

Greetings from Brechin,

November 08

October is the month for 'Tattie Holidays' in Scotland. The schools are off for two weeks and everyone takes their last 'fling' before the cold weather sets in. We were blessed to see some visitors to take the place of different 'regulars' who were holidaying. We are thankful to say that the attendance did not dip as far as it has other years. What a joy it is to see our people growing together and concerned for each other spiritually, sharing and praying for one another. God has blessed us with a wonderful core group of people who desire to know Him more.

During the 'Tattie Holidays' we took our teens bowling and it made for a good day of conversation and bridge building. Pray for our teens, we have some new ones attending Bible Study on Friday evenings and they are asking a lot of good questions. Five teens attended a Scripture Union Camp along with two of our adults who were councillors. Four of the teens attending have not as of yet made any decision for Christ. Pray with us that the things they heard from God's Word will sink into their hearts and minds.

It seems that the busier we get the busier we can be. The first week of October we had a 'movie night' at one of the assisted living homes. We brought popcorn as a treat, so we all enjoyed the evening very much afterwards they asked when we could do it again. There was a good gospel message communicated and many good conversations followed. We have found some true believers in the home that are excited to see someone who cares for them spiritually and desires to see Brechin come to know our Lord. We look at this as another God given opportunity to share Him and His Word with the city.

I have become the chaplain for the Brechin City Football Club and so have taken some training classes with a group called Scores which is headed by John Boyers who is the Man. U. Chaplain. They give training on how to help with the sports teams. It was a lot of fun and good teaching on how to interact and minister to 'Footballers' and others in sport. A whole new ball game so to speak—aye the pun is intended...

Another opportunity has been to become a contributor to the local newspaper. I was asked along with other local ministers to put together a 'Thought for the Week' column for the Church Page. So it gives opportunity to address many ideas and thoughts. Have had several stop me on the street to discuss the ideas and comment.

It is hard to believe that it is November! But the shorter days and the frost on the ground along with the calendar tell us that it is so. We have our people all 'trained' to look forward to 'an American Thanksgiving' which will be the highlight of our month. It looks like there will be close to 100 here that evening. Pray with us as we use this opportunity to minister to those who will not come any other time.

We thank God for the opportunities He has provided and we thank you for your help in making all this possible.

Your Bridge to Brechin,

Jon Bergen and Family