautiful and beauty comes in many forms. Each of us is beautiful to the Lord, we are wonderful creations and much loved by our Creator and I just felt on that journey that God was so sad that so many live their lives shrouded in the blind mist that satan settles on us and they never even give God a thought. They might have an emptiness inside but they don't turn to the only one who can fill that space. Brothers and sisters, we need to witness to others and let them know what a wonderful Father God we have and how Jesus died so that we could have a relationship with our Heavenly Father. My holiday did me so much good. I really needed that rest. It also reminded me that we need to 'book off' a week or ten days and just get away for a holiday. If we can, I think we'll go back to Dunoon, hopefully for five days this time – we'll look out for bargain breaks nearer the time. As you will see from the Prayer diary, we are off to Armagh in Northern Ireland for a weekend camp at Easter. We are so looking forward to this, as we have always known we would be ministering in Ireland one day and we are looking forward so much to meeting new brothers and sisters in the Lord and celebrating Easter with them. We are also looking forward to the journey across to Ireland on the 'Seacat' since it goes around Arran and it will be lovely to see the island from the water.

We have not got the summer tour planned yet as we don't know what will be happening with the boys. Andrew has still not got a job. He really wanted to be a plumber but has been unable to get an apprenticeship. He is now trying other trades. Craig had a great report from his pre-lims and delighted as we are that he is doing well academically it was the character report that thrilled me. Craig is working two nights a week in Homebase and he is using the money from this to finance his driving lessons ..... I can't believe our youngest son is now age to drive! Please pray for Andrew and Craig that they choose the right career move and that the right doors will open for them.

If you have Internet access we can send you our newsletter using that method and so saving postage costs. If you would like to receive the newsletter by this method simply let us know by E-mailing us at  
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Thank you again to everyone who supports us in prayer – we really value your support and your love.

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## UPDATE

This time we have good news and sad news so I'll give the sad news first. We were at Port Glasgow Princes Street Mission in March and had a really good night there and there was a good turnout too. It was lovely to meet the woman who gave her heart to the Lord the last time we were there and to be able to encourage her. The sad news is that the mission is now closed. Since Robert died, Mima and her daughters have been keeping it open but feel they can carry on no longer. Also in March we took part in a concert for 'Cornerstone', a drop-in centre in Paisley, again this was an excellent night made special by a young man getting saved. We did a concert for the 'Over 50's' club at Fauldhouse RC Church, it was a packed hall and we found the people very responsive. Little did Walter think when he was an Orangeman that one day he would be ministering the Gospel to Catholics – isn't it wonderful how God changes lives and places His love within you for others. Christian Prison Ministries has started a new Drop-in in Airdrie and we have been going along to that and we would appreciate your prayers for this project to get it established and functioning effectively. We were also at Parkhead Nazarene to do the senior citizens meeting and the organising ladies had made a special effort to invite people from the neighbouring area in to the meeting. Their efforts were well rewarded as the hall was full yet just the week before there had been only twelve people there – just goes to show what making an effort can do, you can reach out to your neighbourhood and bring people in. Once people come to your meeting you can start building a relationship with them and you are then able to invite them along again. I was delighted to see the ladies at Parkhead take this step as, at the end of the meeting, they asked the folks that if they had enjoyed being with them that day and would like to come to more events would they put their name and address on a list so that they could be contacted. I think I heard them saying they had got over fifty names on their list! 'Reach' out and 'bring' them in – these are active words requiring action. After singing and sharing for an hour and a quarter it is always good to hear people say they wished they could get more! Unfortunately we can't give an update on everywhere we've been in the past two months but hopefully this gives a little flavour of what we have been up to.

