

## PRAYER DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR US

- 1<sup>st</sup> May Walter & Ishbel at Whitburn Christian Fellowship 7.30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> " Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 6.30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Clyde Court Nursing Home, Clydebank 2.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> " Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 6.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> June Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 6.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Bank House Retirement Home, Lesmahagow 1.30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Nethanvale Nursing Home, Auchloch, Lesmahagow 3.30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Elim Pentecostal Church, Paisley 1.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Faith Mission, Fort William 8pm  
15<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at 'Road to Recovery' Kilmallie Free Church, Nr. Fort William 7.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Drop-In, Kilmallie Free Church, 12.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Church of Scotland Nursing Home, Portree, Isle-of-Skye 2.30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> " To be confirmed  
21<sup>st</sup> " Walter & Ishbel on Cuillins FM radio in afternoon (1 or 3pm)  
Walter & Ishbel at Church of Scotland, Kyleakin, Isle-of-Skye 6pm  
24<sup>th</sup> starts our Time Out  
11<sup>th</sup> August ends our Time Out and we travel to the Isle-of-Lewis. Dates confirmed are as follows -  
12<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Dunberisay Nursing Home, Stornoway, 2pm & New Wine Church 7.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel, Country Gospel evening, Salvation Army, Bay Head, Stornoway 7.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at New Wine Church, Stornoway, 11am & Barvas Hall, 7pm  
18<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Grianin day centre, 2pm and Dun Eisdan Nursing Home, 3pm  
19<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at New Wine Church, Point Street, Stornoway 7.30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> " Travel home from Lewis  
23<sup>rd</sup> " Walter & Ishbel taking service at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am  
24<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm  
30<sup>th</sup> " Walter & Ishbel taking service at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am

Please continue to pray for us throughout our 'time out' because we want the most from this time with our wonderful Father God. We don't want to miss anything or be distracted in any way.

### DAVID PAWSON SEMINARS

There is a weekend of teaching seminars, sponsored by Skye Bible Church, to be held in the newly built auditorium at Portree High School on the beautiful Isle-of-Skye on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Admission is free and optional lunch on the Saturday is £5. An offering will be uplifted at each meeting. This is a unique opportunity to spend a weekend learning with the world renowned Bible teacher with a ministry spanning fifty years.

**Themes:** \* Understanding and applying the Bible today \* What should Christians do with the 613 laws of Moses? \* How many covenants are there in Scripture? \* How do the Old and New Testaments relate?

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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! What an exciting year this has been already and, what has come across so forcefully is that God is willing to move us all on in Him – is crying out to us to move on in Him – so what's the problem? We have to be willing to let Him have His way, be willing to open up to what He has for us. Why should we find that difficult? If you're expecting me to give an answer you're going to be disappointed because I don't know what holds us back from embracing all God has for us. What I do know is that we really need to examine ourselves and find out why we are reluctant to carry out God's plan and purpose for our lives. Is it our lifestyle that isn't what it should be? Is it fear of going into unknown territory? Is it wanting to stay in control of our own lives? Is it an inferiority complex holding us back? I could go on and on listing reasons but probably my next sentence will answer them all! We have such an awesome, wonderful Father God who created each of us individually – not one of us is a mistake – a Father God who wants the very best for us, has an individual plan and purpose for each of our lives and who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us, has promised to equip us for any job He gives us, but most of all His love for each of us, no matter who we are, no matter even if we believe in Him or not!- His love for us is so great, so perfect that we can fully trust Him with our lives. Can't you feel the urgency to move on in Him? Can't you feel the excitement being generated from the Heavens? Can't you sense that time is short? If your answer to these questions is in the negative can I suggest, from personal experience, that you seek to get closer to God. This isn't said in condemnation but from a heartfelt desire to see us all wanting more of God, wanting a deeper far more intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. It's not about religion and following a set of rules but all about relationship with the Living God - and everything else flows from that relationship, which is built on love.

You may have noticed that this is a four month newsletter but this is a one-off for a specific reason, which we'll go into in more detail on page 2, and we will be reverting to the usual quarterly newsletter after this.

April was a special month for us because not only did we celebrate twenty-four years of marriage on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month, but my parents celebrated their Diamond Wedding on the 29<sup>th</sup>. 60 years of marriage is something Walter and I will not be likely to see – now why did I write that since it is perfectly possible as Walter would only need to be blessed with life here on earth till he was 100! I'd just be in my 90's!! I was buying a gift for my parents and was saying it was for their Diamond Anniversary and the girl was astounded and made the comment that many marriages now don't last 60 months never mind 60 years! I just feel Christian marriages are being attacked just now and urge you all to pray a hedge of protection round your marriages and the blood of Jesus over your marriage on a daily basis. Marriage is so precious and we need to do all we can to prevent the devil finding a foothold in the relationship and destroying it. We are certainly looking forward to celebrating our silver wedding next year – though exactly how we'll celebrate it is another thing! The important thing is that we know our marriage is until 'death do us part' and we just thank God for it.

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## TIME OUT

Now to explain why there will be four months until the next newsletter!

We were astounded to be invited by Emmanuel Christian Centre to go to their Church conference at Seamill Hydro. It all happened very quickly and everything just fell into place so we knew God was in this! I went to the event armed with some questions I wanted God to answer and a couple of things I was looking for confirmation of. Our journey to the Hydro on the Sunday morning was filled with excitement at what was ahead and anticipation of a special time with God. We were not disappointed. From the moment we arrived in the car park there was a buzz about the place as friends old and new greeted each other .... we met friends we didn't even know were going to be there!

