



PRAYER DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR US



2003

- June 2nd Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 3rd Walter & Ishbel @ Multi Cultural Day, Dungavel
 “ 5th Walter at Teen Challenge, Kilmacolm 10am and Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 7th Walter & Ishbel shooting video (weather permitting)
 “ 8th Walter @ Hartwood Hospital 9.15am
 “ 9th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 11th Walter & Ishbel @ Bank House Retirement Home, Lesmahagow 7.30pm
 “ 12th Walter at Teen Challenge, Kilmacolm 10am and Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 14th Walter & Ishbel shooting video (weather permitting)
 “ 16th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 17th Walter @ Carstairs State Hospital 7pm
 “ 19th Walter at Teen Challenge, Kilmacolm 10am and Bridge Drop-in Glasgow 1pm
 “ 20th Walter & Ishbel @ Greenock Prison 7pm
 “ 23rd Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 29th Walter ministering in song Skye Bible Church, Portree 11am Walter and Ishbel ministering in Kensaleyre Church 6pm and at Kensaleyre Youth Group 8pm
 July 4th Country Gospel Evening at Nunton Steadings, Benbecula 7.30pm
 “ 5th Country Gospel Evening, Village Hall, Berneray
 “ 6th Walter & Ishbel @ Balivanich Christian Fellowship, Benbecula 6pm AND Clachan Church of Scotland Christian Fellowship, North Uist, 8pm
 “ 7th Travelling back to Skye
 “ 8th Walter & Ishbel @ Church of Scotland Nursing Home, Portree 2.30pm
 “ 13th Walter & Ishbel ministering at Skye Bible Church, Portree 11am and Kyleakin Christian Fellowship at 8pm
 “ 15th Travelling Home
 “ 21st Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 26th Walter & Ishbel Country Gospel evening Port Glasgow 7pm
 “ 28th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm

The days off that we have in Skye will be spent doing decorating for parents and a few days rest.

August is not yet confirmed but we will have a week in Lewis, probably the second week, and other than that will have all the regular commitments in prison Monday nights, Carstairs on the 19th & The Haven & Drop-in on Thursdays. We also have Logos Fellowship, East Kilbride on 22nd August and Cumnock Christian Fellowship on the 31st August. We will be on Arran, weather permitting, to shoot the video on the 30th August. The next newsletter will be at the end of August with the summer update

Our grateful thanks to all of you who faithfully uphold us in prayer. We are really blessed to have people who pray for us on a daily basis and those prayers mean so much to us. Our grateful thanks also to anyone who has given us gifts and also to our dear sister who regularly sends books of stamps. We really appreciate your help. God bless you. We were really blessed last month to receive a box of groceries, which not only contained the exact shampoo and soap that we use!! But also many things we needed. We really appreciated the kindness of the folks and just praise God for His provision.



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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 everybody! Well here we are heading up to summer holidays already, isn't time just flying in!

We have had a really busy time, which included delivering Yellow Pages! We have been trying to gather together the money to get the new car that we needed and decided to deliver Yellow Pages because we could fit that round our existing commitments and it would give us a little extra money. First of all, in the last newsletter, we said we would like a Proton hatchback or a Skoda Felicia estate car. Well, we saw a Proton advertised and went to look at it but it had nothing like the boot capacity of our Proton saloon so we knew that that wouldn't do. Next we saw a Felicia estate advertised and went to see it but there was no way the guitar and P.A. would fit in it either. I decided to leave it to the Lord to lead us to 'our' car. In the same week we were delivering the directories we heard of a car but couldn't get to see it in time but we were told there was another estate coming in at the weekend and we could go and see it. We were given it out for the day and just knew it was the car God had meant us to have....and that was confirmed when what we were given for the old car meant we had exactly the right money. There was no way we could have taken out a loan, we don't have the regular support for that, but thanks to people listening to the Lord and sending us gifts, we now have a lovely R reg Ford Estate Encore 1.3 Estate with only 36 thousand on the clock, and we aren't in debt. Praise God for His wonderful provision. Not only that, but we got praying for and encouraging the car dealer's wife who hasn't had contact with a customer since he started in business many years ago! It's wonderful when you see God's hand just controlling the situation. Thank you to everyone who joined us in prayer for our car. God is Awesome!

Because of the Yellow Pages taking up nearly a week of our time, our June-July newsletter has now been extended to August!

Walter has also been in the recording studio recording some songs especially for the video. We didn't get started the video shoots when we wanted to because of the weather but we were out on Saturday at Kilcreggan Pier and at Luss. Loch Lomond was glorious and the cottages at Luss dripping with roses! It was so hot though that both Peter and Walter got sunburnt. We also got trying jet ski-ing, thanks to a friend who loves that sport. I don't think I'll be doing it again though as I'm not so keen on being that close to the water! It was certainly an experience though and I'm glad I had a go. Walter has mixed feelings about it!

We are heading up to Skye a couple of days earlier than we would normally go because it is my Dad's Eightieth Birthday on the 26th June. We are really looking forward to celebrating his birthday with him and it's good that the boys are able to be there too. Andrew still hasn't got a job, the plumbing apprenticeship he applied for, and other jobs, have not come to fruition but we are praying that he gets something soon. It's not good for young folk to be out of work. Craig is anxiously awaiting the results of his exams. He has started his 6th year subjects and is enjoying them so hopefully he will be able to continue with them and not have to drop them to re-sit higher.

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LITTLE GEMS

Religion may inform and reform
But only Jesus can transform!

