



PRAYER DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR US



2004

- Feb. 2nd Walter & Ishbel at IRC Dungavel 2pm and Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 4th Walter & Ishbel at St John the Baptist R.C. Church, Fauldhouse 7pm
 “ 5th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 8th Walter & Ishbel at Lower Johnhill Retirement Home, Auchloch 7.30pm
 “ 9th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 12th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 14th Walter at Men’s Breakfast Kilmarnock Prison 9-11am
 “ 15th Walter at Hartwood Hospital 9am
 “ 16th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 17th Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 7pm
 “ 19th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 20th Walter & Ishbel at Greenock Prison 7pm
 “ 21st Walter & Ishbel at Bardowie Street Mission, Glasgow 7pm
 “ 23rd Walter & Ishbel Country Gospel Concert at Airdrie High Church 7.30pm
 “ 26th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 27th Walter at Whitburn Pentecostal Church with Scott Cameron 7.30pm
- Mar. 1st Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 2nd Walter & Ishbel at Kilsyth Congregational Church 7.30pm
 “ 4th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 6th Walter & Ishbel at Prison Fellowship Group Leaders Day, Bridge of Allan
 “ 7th Walter at Hartwood Hospital 9am
 “ 8th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 11th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 13th Walter at Men’s Breakfast Kilmarnock Prison 9-11am
 “ 15th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 16th Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 7pm
 “ 18th Walter & Ishbel at Princes Street Mission, Port Glasgow 7pm
 “ 20th Walter & Ishbel at Cornerstone Concert, Holy Trinity Church, Paisley 7.15pm
 “ 22nd Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 23RD Walter & Ishbel at Nazarene Church, Parkhead, Glasgow 2pm
 “ 25th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 28th Walter at Hartwood Hospital 9am
 “ 29th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 30th Walter & Ishbel at Cumbernauld Apostolic Church 1.45pm

Please keep our sons in your prayers – Andrew still hasn’t got a job, Craig is sitting the last of his Highers this year and is doing the pre-lims at present.

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
Releasedtolife@aol.com

‘Ask God for more in two thousand and four’

Thank you again to everyone who supports us in prayer – we really value your support and your love.



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. We hope you all had a lovely time over the festive season and are now ready to grow more in God in this New Year. Walter and I have started the year by doing a bible study. It is quite an in-depth study, although you don’t realise it at first. To begin with you read a portion of scripture and answer questions – that’s the easy part, but it then takes those scriptures into your own life and you have to answer questions and write examples etc. of how this applies to your life or how it already is applying. The questions are worded in such a way that you really have to think and you really have to search yourself. We have been finding it an excellent study although after each session we feel we have been through it. This though is what we are meant to do with God’s Word – apply it to our own life, but how often do we sit and actually delve into ourselves to see if we are applying God’s Word to our lives. How often do we not want to search ourselves too deeply for fear of what we may, or may not find?

We are really excited about this year – yes, regular readers will know I say that every year! But every year God has increased our excitement and our expectation for the year ahead. What joy to see things that God has spoken to you about actually start to develop, to see changes in places you have ministered at, to see growth and development in individuals...I could go on and on but it’s because we can see God’s hand on churches and fellowships, see His hand on situations, see His hand on people that we receive the encouragement to go on with the work we do. Sometimes it’s easier to just see the negatives but we should always look for the positives because they are there – and they are the blessing. Count your blessings..... What a wealth of wisdom went into that old chorus.

‘Ask God for more in 2004’ - well that was my plea in the last newsletter and God has just been showing me afresh that no matter how much we have received from Him, there is still far more for us! Why do we limit what we receive from our Father God? Seeking God’s leading in this, I feel the answer is simply because we do not have a deep enough relationship with Him. If we had, then we would know His heart towards us, would know without a doubt that He will never let us down, would know that, as a father, He wants to bless us and give us His best. How can we develop that relationship? First we have to give our all to Him, not holding anything back – and oh how easy it is to give in part and keep something back, but our Father God wants all of us. He created us and knows what’s best for us. Secondly we need to praise and worship Him, need to spend quality time with Him and we need to not only read His Word but act on it too. It’s so simple and yet we struggle – why? Because the devil is real and will constantly try to stop us developing our relationship with our Heavenly Father, will bring things our way to stop us spending that quality time with Him, will try to distract us when we settle down to read the Word, you all know what I’m talking about! For years I have been saying that it is time Christians stood up, took hold of the promises of God, realised the authority they have in Christ and started moving in that authority. I know for many of us we would find that a daunting thing to do – ‘I’m not a strong enough Christian’, ‘I’m not good enough to do that’, ‘I couldn’t do that’, ‘that’s only for people who’ve been to bible college’, - that’s just some of the excuses used but there is really no excuse because if only we developed our relationship with our wonderful, awesome, magnificent, all powerful, omnipresent, loving Father God then we would understand. It all boils down to having the relationship with God that releases us into not just a new life, but an abundant life in Him.

