

PRAYER DIARY
PLEASE PRAY FOR US



2005

- Nov. 3rd Ishbel teaching, Walter leading praise at The Haven, Kilmacolm 1
 “ 5th Walter & Ishbel at Arbroath Mission, Country Gospel Evening, 7.30pm
 “ 6th Walter & Ishbel at Strathmore Christian Fellowship, Town Hall, Kirriemuir, 11am
 “ 7th Walter & Ishbel at HMP Shotts 6.45pm
 “ 10th Ishbel teaching, Walter leading praise at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am
 “ 12th Walter at Men’s Breakfast, Kilmarnock Prison 9am
 “ 13th Walter & Ishbel taking service at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am
 “ “ Walter & Ishbel at Lower Johnshill retirement home, Auchlocham 7.30pm
 “ 14th Walter & Ishbel at HMP Shotts 6.45pm
 “ 15th Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 7pm
 “ 16th Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 10am – noon on 87.9FM
 “ 17th Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 2pm – 4pm on 87.9FM
 “ 19th Walter & Ishbel at Clarkston Baptist Church Anniversary 6.30pm
 “ 20th Walter & Ishbel, Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am & Prisoners Week Service, Shotts Prison
 2.30pm
 “ 21st Walter & Ishbel at HMP Shotts 6.45pm
 “ 23rd Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 10am – noon on 87.9FM
 “ 24th Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 2pm – 4pm on 87.9FM
 “ 26th Walter & Ishbel at 120th Anniversary of Airdrie Salvation Army at 5.30pm
 “ 27th Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital with Colin Cuthbert at 9.15am
 “ 28th Walter & Ishbel at HMP Shotts 6.45pm
 “ 29th Walter & Ishbel at East Stewart Day Centre, Coatdyke 1.30pm
 “ 30th Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 10am – noon on 87.9FM
 Dec. 1st Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 2pm – 4pm on 87.9FM
 “ 4th Walter & Ishbel, Country Gospel Evening, Law Parish Church 7pm
 “ 5th Walter & Ishbel at HMP Shotts 6.45pm
 “ 6th Walter & Ishbel at South Church, Wishaw 7.30pm
 “ 7th Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 10am – noon on 87.9FM
 “ “ “ at Nethanvale nursing home, 6pm & Bank House Retirement Home 7.30pm
 “ 8th Walter & Ishbel presenting Caleb Country Corner 2pm – 4pm on 87.9FM
 “ 10th Walter at Men’s Breakfast, Kilmarnock Prison 9am
 “ 11th Walter & Ishbel, Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am
 “ 12th Walter & Ishbel at Coatbridge Baptist Church Christmas Dinner 7pm
 “ 14th Walter & Ishbel at East Stewart Day Centre, Coatdyke 1.30pm
 “ 15th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow at 1pm
 “ 17th Walter at Ishbel at Rosebank Garden Centre, for Live Christmas Music throughout the day
 “ 18th Walter & Ishbel, Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am
 “ 19th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison Carol Service 7pm
 “ 20th Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 7pm
 “ 22nd Walter & Ishbel at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in Glasgow at 1pm



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

Hi! Isn't time just passing so quickly! I can't believe we are heading up to Christmas once more....does this mean I'm getting old? I always remember my Gran saying time passes quicker as you get older. Couldn't understand it then, know it doesn't now But it sure does seem like it does!!!! It has been a busy couple of months for us. We are amazed at doors that God has opened for us, places we've never been before, new areas of ministry too. We just feel so privileged to have the opportunities we have to share God with others. In September we were at the Haven and I was teaching there for the first time and I was very apprehensive about it but the guys made it so easy for me and I'm delighted to be going back this month to teach for two days while Colin Cuthbert is in Dallas speaking at the C.O.P.E. Conference. I really felt at ease doing this 'new' thing and thank God that he brought it about. I would never have gone down that road myself but I did enjoy it so much. It all goes back to being available for God. He isn't bothered about your ability; it's your availability! He has more than enough ability to see you through what He asks you to do.

It has been wonderful going to new places and meeting new people and we had some really good meetings where we felt the people were really receiving the ministry given. We had a number of opportunities to pray for people and to counsel them.

I felt that over this past two months we have grown in the Lord quite a bit. We have been through a lot this past year and it's as if it has all culminated in a stronger relationship with our Father God and a renewed commitment to serve Him. I know my faith is stronger and I have learnt a lot. I feel God is teaching me for a purpose and I am open to whatever God has in store for me. I am excited about what is still to come and really looking forward to 2006.

I had yet another unexpected visit to Skye as my Mum was taken into hospital with a suspected heart attack. I had to rush up on the Friday, which saw me in transit for eleven hours, Saturday was spent doing some housework and showing people round the house and on Sunday I had to come home because we had a funeral on Monday morning. I am not a good traveller now and I really need a couple of days between long journeys so I was really tired for a few days but I did have some lovely times with the Lord on those journeys. When you are surrounded on all sides by the majestic scenery of our Highlands you can't fail to want to thank God for His creation. Mum didn't have a heart attack, the doctors think the problem was coming from her stomach and she is undergoing tests at the moment so please keep her in your prayers. There is still no news on the house front.

Walter is approaching a biiiig birthday on the 19th of November and I can't believe I am married to someone of his age!! Of course you all know that I am younger! (Okay, it's only by four years but I'm still younger!!) but it set me thinking. I don't feel my age – in fact inside I still feel like I'm in my twenties! As I was thinking about that it dawned on me that although the shell (my body) might be decaying the important bit is inside me and that has eternal life! I can feel youthful forever As long as I don't dwell on the obvious decline of the body! You'd think being small gravity wouldn't have the same impact!!!! But there the answer lies, as with everything, don't dwell on the problem, don't dwell on the things that will waste away but dwell on what is good and everlasting, the love of our Father God and His greatness. Dwell on His greatness and the problem has to diminish in comparison.