From the very first session on the Sunday morning God's presence was there. In fact, I have never spent 2 ½ days of meetings where the sustained presence of God was so evident. The aroma was so sweet, the presence of the Holy Spirit so heavy. I really have to explain that statement – in many, many meetings I have sensed the Holy Spirit and was asking for more ..... in these meetings at Seamill I was asking if I could *take* any more! I can understand why we read in the Bible of people being prostrated on the floor because the presence of the Lord was so heavy .... I felt if I'd been there one more day it would have been spent face down on the floor because this weight – that was so light!! – was just too much to stay upright under. This wasn't a joyful, exuberant kind of feeling but a saturation of deep, deep love that went beyond exuberance. I don't know if I am explaining this very well – it was really such a special experience that I'm not going to try and explain further!

The speakers were wonderful and if you ever get the opportunity to go and hear Dotty Schmitt then grab it! She is truly inspirational – as are the other speakers, Kevin and Rosemary Sambrook. Dotty is a lady of 'advanced years' but I couldn't take my eyes off of her before one of the meetings because the closer it got to her speaking, the younger her countenance got! Right before my eyes I saw the change in her and it just brought home to me how we should embrace age and the experience it brings with it ..... and just leave the rest to the Lord. I sometimes wonder how long we'll be able to travel around but, since it's the Lord's ministry, we don't need to concern ourselves with that because He'll take care of it all. Must be this big birthday I've got coming up in September making me think about age!!

Anyway, to get back to Seamill, let me just say that every question I went there with was answered the first night and by the end of the sessions one of the things I needed confirmation of was confirmed. We were given words from the Lord, which are precious to us, we were encouraged, we were saturated in the presence of God and just had a truly blessed time.

The meetings were finished and I still had this one thing unconfirmed but just reckoned it couldn't have been from God. I went over to Dotty to say goodbye to her and she just hugged me and started to pray for me ..... and the Lord gave her a word for me and, yes, it was the confirmation needed but also so much more! We have to have a 'time out' to immerse ourselves in the Word, in praise and worship and prayer - to prepare us for what's ahead. We are really excited about this and looking forward to this special time with the Lord.

Preparing for the time out is quite hectic since we need to script and pre-record radio programmes up to the end of August and we have so many other things to attend to so that we can be as free as possible during this time. Two things have had to stay in place but I don't see a problem with that as these bookings were already in place. One problem facing us was what to do about the prison on Monday nights. We have few volunteers and it would mean the men would have no praise and worship time either but, we had to do what God wanted in this. After much prayer we felt released to carry on our visits on a fortnightly basis rather than weekly and that's what we'll do until late August when we'll be able to revert to the weekly visits again.

So there you are, special things happening, exciting things to look forward to, words to hold on to and be encouraged by - and treasured memories to look back on.



**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.**

### *In the swim of things*

I am once again right in the swim of things! I hadn't been in a swimming pool for 20 years when we went to Seamill Hydro but at the last minute just before we left the house, I put my swimsuit in, expecting it to never get wet! To cut a long story short, I was invited to go for a swim and on saying I hadn't been in a pool for 20 years and probably couldn't swim anymore I was told by this dear lady that she was a qualified swimming teacher and trained lifeguard! How good is God?! I have now been swimming most weeks since then and thoroughly enjoying it ..... have even swum lengths of the pool .... yes, into the deep end!!!

### **LITTLE GEMS**

HEAVEN – NO PAIN, ALL GAIN

TO BE OF ONE HEART WITH GOD IS TO KNOW THE PEACE OF GOD

*DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE THORNS ON ROSE BUSHES  
– BE THANKFUL FOR THE ROSES ON THORN BUSHES!*

OUR INTERCESSION MAY BE THE KEY TO GOD'S INTERVENTION

### UPDATES FROM THE FARMS!

There is so much to report on in the last three months I've decided not even to try and list them all. I have to mention our long weekend to England though. We had a wonderful time at Hollybush Farm Christian Fellowship and it was so good to meet up with old friends .... a couple even travelled from Blackpool where they now live, but we knew them from Larbert! It was a joy to be there and we had the opportunity to pray for folk too. Next day we travelled across the moors to Lancaster – got lost on the way but we saw some beautiful Yorkshire scenery we wouldn't have seen otherwise. We even had the most scrumptious cream tea garnished with strawberries! All things work together .....etc. We had a lovely night at Merve and Lucy's with a special testimony night and supper on the Saturday night and at Kay's Farm Fellowship on the Sunday morning. Sunday night we were at Barrow-in-Furness and the pastor confirmed that what I spoke about was the right message because he'd had the same words while in prayer that day. Monday night at Kay's Farm turned out to be a special night as, after I'd shared the message, Walter sang a 'final' song, which led to another – and just developed into a time of praise that could have gone on all night! Times like that are precious.

### HOLIDAYS

We hope you have a lovely time during the summer – we had left two weeks at the end of May for a holiday but haven't been able to find one in our price bracket this year ... but who knows, maybe something will turn up or maybe we just need that time for other things ..... like getting the garden in order so minimal work needs done in our time out! Praise God, He's in control!

We look forward to bringing you up to date with everything in our September newsletter – that seems so long away but I'm sure it will fly in.

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

Since God revealed to me afresh the importance of speaking out His Word, I thought I would put a little passage of scripture, which I have personalised, to encourage you to do that.... speak it out daily!

" may the God of hope fill me with all joy and peace in believing, that I may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"—Romans 15:13