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### **LITTLE GEMS**

**GOD GIVES FREELY TO US  
SO THAT WE MAY GIVE LIBERALLY TO OTHERS**

**OUR SALVATION IS FREE  
BECAUSE JESUS PAID THE PRICE**

**TO LIVE WITHOUT GOD  
MEANS TO DIE WITHOUT HOPE**

**TO HAVE A FULFILLED LIFE  
LET GOD FILL YOU**

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### **PRISON WORK**

Walter and I attended the Prison Fellowship Group Leaders Day at Bridge of Allan in March. We find these days very informative, not just because you hear from headquarters what is going on but because you hear how the other groups in Scotland are getting on and what problems they are encountering and what blessings they are receiving! At Shotts prison we are seeing a few new faces, which is always encouraging. Can we just ask you to pray for one of our guys, John, who is fighting cancer just now. John is a wonderful testimony in the prison as he tells everybody that he is in a win win situation – if God heals him he's a winner and if He takes him home, he's a winner. Men are amazed at how John is coping with his illness and his absolute trust in God to help him through. We were at Greenock Prison too and had the pleasure of turning an enquirer over to one of the prisoners who used to be at Shotts and who has already led an inmate to the Lord. Christian Prison Ministries has started a Men's Breakfast Meeting in Kilmarnock prison so Walter is leading praise at that once a month. Please just keep the prison work in your prayers, pray for the right volunteers for Shotts to come along and join us, pray for the Chaplains and staff too. Your prayers are much needed and we really appreciate them.

## **RADIO**

Revival Radio is back on air from the 18<sup>th</sup> April and is broadcasting on 105.4FM. We will be doing our usual Friday night spot from 8pm through till 10pm with 'Sounds Good Country'. You know when you are doing radio work you never know who you are reaching. A man came up to me on Saturday night to tell me of a traumatic time in his life when he was at his lowest and didn't know how he was going to cope and he tuned in to our programme and what I was sharing at that point was a message just for him. When you hear of things like that you just feel so humble - and so grateful that we have a God who loves and cares for each of us so much that He can bring a message, just for you, across the airwaves. The programmes will also be available through the Internet for those of you outside the coverage area, just access through the Revival Radio website. We have our usual team of Peter on the sound desk and Alan on the phones so please pray, not only for our team and programme, but for the whole of the Revival Radio broadcast as we really want to see fruit for our labours, we want to see lives touched by the power of the Holy Spirit. The radio station has so many people, each doing different jobs - but all necessary, and all equally important so pray for the intercessors, the people who supply tea and coffee and the eats, the studio managers who man the phones and do the admin and still manage to look after guests and presenters, the technical staff, the presenters and the directors and most importantly, the listeners - because without them it would all be pointless! As you'll see from the prayer diary, we are also taking part in 'Morning Matters' one morning.



I don't know what your views on the new film 'The Passion of Christ' are, but I for one am glad that at last we are seeing a more realistic showing of exactly what Jesus went through for us at Calvary. Even before he got to the cross he had suffered so much cruelty from the barbaric punishment he was given and I think it is good to remind ourselves just exactly how much torture He endured in paying the price for our sin. Maybe if we remember that suffering we will be able to celebrate His resurrection with real thanksgiving in our hearts.



*Let's Celebrate Jesus -  
His Birth, His Death and His Resurrection!  
Jesus, The Greatest Gift Ever Given*

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I spent a whole day at the computer last week trying to master the complexities of printing our own business cards. There was supposed to be software with the card blanks, which was why I ordered these particular ones, only you no longer get the software! I couldn't get the computer to comply with the sizes but after much tweaking here and tweaking there, I managed to get an acceptable print out. It took so much patience on my part but it spoke to me of God who is continually tweaking us here and tweaking us there to perfect us – and the truth is we'll never be perfect until we get to Glory ..... But still He keeps working on us! Not just for days or weeks but for the rest of our lives here on earth. What love and patience our Father God has and what commitment to His creation. We just pray that as each of us celebrate Easter that we might rededicate ourselves to our Father God and enter into a new commitment to serve Him wherever He wants us to be and doing whatever He wants us to do. You might think you don't have the ability - but He is more than able to work through us if we only make ourselves available to Him. Go on ..... take that step of faith!

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We would like to thank everyone who has sent us gifts and supported us in any way over the past three months. You know, whether we receive a loaf of bread, postage stamps or a monetary gift, we are very grateful indeed for your support, which helps us carry out this work we do. Thank you so much.