

PRAYER DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR US

- 2nd Feb. '09 Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
3rd " Walter & Ishbel at Calderhead & Erskine Church, Shotts, 7pm
6th " Walter & Ishbel at Craighalbert Church, Cumbernauld, 7.30pm
9th " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
16th " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
17th " Walter at Carstairs State Hospital, 7pm
18th " Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital, 2pm
19th " Walter & Ishbel at Bridge Drop-In Centre, Glasgow 1pm
21st " Walter & Ishbel at Buckhaven Baptist Church, Fife, 99th Anniversary Dinner, 6.30pm
23rd " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
24th " Walter at Carstairs State Hospital, 7pm
26th " Walter & Ishbel at St. Matthew's Church of the Nazarene, Paisley, 12.30pm
2nd March Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
4th " Walter & Ishbel at Bank House Retirement Home, Kirkfieldbank at 2pm
5th " Walter & Ishbel at Nethanvale Nursing Home, Auchloch at 3.30pm
8th " Walter & Ishbel at Woodburn Court Residential Home, Hamilton, 3pm
9th " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
11th " Walter at Roman Road Hall, Motherwell, 2pm
13th " Walter & Ishbel at Hollybush Christian fellowship, North Yorkshire, 7.30pm
14th " To be arranged
15th " Kays Farm Fellowship 11am AND Barrow-in-Furness Christian Fellowship, 6.30pm
16th " Kays Farm Fellowship, 8pm
17th " Walter at Carstairs State Hospital, 7pm
18th " Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital, 2pm
22nd " Walter & Ishbel at Greenrigg Evangelical Church, Harthill, 6.30pm
23rd " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
29th " Walter & Ishbel at Larkhall Baptist Church, 6.30pm
30th " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
4th April Walter & Ishbel at Bardowie Street Mission, Glasgow, 7pm
5th " Walter & Ishbel taking services at Shotts Salvation Army at 11am AND 6pm
6th " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
8th " Walter & Ishbel at Church of the Nazarene, Viewpark, 1.30pm
9th " Walter & Ishbel at Baptist Church Ladies Supper Night, Brodick, Isle-of Arran
15th " Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital, 2pm
16th " Walter & Ishbel at Golden Days, Church of God, Kilsyth, 2pm
19th " Walter & Ishbel at Bathgate Community Church, 6.30pm
20th " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison, 6.30pm
21st " Walter at Carstairs State Hospital, 7pm
22nd " Walter & Ishbel at Struthers Church, Gourrock, 7.30pm
27th " Walter & Ishbel at Anniesland Hall, Glasgow, 1.45pm
28th " Walter & Ishbel at Hope Hall, Paisley, 1.45pm

Because this is a 3 monthly newsletter there are always more engagements come in that can't be listed as the newsletter has already been printed so please keep us on your prayer list even when we're not listed as being out anywhere..... 'cos we just might be!



MINISTRIES

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! The year is only a month in and already time is flying! There's so much to do and so little time to achieve it I believe God is really challenging all of us to step up a gear this year, to be more excited, to be more expectant, to be more tuned in to Him. I put on one of those little battery operated tea-light candles the other night as I just wanted to lie and relax in bed and listen to some lovely Christian music. When I lit it, the overhead light was on and you couldn't see the light from the candle very much, but when I switched the overhead light off and had the bedside lamp on you could see the candle a lot more – but, when I switched off the bedside lamp the candle cast a lovely glow over the whole room! One little candle, and the darker the room – the more it shone! It just reminded me that the darker the world gets, the brighter our lights will shine! My prayer that night was "Lord, let your 'lights' in this world shine ever brighter for your glory". So come on, ask for more boldness to proclaim the Gospel – to let your light shine wherever you are.... and just as on a dark night, moths are drawn to any light shining, let the lost be drawn to us.