Only those who know Jesus
Can experience God's mighty love

There are no unimportant members
In the Body of Christ

Knowing about God
is not the same as knowing God

There is a Flame in the Heart of Scotland....

Is the first line of the song Walter recorded specially for the video and this song has set me thinking and praying for our land even more. Scotland was once a Godly nation who sent out more missionaries per head of population than any other country. We were a God-fearing people but oh how times have changed. But God hasn't changed, He still loves us with such an awesome love, the prayers of our forefathers still hold good today and I know that I know that I know that God is going to move in His might and power in our land once more. He will sweep through our land bringing release into His abundant life and stirring the hearts of the people.

I once had a vision of Scotland and there were tiny lights scattered about it. This was the people *praying for God to move in our land – and suddenly these lights all came together in one huge flame*, which lit up the whole of Scotland as it moved through our land. I got excited as God was showing me this I get excited now thinking of it! God keeps bringing it to my thoughts in so many ways and this song especially makes the fire within me burn brighter!

We spent a wonderful day at the David Livingston Centre in Blantyre with a dear friend of ours who is a guide there. Just going round that exhibition and seeing how much that one man did to spread the love of God in that nation of Africa was awesome – but to know that the work is still carrying on today is brilliant. To know that Africans are coming to the centre now, to give thanks for David's ministry, is wonderful.

It's also wonderful to know that God hasn't forgotten the work of the many famous missionaries who went from our land, hasn't forgotten the prayers of our forefathers, and is now sending people into our land to stir up the flame once more.

My favourite lines from the song are *'Turn hearts of stone into yielded vessels, to be shaped and moulded in loving hands'*. That's our desire, to see souls saved by Jesus and lives changed by the love and power of our Mighty, Powerful, Faithful, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Awesome, Father God.

You know, each one of us who is born again has the capacity to be a flame burning brightly for our Father. At this time we might barely feel we are little sparks – but you put a little spark to dry grass and you soon see it erupt into flame that spreads so quickly. You only need to look at how the bush fires in Australia spread so quickly. If we ask God to use us, if we feed ourselves on His Word, we will be flames and if the flame gets fanned with the wind of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel message will be proclaimed throughout our land and God will look on us and be well pleased with His children. We are living in dry land – land that is ready to be ignited with the Gospel. Keep praying!

'There is a Flame' is available as a mini CD with two other new songs for £2.99. If you wish to purchase it then just send a cheque for £3.60, which includes p & p, to Walter at the address on Page 1. Please make cheques payable to - Walter Stevenson Ministries.

PROJECT FOR 2003 – Please continue to pray for good weather and provision for the video. We have chosen songs and locations and we just pray God will use this video to touch lives and encourage folk. Will keep you updated.



Prison is going well and we are now able to have a cup of tea with the men towards the end of our group time which gives a chance for the guys to discuss things with us on a one to one basis if they want, which is a step forward. We have been enjoying this time. This month again, I will ask if anyone is interested in joining a prayer group, or even starting a prayer group for the prisons, please get in touch. You don't even need to be near Shotts to pray for it!!!!

STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

We are now registered with Stewardship Services as Christian Workers so if any taxpayer feels led to support us regularly then we can forward an application form to you. Giving in this way means we receive an extra 28% via Gift Aid. This method can apparently also be used for one-off or occasional gifts over £30.

BOOKINGS -Please remember that we will be away until the middle of July and again sometime in the first two weeks of August, if you are trying to contact us about meetings. Again, can we just say how much we appreciate those of you who have recommended us to other groups and churches.



We hope and pray that you will have a lovely holiday and will be refreshed and rested for the remainder of the year. We pray for journeying mercies for each and every one of you. Be blessed in all you do. Happy Holidays!

Time is passing so quickly, we never seem to have enough time and, with the video taking up so much time, this next few months will be very hectic. I remember when I was little – a whole day seemed like forever!. What thrills me though is that God's timing is absolutely perfect. We experienced that with the car – and we believe that the car was secondary to that lady getting prayed for and encouraged. The timing was perfect. With the video, we got held up in the morning and arrived later than anticipated at Kilcreggan Pier, but even getting held up was God's plan because somebody received help they needed. We were just about finished shooting when I turned round to see two big funnels coming round a bend in the river, 'The Waverley' was enjoying it's first sailing since it's multi million refit.....and we just happened to get it berthing at Kilcreggan on our video!!!

If we'd been up to time we would have been halfway to Loch Lomond by that time. Little things – but they are God blessing us and showing us that His timing is always perfect. In fact there were a number of occasions last week when we met people and gave and received encouragement. These 'Godincidences' shouldn't have happened if we'd been where we were supposed to be at the time we were supposed to be there!! God knows what's best though and can even arrange 'diversions' to get us where He wants us, when He wants us. We even got our car in perfect time because it has allowed me to get the feel of the car before the 7 hour drive to Mum and Dad's.

Praising God – When we first realised the need of an estate car we didn't have any money to buy one but we passed the request on to 'Head Office'. We were thanking God for our car but, for me, I was still wondering how God could supply this car.....I'm only human and slip up, don't you? However, when God started ministering to me every time I picked up my Bible, and reminding me of past help, I really started to thank God, believing we had a new car, and things started to happen. We were given a massive gift of £1,000, then other gifts came in and in a very short time the car was in the drive.

God wants to bless His children - but we need to believe it! We have a wonderful, loving Father God.