



PRAYER DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR US



2003

- Sep. 1st Video recording
- " 3rd Walter & Ishbel @ Shawhead Community Centre, Coatbridge 2pm
- " 4th Walter @ The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow @ 1pm
- " 5th Walter & Ishbel @ Auchlochan House, Lesmahagow @ 7.30pm
- " 6th Video recording
- " 8th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
- " 11th Walter @ The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow @ 1pm
- " 13th Walter & Ishbel at Prison Fellowship Leaders Day, Bridge of Allan 10am
- " 15th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
- " 16th Walter @ Carstairs State Hospital 6.30pm
- " 18th Walter @ The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow @ 1pm
- " 20th Possibly video recording in morning
- " 21st Walter & Ishbel @ Bathgate Community Church 6.30pm
- " 22nd Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
- " 25th Walter @ The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow @ 1pm
- " 26th Walter & Ishbel @ Whitburn Pentecostal Church Friday Fellowship 7.30pm
- " 29th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
- Oct. 2nd Walter & Ishbel at St. Margaret's Tollcross Park Church, Glasgow 1pm
- " 6th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
- " 9th Walter @ The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow @ 1pm
- " 11th Walter & Ishbel @ Arbroath Town Mission 7.30pm
- " 12th Walter & Ishbel @ Strathmore Christian Fellowship, Kirriemuir 11am
- " 13th We are trying to get a few days away this week
- " 17th Walter & Ishbel presenting Sounds Good Country, Revival Radio 8-10pm
- " 18th Walter & Ishbel, Friends Night, Ebenezer Church, Motherwell 7.30pm
- " 20th Walter & Ishbel @ Shotts Prison 6.30pm
- " 21st Walter @ Carstairs State Hospital 6.30pm
- " 23rd Walter @ The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow @ 1pm
- " 24th Walter & Ishbel presenting Sounds Good Country, Revival Radio 8-10pm
- " 27th Walter & Ishbel @ Hamilton Baptist Church 2pm & Shotts Prison 6.30pm
- " 30th Walter @ The Haven, Kilmacolm 10am & Bridge Drop-in, Glasgow @ 1pm
- " 31st Walter & Ishbel presenting Sounds Good Country, Revival Radio 8-10pm

Once more can we just ask that you continually hold us up in prayer because we know that there will be more bookings than listed. We'd also appreciate your prayers for the radio broadcast – for all the presenters as they prepare and present their programmes, for the technical staff and for the studio staff, that everything said and done will glorify God both on air and off. Pray that God will go before us and prepare the way and prepare hearts to receive from Him. Pray that unsaved will 'find' themselves tuning in to the broadcast.

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



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! Well the summer has passed so quickly and I can't believe we are now into the autumn months. I love September – I don't know if it's anything to do with it being my birth month – but I love to see all the autumn tints coming on the trees, all the coppers, bronze, red and gold shades that just look stunning with the sun glinting off them. We are very fortunate to be living where we do on the edge of the beautiful Clyde Valley. Just a few minutes drive from our house and we are driving along the banks of the Clyde as the river meanders through gentle rolling scenery with orchards and nurseries at the side of the road and plenty of beautiful trees which give welcome shade from the sun in summer, stunning colour displays in autumn and startling sights in winter as the frost and snow sparkle on the bare branches creating a wonderland in the bleakness of winter. God is so good to us, creating such beauty for us to enjoy – if we only take the time to look! His Word is so good for us if we only take the time to absorb it, and His instruction is so bountiful if we only take the time to carry out the wise guidance given. What an awesome God we serve.

We have been really blessed this summer, it has been extremely busy and we are feeling the need of a few days holiday, but it has been an exciting time with new doors opening for us. It was really strange to be home in the middle of summer this year but we had to be in Skye for my Dad's 80th birthday at the end of June and managed to fit in the Skye engagements and Benbecula, North Uist and Berneray at that time. Dad's birthday was a real surprise day for him and it was so nice that both boys were able to be with us for the celebration.....mind you, I don't want to see another balloon for a long, long time!!!! We then had to come home for our friends wedding which was a great day and made extra special by them taking communion together during the ceremony. What a lovely way to start married life. There is an update on the summer further on so I'll just say we spent the first week in August on Lewis, travelling for the first time (for me) from Ullapool to Stornoway....which wasn't without its problems! We had a beautiful drive up to Ullapool and had left the house early so we could have a few stops and enjoy the drive. It was beautiful sunshine all the way and Ullapool looked lovely bathed in sunshine so we couldn't believe it when we were told the ferry, which was supposed to leave at 5.30pm, wasn't arriving in Ullapool until 7 o'clock because of fog. Well, it didn't even arrive then, it was eight o'clock before it docked. Going out, I was sitting at a window looking out and we just passed from brilliant sunshine through this heavy curtain into the heaviest fog you could imagine and didn't dock at Stornoway until ten minutes to midnight, By the time the ship tied up and we disembarked, were welcomed by Donnie and set off by car, it was a very tired twosome who eventually arrived at Dalbeg at 12.30am. I really don't want to hear a ships foghorn for a long time either!! At the end of the week we were beginning to wonder if we would get home because after days of late sailings due to fog at sea, the ferry broke down and there was one day there were no sailings while they brought a replacement ferry into service. We eventually did sail on the 'Isle of Lewis' – but it was late due to the new parts being run in. However it was a beautiful sail and it wasn't a problem that it was longer than anticipated! At least we got to see something this time!!

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

This song has been received really well everywhere we've sung it and it has really been gripping people and inspiring them to pray for their land. We have been really blessed by the reaction and are looking forward to taking it to all our engagements in the coming month. As I said in the last newsletter, 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.