In December, I was seeking the Lord before we went to take a meeting in Irvine and He clearly gave me this word 'Cross the line in 2009'. I asked for further help on this because I didn't understand what was meant by that and what He was saying was that we have placed boundaries, we have drawn lines, but God is saying to cross over those lines because He didn't place them there, He doesn't want us penned in, He wants us to step out and go on even more. Our Christian walk is a journey through life but often we get to a point in our journey where we say "right, that's it! I've come far enough", and we just set up camp. We build our boundaries and stay within them. God doesn't want us secure in a *place*, but secure in Him wherever we are, whatever stage of the journey we are on! I also believe God wants us to cross into enemy territory as never before.

This really ties up with another word that God gave me for 2009 which I will go into in greater detail on page 2 and is something we need to concentrate on if we want to cross the line in 2009! In fact, if we want to be victorious at all.

I like a slogan for the year that I can just focus on – and I was coming away with things like 'Let your light shine in 2009', 'Make best use of your time in 2009', 'Give God your time in 2009' all good things! But God given things are always the best, so 'Cross the line in 2009' it is!

We had a wonderful end to the year – at the meeting we did in Falkirk a lady got saved and then we were at Irvine and a lady there gave her life to the Lord too. What a way to end a year we're looking for more of that in the coming year! It is wonderful to know that two ladies were preparing to spend their first Christmas as Children of God and not just knowing about Jesus but actually being able to know Him personally! We just pray that as this year goes on these ladies will develop their relationship with the Lord.

We also pray that you, dear reader - and us - will also deepen our relationship with our Lord and Saviour and be overcomers, victors and soaring with Him on high!

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I WILL PRAISE HIM

I will praise Him in the good times, I'll praise Him in the bad, I'll praise Him when I'm happy, I'll praise Him when I'm sad, I'll praise Him for the blood that He shed on Calvary, I will praise His name forever, God has been so good to me.

That's the chorus from a song that Walter has put on his latest CD and I was so delighted when I heard it because God has been revealing to me anew how important praise is. Years ago I wrote a booklet on the subject but God is impressing on me to share about the importance of praise again, because we are in a battle. God equips us for warfare. The sword of the spirit, His Word is our first weapon and we need to speak the Word of God into the situations we find ourselves in. Secondly, the power of the spiritual weapon of *praise* and *worship* is vital to accomplish victory as we invade the enemy's territory. Who went out at the head of the armies? The musicians! The devil flees from praise; he can't stand to hear people praising God. Praise is so powerful and we need to avail ourselves of this mighty weapon. God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3); and through that we receive joy and strength – and boy does the church (God's people) need joy and strength. God didn't put scriptures like Psalm 16:11 and Nehemiah 8:10 in the bible for fun, to fill the page, the Word of God is our manual for successful living and we need to take hold of what's contained in it.

Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness ... well, do we do that? Or do we just wallow in our depression! God's Word requires action. We have been sent numerous letters over the years and received many phone calls saying how listening to Walter's tapes and CD's have set people free from depression. The CD has been a means of motivating people to praise God and when we do that we are lifted from our situation into spiritual realms, our focus is not on our problems but on our Father God who is our source of everything we need.

In these times of recession God's people need to stand out from the crowd by exuding joy, having inner strength, not being brought down by the credit crunch but being lifted up by the Holy Spirit, having trust in our Father God's provision. Yes, the devil will keep trying to bring your attention to the negatives but then that's when we need to speak out the Word of God over the negative and start using the powerful weapon of praise. The world will then see Jesus in us!

LITTLE GEMS

I walked life's path with worry, disturbed and quite unblest, Until I trusted Jesus; Now faith has given rest.

All around are needs to meet: Be God's heart and hands and feet.

Life's trials should make us better – not bitter!

The God who holds the universe is the God who is holding you.

God hears more than words, He listens to the heart.

OUR PROGRAMME 'COUNTRY SOUNDS' AIRS EACH THURSDAY EVENING, ON REVIVAL FM FROM 7.30PM TO 8.30pm ON 100.8FM and VIA THE INTERNET @ revival.fm Please pray for the Revival Team, for provision and for the listeners.

