

The McPikes to SCOTLAND

AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

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In November, we had the amazing opportunity to travel with the Crown Hall students and some of the CCHT staff on a Christian Heritage trip to Scotland! We were able to take the students to see many sights, including some important Christian Heritage locations. One notable historical site was the Grassmarket in Edinburgh where many of the Scottish Covenanters were executed for their beliefs about religious liberty. We finished the trip by visiting a church in the greater Edinburgh area. The students were able to minister in song, and after the morning service the pastor gave a brief talk about the history of the Covenanters in their area.

We were thrilled to be up north again during this trip! We were again reminded of Scotland's amazing Christian history, but were also confronted with the stark contrast between its heritage and its culture today. Please continue to pray with us that the Lord will open a door for further ministry in Scotland.

December has brought many exciting changes for our family. We have been asked to move to Brighton for a year to lead at West Hill Baptist Chapel, a church that is currently without a pastor. While this is not a permanent placement for us, it is another incredible opportunity and stepping stone for us as we train. We have learned much during our time in Liverpool as we worked alongside another missionary family. This move to Brighton will provide us with more leadership/pastoral experience that will be invaluable in church planting in the future.

The church has a small congregation and youth work, and we are asking the Lord to grow both during our time here.

Natalie's parents were able to visit us for Christmas and were a big help as we settled into our new home. Eliza is now 16 months old, and it was so much fun to experience Christmas through the eyes of a toddler. She was thoroughly spoiled by her Mimi and Papaw, and loved every minute of it. She started walking confidently this month, and is into everything. One of her favorite pastimes is pulling the ornaments (called baubles here) off of the Christmas tree.

It is very traditional for people in the UK to go to church on Christmas Day, and so we went out with leaflets into the city center and door to door around the church to invite people to our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We were very encouraged on Christmas Day to see a visitor come as a result of the outreach! Please pray for Paul, as he is not a believer and is seeking.

We have ended 2025 thankful for what the Lord has done thus far, and looking forward to what He will do in 2026!

Praises

- An encouraging trip to Scotland
- An exciting opportunity to serve in Brighton for a year
- A wonderful Christmas with family

Prayer Requests

- An open door into Scotland
- Wisdom as we lead in the work here in Brighton, specifically in the area of the youth work/Sunday School
- Paul, who visited on Christmas Day