VIDEO PROJECT FOR 2003 – Please continue to pray for good weather for the remainder of the video. We have now got 8 songs recorded, so we're 2/3 of the way there with the recording, but all the editing still has to be done. There is still a chance that it could be out for Christmas.



LITTLE GEMS

**WHEN YOU GET TO THE END OF YOUR ROPE
TIE A KNOT AND HANG ON IN THERE!**

**HE WHO WALKS WITH GOD
WILL BE OUT OF STEP WITH THE WORLD**

**THOSE WHO THANK GOD IN THEIR TRIALS
TURN BURDENS INTO BLESSINGS.**

**WHEN SATAN STRIKES – STRIKE BACK
WITH THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**

Extra's to the last Newsletter

In June Walter (and me!) had the privilege of being invited to sing at an open air 'Celebration of Pentecost' in Lanark, which due to the inclement weather ended up being an 'indoors with the doors wide open' event. It was an excellent evening and it was good to see the different churches in Lanark coming together to celebrate Pentecost in this way. Later that month we were also unexpectedly invited to take the meeting at an Addiction Support Group in the Church of Scotland in Staffin. We had a tremendous time with the folks there and look forward to meeting them all again. It was lovely to have people come and acknowledge that they'd been helped and encouraged that night. In July, because we were home for the wedding, Walter was able to go to the Haven, the Bridge Drop-in in Glasgow, the Bridge in Lanark, Hartwood Hospital, Carstairs and we were also interviewed on Ayr Christian Community Radio. In August we made a first visit to the Cornerstone Drop-in in Paisley and we also did a Country Gospel Evening for the Free Church in Lochgilphead. We didn't know the minister at the Free Church but when we did meet we discovered many mutual friends. We had an absolutely brilliant time at Lochgilphead and have been asked to go back in the winter so we look forward to that. Walter also got the opportunity to sing at his old home church, New Life Christian Centre, when we visited there on our way to do a Country Gospel Evening in Cumnock. When times get tough Walter often thinks back to when his Dad pastored the fellowship that grew into New Life and remembers the times it would have been so easy for his Dad to have given up. But he soldiered on and the fellowship grew, moved premises, changed its name and is flourishing today. Walter's Dad didn't live to see that growth but without his dedication and determination perhaps New Life would not be in existence today. We all have a part to play and may not even see the result of the part we play but isn't it wonderful that God knows it all and can see the 'big picture' while we often only get the trailer! So, don't give up! It was lovely to meet up with old friends at Prestwick.

SUMMER UPDATE

It's difficult to know where to start, and I know I can't mention everything but will endeavour to bring highlights. For us, people giving their lives to the Lord is the biggest highlight of all and that happened twice this summer. We have been trying to get to the Isle of Berneray for a number of years and didn't get, but God's timing is perfect and when we eventually got to Berneray this year a lady got saved. She got such a touch from God it was just wonderful to see. Another good thing is that she knows a lovely lady we know who will help and encourage her. Another lady was saved at the Country Gospel Evening we did at Port Glasgow and we just praise God for these ladies and pray that they will continue to grow in the Lord. We also made a first time visit to the Church of Scotland Nursing Home in Portree and the residents enjoyed a music-filled afternoon. We did three-quarters of an hour and had a break for tea and then did another three-quarters of an hour! We were really sorry that on this visit we didn't have the time to make a return visit to the nursing home in Broadford but we certainly hope to rectify that next year and we have also been asked about going to another nursing home on the island, so we will have to keep these all in mind and arrange next years tour a bit earlier than this one was arranged.

We had such a short time on Benbecula this year but did four meetings in three days and really enjoyed meeting friends old and new over on the islands. The Sunday night on Benbecula was really special for reasons that are personal to others and so I don't want to go into it but let's just say God was moving!

On Lewis we visited the Day Centre and Nursing Homes as usual and it was wonderful in one of them especially to know that the folks were really receiving and responding. I prayed a blessing over one old lady who had tried to grasp me as I passed her and it was lovely to have her respond to it even although I wasn't able to communicate with her verbally.....but with God you can have spirit to spirit communication. Hallelujah. She knew she was being blessed. The sad thing is trying to leave some of the old ones. They cling on to you and I just want to give them a cuddle.....which I do!! Another couldn't communicate verbally with me but she was sitting crying and I just held her and God works through that simple show of love too. The Gospel Concert for the Salvation Army went well too and was well attended. We had a great time with New Wine Church and Walter also got to sing in a 12th century church, St. Moluag's at Eoropaigh in Ness. This building, which has no electricity, no water (therefore no toilets!!) sits on the machair and is only accessed by a 200-yard path through croft land. It is reputed to be the first place that the gospel was preached in Lewis and the original building on that site dated from the 6th century. It is a beautiful little church and under the direction of God, New Wine Church are holding meetings there until the end of October on Sunday evenings, after which time it will be too cold and too dark to go there. We found it exciting to be there.

I could go on and on about the summer ministry time but really it is just such a privilege to be able to share with others and minister to them and we thank God that He allows us to be used in this way.



Count your Blessings the old song says ... well, we have plenty to count! And we just thank everyone who has blessed us in any way over the past three months. For hospitality received, gifts, stamps, letters and cards, we are truly grateful for all of these. I have to tell you about one in particular though because it illustrates how God does care for each of us. Walter and I have been pretty tired, we haven't had a 'proper' holiday in years – haven't even stayed in a hotel since we were married! – anyway, completely out of the blue, came a cheque for £250 for us to put to a holiday so we are now looking for a bargain break and trying to find a 'window' to have it in. We are so looking forward to having some time out and getting the batteries recharged. It was also good that the people specified what the gift was for because otherwise we wouldn't have put it to a holiday even although we need one. Gifts we receive finance our travelling to places where we don't get expenses and enable us to keep going where God calls us. We just Praise God for His provision and for His obedient servants.