NEW CD

Walter has been in the recording studio again and the new CD will be available from the middle of February. It has 17 songs on it – the biggest majority being a selection of favourite songs taken from his audio tape recordings but we have also added 5 new songs. So many times people have asked if certain songs from audio tapes are available on CD and we had to say no, so it is good to get some of the songs onto CD. I WILL PRAISE HIM, JESUS AND ME, MY GOD CAN DO ANYTHING, LORD YOU ARE MY LIBERTY, I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY, THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, BY HIS BLOOD, HE WASHED MY EYES WITH TEARS, JESUS LOVES ME, MY FOREVER FRIEND, WHEN HE COMES, FARTHER ALONG, THAT HOME HE'S PREPARING, I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS, GIVE THEM ALL, THERE IS A FOUNTAIN and HE TOUCHED ME is the selection and we have enclosed an order form if you wish to send for a copy. The price is still £12 although there are many extra songs so it makes it a good value CD.

END OF THE YEAR

We had a really busy time leading up to Christmas but we did get a rest between Christmas and New Year. Our day at Rosebank Garden Centre went well and many people stopped to tell us how they enjoyed listening to the songs – one lady in particular felt her spirit lifted and left encouraged and blessed. We had a wonderful day at the People's Church in Falkirk despite getting lost on the way home! We travelled all round the country and ended up back in Falkirk – but this time we got the right road! Who needs Sat. Nav!! January has been spent trying catch up on some things and seeking God for direction.

HELPING OTHERS

We are very aware that many charities are having a difficult time just now and because we have a special interest in two, we are featuring them and asking for prayer for them as well as other help.

The first is The Haven at Kilmacolm, which is a Christian Rehab that does an amazing job with the young men who go there. If anyone is interested in having an event at their church for this charity then we have a short DVD featuring one of the men who have gone through the programme. It is a very moving DVD – Walter cries every time he watches it because he saw Paddy when he first came into The Haven and has watched his progress throughout. We would be delighted to send you a DVD to show at the event, whether it is a coffee morning, a concert, a special lunch ... whatever idea you can come up with. It can also be arranged to have a group of the guys come and take a meeting which can include a 20 minute drama 'Rescued', depicting the journey of men from addiction to freedom in Christ.. At a certain point in their rehabilitation they guys also go out with the 'Teen challenge bus ministry helping others. Please contact Mary Lees on 01505 872099 to make a booking.

Our second charity is Wyresdale Children's Homes in India, Thailand, Burma, & Nepal. Mervyn and Lucy France head up this charity and if you want to put on a special night for them then they are willing to come and give a presentation on the work of these homes. When you see the faces of these children it is very moving. Mervyn and Lucy put themselves in danger to aid these children and it's only through prayer that they are able to keep going. I don't want to give away too much – much better to see the presentation. If anyone is interested in having Merve & Lucy to their church service or in putting on a special event then please contact us. These children are being raised to know God and my prayer is that they in turn will not only continue the work already begun, but expand it! 10% from the sales of our cards go to the children's homes but since committing to that, we have found our sales dropping, and I think I'll need to concentrate on the budget range of cards until things pick up a bit.... but that obviously brings in less money so we need to pray for more sales!

<<<<<< SPEAK THE WORD DAILY >>>>>>

God revealed to me the importance of speaking out His Word and so I thought I would put a little passage of scripture to encourage you to do that. This is from Paul's prayer in Ephesians and I personalised it and used it regularly when I got saved at first still do and I find it good to personalise scripture. Of course, you can look it up in the Bible and pray it for others too!

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give to me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of my understanding being enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the me, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward me. (Personalised prayer from Ephesians 1:17-19)

Thank you to everyone who supports us in any way whether it be prayer, gifts or encouragement, we appreciate every one of you and value your continuing support greatly.