



Scotland

Dear Friend,

May 4, 2020

Thank you for your continue support and prayers during our lockdown. We continue with our food shops and drops for several covid people and for another one without a car. This takes considerable time as we take orders, purchase, and distribute in the right bags and to people at various locations. We also include a hard copy of a sermon to those elderly without internet. Our city is strangely quiet (less traffic), but not in an unwelcome way. In other ways, we've seen people we've never seen before walking through our neighborhood as the government encourages one form of exercise a day—such as a walk or bike ride. Sometimes a conversation results over the hedge, across the road, or in the parking lot of the store.

The phone calls, emails, and church offerings resulting from the weekly sermons have been a blessing and provision. The Lord keeps his work ticking along in His way and time, and we are amazed at His workings, and thank you for praying to this end.

Pray for Carole, a church lady with cancer, and her husband as he cares for her through this tough time. She faithfully prays for the church family, sends her offerings, and emails her gratefulness for sermons/encouragements received. Here is one we recently received which also gives one an idea of our national health situation:

Thank you for that Joanne and Mark. Needed that encouragement- "the dark threads are as needful as the silver and gold...". Had a tough day yesterday with the scan. Was really painful (for the first time) laying down on the trolley. When it was over the kind nurse made a hot water bottle for my back out of a knotted rubber glove and hot water. When I got home, was horribly sick - probably from the stuff you have to drink before the scan. So had a bad night but praying today will be better. Just had a cup of tea and so far, so good. Hoping next message to you will be more cheerful! Blessings to you all, Roddie & Carole

Recently a widow neighbor passed, having lived 34 years on our street. Because funerals are limited in number and to family only, the hearse with the undertaker in front walked the whole length of the street—pausing at the widow's door. It was moving to see neighbors lining both sides of the street as we paid our last respects—and thought of it being “our turn one day.” This is the very thought our next-door neighbor also mentioned to us afterwards. Please pray for continued spiritual conversations and added opportunities to share God's light through these lockdown times.

Another blessing in lockdown was clearing out our attic and posting off some used curriculum to a homeschooling mom on the continent. She said it brought tears to her eyes to receive the very next level up that she was needing! Please pray for continued blessing, health, and wisdom to effectively minister during the lockdown.

Gratefully yours in Christ's service

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