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When I last wrote I was just about to start open-air outreach again as the lockdown began to ease. I'm happy to say that this has gone ahead. It was rather quiet in the town centres initially but before long it began to feel like there had never been a lockdown. Glasgow is still quieter than it was as many of the office workers are working from home and therefore are not in the city centre at lunchtime. On the plus side, it means that the people who are in the city centre tend to have



more time to spare as they're not rushing to be back in their office after lunch. The pace of people walking around is slower and they are more inclined to stop and listen to the preaching. There has also been a good number of people sitting on benches or, in the case of



Glasgow, on the steps of the Royal Concert Hall. A fair number of people have stopped to look at our little table of booklets and then select something which they've taken away with them.

Not all my usual places for preaching are suitable or available post lockdown. Consequently I have been thinking of other

places which might work well. Last Friday I was in Stirling and preached there for the first time. The weather was nice and warm which helps to bring the people out and make them feel comfortable stopping to listen. A young lady called Morgan stopped to listen. Initially I thought she might be a Christian already as she listened intently. But then she shook her head as I spoke of the resurrection. When I finished preaching I walked towards her and she started the conversation with, "You don't really believe that, do you?" It was good to be able to share the gospel with her, pointing out that it is reasonable to have faith in God. At the end of our conversation Morgan was happy to accept an Ultimate Questions booklet and a John's Gospel.



HMP Barlinnie is still in lockdown! Their restriction on visitors affects us as we are in the category of volunteers and no volunteers are permitted access. With the increased restrictions applied to Glasgow a couple of weeks ago, we do not expect this to change soon. However, we have been submitting written lessons for the Chaplain to distribute to the men who would normally be in Barlinnie Bible Class on a Sunday afternoon. There are several of us on the team, so my involvement is to submit one lesson every couple of months. Do pray for these men as they read the bible lessons that the Lord will use them for his glory.



During September I spent a few socially distanced days with JP Earnest to refresh the Life of Christ exhibition. It is now the Life of Jesus exhibition. Much of the text displayed on the boards has been updated for consistency and a few alterations made to make it more child friendly. We have also included the full text of John 3:16 on the board for Nicodemus. Although we cannot use



the exhibitions right now, we hope that it will not be too long until we are once again able to reach school children with this valuable teaching tool.

Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps." Earlier this year our diaries had to be scrapped. All the OAM team events for this year were cancelled. However, as the lockdown eases slightly, plans have tentatively been made for a mini team to visit Leeds in October. This will just be three people and we hope to be able to have three open-airs in Leeds and to speak at some churches to report on the work. With the anticipation of a second wave, it is possible this might not be able to take place, but our hearts lie towards evangelism and we do want to encourage the local believers whenever we can. The Lord will direct our steps, whether to be there or not. Pray for wisdom and for the Lord's will to be done.

I've put together a diary for prayer. It's hard to be precise with this. Over the past weeks open-airs have been arranged and re-arranged to fit in with the weather as well as availability with local supporters. However, the following gives you something to pray for. There are lots of spaces in November, and I hope to be able to schedule more open-airs in these spaces. It may also transpire that there will be more church meetings too.

Pray for Douglas Young



September 2020

16	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
17	Glasgow	Open-Air
18	Stirling	Open-Air
20	Johnstone (by video)	All Age Service
21-23	Silverdykes	Annual Leave
24	Glasgow	Open-Air
25	Falkirk	Open-Air
27	Dumbarton (by Zoom)	Family Service
29	Johnstone (by WhatsApp)	Encouraging Thought
30	Kilmarnock	Open-Air

October 2020

1	Glasgow	Open-Air
2	Paisley	Open-Air
3-17	The Scottish Borders	Holiday
18	Johnstone (by video)	All Age Service
20	M74 / M6	En-route to England
21	England	Recording Annual Supporters Day
22	Glasgow	Open-Air
23	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
24	Video and Zoom	Annual Supporters Day
25	HMP Barlinnie (written lesson)	Bible Class
27-29	Leeds & surrounding area	Open-Airs & Deputation Meetings
30	Falkirk	Open-Air

November 2020

4	Ayr Kilinside, Paisley (by Zoom)	Open-Air Fellowship Meeting
5	Glasgow	Open-Air
9	Hospital	Biopsy Result from recently removed mole
11	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
12	Glasgow	Open-Air
18	Ayr	Open-Air
19	Glasgow	Open-Air
22	Roman Road Hall, Motherwell	Family Service
25	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
26	Glasgow	Open-Air
27	Falkirk	Open-Air