UPDATE

We really had an excellent three months from November to January. It was certainly busy as we had the two radio broadcasts as well as plenty of meetings to keep us going. I had that 'fluey' thing that was going around which drained me a bit but although, in the natural, I didn't feel well I just praise God he gave me the strength to keep going. In every meeting we did we really felt that God was doing something so it was a tremendously encouraging time too. We have only had three extra's that weren't in the Prayer diary. Walter and I, with the help of a dear brother in the Lord, Jocky Wilson, did the carol service at Hartwood hospital and we have been asked to go ahead and organise the service for next year too, which is good because Walter can choose carols suitable to the guitar, so we are looking forward to next Christmas!!! We were also at Carlsbridge Evangelical Church in Glasgow, which was a first visit, but despite a cold, wet, windy day and a depleted number due to 'flu', we had a great time with the ladies there sharing God's love. We also were at the High Kirk in Stevenston and had a really blessed time there.



WE HAVE THE COOLEST WEBSITE!

Oh yes we do! Our web designer is Richard Coull and you can't get couller than that!! When Caleb Radio was on air, Richard kindly donated a website as a prize in a month long competition. No, we didn't win the competition but our soundman, Peter Brown, did. Peter was one of a number of people who had stated that if they won the prize they would donate it to Released to Life Ministries. We were extremely touched that people thought so much of us that they would donate such a wonderful prize to us and we are absolutely delighted to have a website. Richard is a wonderful guy to work with and it has been good getting to know this brother in the Lord – and believe me, working under pressure is one way to find out what people are really like! So, if anyone is looking for a web designer we can certainly highly recommend Richard. Contact him on 0709 2121 906 or there is a link from our website to Richard.

RADIO

Both the Revival and Caleb broadcasts were excellent – in fact, on both stations we received the most phone calls we have ever had which was tremendously encouraging. It is so good to get phone calls from listeners who have been ministered to by God during your programme. Sometimes you don't even find out till later, sometimes never but that's why it is so important to keep these radio stations going. They are not only blessing Christians but ministering life into dejected souls and light into a dark world. Please keep praying for Christian radio stations – I would love to see a network of them all over our land from the Highlands and Islands down. Revival radio is back on air from the 18th April and the Caleb date is still to be confirmed. We will keep you posted.

We also have an invite to Ayr Christian and Community Radio and we have been asked for an interview by West Sound Radio in Ayr too.



THERE IS A FLAME

The new video has been selling really well and we have had great feedback from it. We decided to see how it would go on DVD and it is now available on that format at the same price as the video, £12.99. We were delighted to see the video in the 'Top Ten' video list in Wesley Owen's in Glasgow. It was a lot of work producing the video but it has all been worth it for the blessing it has been to so many. People are already asking when the next one will be out! The title song is still one that excites us as we use the words of the chorus as a prayer for our nation – 'So fan the fire by the wind of the Spirit, Igniting souls throughout this land, Turn hearts of stone into yielded vessels, To be shaped and moulded in loving hands'. That song is still available on a mini CD with two other songs, only from us, at £2.99.

SERVING GOD IS AWESOME!

We can certainly say amen to that statement. We never know where we will be, a church - or a prison, a dinner meeting in a hotel - or a drop-in centre, presenting or being interviewed on radio – or an open-air meeting. Whatever the venue, whatever the style of meeting, nothing alters the fact that serving God is awesome. We have always known that we would be ministering in Northern Ireland and over the years we could have opened doors through contacts we have but we always felt we had to wait for God to open the door. Well, that time has come and we have been invited to minister there at Easter. We are so looking forward to this and would value your prayers for the preparation, travel and ministry.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR BACK-UP TEAM

You know who you are and we appreciate you soooooo much. We can't stress enough how important you are to us. We don't know many of you personally and yet there is a bond there as we pray for each other – that's a 'God thing' and I love it. It's like friends you rarely see and yet when you get together it's as if you'd never been apart, you take up where you left off! Anyway, dear brothers and sisters, we really need your prayer support and are very aware of it when we face difficult situations. We feel this is going to be a breakthrough year and we know that more than ever we need your love and support. Thank you so much for being part of the team with us – together we can achieve, for His Glory!

LITTLE GEMS

WHEN GROWTH STOPS, DECAY BEGINS.

GOD TRANSFORMS TRIALS INTO TRIUMPHS.

TO RESIST THE PRESSURES OF THE WORLD
RELY ON THE POWER OF GOD

GOD'S TRUTH IS THE BEST PROTECTION
AGAINST SATAN'S LIES.

GOOD NEWS

I just have to tell you this wee testimony from one of the guys we befriended in prison. A young Christian himself he has just led another prisoner to the Lord!! That is why we are involved in prison work. To see a young man get a brand new life and then go and share with others and see someone else get a brand new life is just awesome. We were so blessed when we got the letter telling us this wonderful news. One of my sayings is 'Flower where you are planted' and this young man has done that. He hasn't said that when he is released he is going to do this or that – he has taken the step, knowing he is released in his spirit, to start ministering for God where he is! It wasn't only the angels rejoicing over this happening!

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.

We have been shocked at how much audio tape prices have increased in the past couple of months and are unsure now whether to continue the free tape for prisoners in this format or make the change over to CD's. The duplication plant is now doing so few tapes hence the big hike in price. I would also like to do more, whether it be tapes or CD's, for men who have already made a commitment just to encourage them in their walk with God. Please pray about this.

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.releasedtolife.co.uk