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Dear Friends,

God has been so kind to us over these past months, both physically and in ministry, and we trust you are encouraged as you read the following report.

The last quarter has certainly provided a good variety of ministry with different Christian groups. On the Royal Wedding Day Roger was invited by Dave Glover (former National Director OAC) to do open air ministry in Whitby with local Christians, who showed the wedding on a screen in a tent beforehand. Several contacts stopped to discuss the gospel as a result. In May Scarborough churches planned 'Springtide Mission' over 5 days including barbeques, questionnaires, healing on the streets, and gospel talks each evening at various venues. It was good to meet up with Roger Simpson (St Michael le Belfrey, York) who Roger previously knew when we lived in Glasgow and helped in open airs at his Edinburgh Church. Roger (me!) was asked to head up open airs for 2 hours over 2 days, assisted by students from Elim Bible College. We had quite a number of folk hear the gospel and several useful chats afterward.

During Easter week Roger and another friend representing the Baptist Church did questionnaires for 2 days round houses in Bridlington asking folk the real meaning of Easter - we had some good reactions and opportunities to share Christ plus leave literature in most homes.

We were involved for 2nd year with Hope Church, Hull, in open airs at the local market - this year much warmer than last which helped shoppers to stop and hear the gospel.

4 CHURCHES

On Easter Day evening we held a joint service at Harbourside Church. The place was packed with people including several unsaved folk and aspects of Easter clearly shared by different speakers. There was an encouraging sense of God's presence throughout - this was the first time the 4 Churches held a combined service and we hope it won't be the last!



As we write this we are presenting a Bible Exhibition on the book of Acts to many Primary School children (and teachers) at 3 local schools. Roger is acting Paul, Rosemary is doing Lydia and other Christians are involved with different NT characters. Pray that the gospel is clearly portrayed and impacts these young lives for years to come.

In June we are holding a 'Hot Potato' night and a panel of speakers will seek to answer questions which often cause stumbling blocks to the gospel. Please pray that helpful and Biblical answers will be given, Christians will be strengthened in their faith and unsaved people will be encouraged to attend.

OPEN AIRS / TRAINING

Over the last 6 weeks Roger has been training 2 local men to preach using the sketchboard - this has been on his mind for over a year but now is clearly God's timing. Last Friday both Ken and Robbie preached their first message in King Street which was so encouraging for the team as people stopped to listen. Pray for both men as they now continue preaching in the future.

“Streetwise” in Manchester continues monthly up to June, and this past weekend Lydia and Paul also preached their first message in Market Street. We trust in June other students will take up the challenge then seek to encourage outreach with their home churches.

Open airs in Bridlington started again in March and most weeks we get useful conversations even with numbers attending being small.



On a sunny Good Friday we had really good crowds down at the harbour hearing the gospel and several good conversations followed.

Whenever possible Roger teams up with Andy Robertson (OAM) and friends for monthly open airs in Hull. In May God caused some people to stop and think hard about the gospel, pray especially for Matt who seemed to understand the uniqueness of Christ that God will draw him to Himself.

COMMUNITY

Rosemary continues her work with the ladies through Craft Groups each Wednesday and is amazed at the number of opportunities to share the Christian message. She also visits the Meadowbank Nursing Home along with a team from the Harbourside Church monthly, if possible.

OTHER NEWS

We are looking forward to renewing fellowship with folk at Findlay Church, Glasgow (our sending church) along with other Scottish friends next week - please refer to Diary for various meetings. Schools this term have heard the story of Naaman being cured of leprosy and as usual have given good attention. It is significant that all 3 schools holding the Bible Exhibition this week are included in Roger's list each term.

Bridlington Mission is now just 2 months away, again we look forward to working with an enthusiastic team and sharing the gospel in the town and on the beach. Please pray for wisdom about possible evening meetings in homes where we can reach warm contacts with the gospel.

PERSONAL

Thanks to all of you who have prayed for our health over past months. Rosemary's right wrist continues to improve although some days are better than others. Roger had a skin graft on the right side of his nose on 22nd March (due to a late cancellation). This was done very well (although painful at the time!) in Leeds Hospital and it has taken 6 weeks to recover so he can be back to normal working. It was a difficult time learning to pace himself so thanks to all the 'counsellors' who advised to take it easy over this period!

We had a lovely 4 day break in York after Easter and really felt the benefit - what good weather we've enjoyed here since March.

Thank you once again for all your support in prayer and financially. The funds of OAC Yorkshire Branch are used for the support of our ministry and the work of OAC both in the branch and elsewhere.

Yours in Christ,

Roger & Rosemary