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The Power of Praise

I just have to put in a little bit here about how praising God can help us through our day. Many of you already know that the power of praise is one of 'my subjects' but I have to keep going on about it because it works! We have started to decorate Craig's room and it is a small narrow room with no room to move in it! Walter trained as a decorator in the mansion houses and castles of Ayrshire where no doubt the staff would have the room emptied or at the very least the furniture stacked in the middle of the floor and there would be room to move round it! Well, that just isn't going to happen in our house! Every inch of wall you do means shifting the furniture a bit this way A bit that way A bit over there! This frustrates Walter and I could here him moaning (yes, I know you are shocked ... but just occasionally he does succumb to a moan!) so I looked out a couple of praise CD's and went upstairs and put them on the stereo. Ten minutes of praising and he was a different person! The furniture still had to be moved so the circumstances were the same but he was different. God's Word doesn't tell us to put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness for nothing; it is good advice that will help you. You can wallow in your circumstances or be set free to soar – it is your choice – but God has given you the answer.

Talking about being set free – a very special friend of ours has been released from prison. While inside Alan gave his heart to the Lord, was set free from heroin addiction immediately and we just love Alan and have watched him grow in the Lord. He has had many problems during this time but his faith in God has not wavered. He knows where his source is. Alan is settled in a good church and has a job but it is wonderful when he phones us to tell us of the things God is doing through him. To hear of him leading others to the Lord, to hear of him talking to others with addictions and letting them know that there is an answer, is just wonderful. When you hear the excitement in his voice as he talks of our wonderful Father God, talks of how much he is learning, well - it is just so uplifting. This young man has had many choices to make since becoming a Christian but, Praise God, he has chosen wisely and chosen Jesus every time.

87.9FM CALEB RADIO 87.9FM

Caleb Radio starts a month long broadcast on 12th November. If you are in an area where you can't receive the signal but you have internet access then you can listen to the programme via your computer by going to the Caleb Radio website. We are bringing Caleb Country Corner on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon and on Thursday afternoons from 2pm through to 4pm. I find it amazing that through the power of the internet people can be listening to you on the other side of the world! Please pray for all aspects of the broadcast that it would indeed bring Light and Life to Lanarkshire – and beyond.

LITTLE GEMS

GOD WANTS TO USE OUR DIFFICULTIES TO MAKE US BETTER – NOT BITTER!
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD, LET JESUS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOU.
IF WE DEPEND WHOLLY ON GOD, WE FIND HIM WHOLLY DEPENDABLE.
PROBLEMS ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESS.

Thank you so very much to everyone who has supported us in any way over the past two months. We really value your prayer support and also any gifts received. Knowing we have your support is wonderful and always encourages us.

Christmas Time Again

You will have noticed that this is a three-month newsletter, as we really need to have some time just to relax and spend with God at the beginning of the year. We have limited bookings for January so we can do this because we need to recharge the batteries after the busy months of November and December.

We do not have the Hartwoodhill Carol Service in the diary because the date hasn't been confirmed yet but we would appreciate your prayers for that too. We are looking forward to spending the day in the Rosebank Garden Centre on the 17th December and we will be doing sets throughout the day from about 11 am – earlier if we are set up! So if you are out and about on that Saturday make a stopover for coffee or lunch (lovely home baking – meringues to die for! and beautiful homemade soup!), browse the huge gift section, stock up on your decorations and say hello to us you know how much I like a cuddle!

So many things have happened this past two months and I should have written them down at the time – but I didn't, and now I don't know where to start! Isn't that like life? Sometimes we have so much going on that we get so bogged with work and don't know where to start to change things. Well, first place to start is spend time with Jesus. When we take the time to spend with Him, He will lead us and guide us as to what to do and what not to do. He will help us prioritise so that we can have time in the day for the important things. One of the songs Walter has been singing everywhere we go is 'Jesus Has Time For You' and we need to remember that. No matter what our problem, no matter where we are, no matter what time it is Jesus has time for us. We are so precious that He gave his all for us. He came from Heaven, a perfect place, to this world just so He could pay the price for us. He had no sin yet He took the burden of our sin and paid the price for us on that cross at Calvary. We are that precious to Him. He has all the time in the world to spend with us. He desires longs for Years for, a deeper relationship with us. The question is though Have we got time for Him?

The innkeeper said there was no room at the inn for Jesus to be born as a little baby into this world; sadly many are still saying they have no room for Jesus, the Saviour of this world. Well, that is a choice everyone has to make for themselves but it is really sad when Christians who are born again through that blood shed at Calvary, can't find any time to spend with the one who loves us so much. Let's make a resolution to spend more time with Jesus in 2006 even if it is only an extra 5 minutes a day! It can only benefit us.

*May the wonder of that first Christmas,
the joy of God's abundant blessings,
and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you always*

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- Jan. 8th Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am
- “ 9th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.45pm
- “ 12th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm
- “ 15th Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am
- “ 16th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.45pm
- “ 18th Walter & Ishbel at Victoria Hall, Glasgow 2pm
- “ 19th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & The Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow 1pm
- “ 21st Walter & Ishbel at Torch Trust, United free Church, Shawlands 2.30pm
- “ 22nd Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9.15am
- “ 23rd Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.45pm
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