

FAQs

Why is Scotland in need of missionaries?

Scotland is now being referred to as a *post-Christian* culture. The country *was* heavily protestant, founded and structured on those principals. Over the years, through the rejection of key doctrines, an erosion of Biblical authority, walking away from prayer, and hypocrisy in church leaders, the people in Scotland now view Christianity in the past tense, as something which holds no value or relevance to their life today. Whereas the great majority of Americans know that they can go to the Church for help, the Church in Scotland is the last place the Scots would think to go for assistance. Of the churches which are still functioning, the majority of them are lucky to have 30 or more members all of whom are over the age of 60. Many pastors we have come across doubt the validity of God's Word and stick to teaching morals from the local news or paper and completely leave out the Bible! No wonder the churches in Scotland are dying and irrelevant! This is a VERY difficult mission ground. By living what the Bible teaches we have to demonstrate to people what a Christ-centered life looks like, just how relevant the Bible is to their lives, that God desires a relationship with them, and to ultimately re-introduce the nation to the God it has dismissed. The hardest part is that so often we find ourselves coming up against the apathetic pastors who see us as a threat to their comfort!

When are you leaving?

Scott is flying out on October 23rd, as that is the last day he can legally be in the U.S. Monica is still waiting on the arrival of her U.K. Visa and cannot leave for Scotland until it arrives. We are hoping at praying it arrives in time to leave together.

Where are you going to be serving?

We will be working with a young church called "Re:Hope" (pronounced "regarding hope" or "rehope" for short) which Scott planted with his mentor, Brian, 6 years ago.

Where will you be living?

Glasgow, Scotland. Community is a strong value of the team so we will be looking for an apartment (or "flat" as they call it in Scotland) within walking distance of the church and the team.

When we first arrive, we'll live with Brian & Kellie Ingraham (Scott's mentor and pastor of Re:Hope) for the first month while we secure our own apartment.

What will you be doing?

There are 5 main strands to the work of Re:Hope:

- Church planting – training and equipping church planters.
- Church revitalization – working in dying churches to revive them and their mission.
- Bible reading groups – encouraging people to be people of the Word.
- University generation mission – evangelism to the University student
- Emerging leader empowerment – mentoring, coaching, teaching, training and discipling new leaders for the church.

Scott will be Associate Pastor of Re:Hope, while focusing on the training aspect of the ministry: educating and equipping emerging leaders, church planters and revitalizers.

Monica will be working with the women, helping to develop women's ministry and a more cohesive women's community. Part of her vision is to help connect women in mentoring relationships.

How is it that you will be working in a church, but are part of a missionary organization?

Re:Hope is a church plant that was started by CRM missionary Brian, and Scott, 5½ years ago. CRM is a missionary organization all about training up and empowering Christian leaders. Brian and the team in Scotland found that the most

effective way to train up and empower leaders was to start with a church setting. As new leaders are trained up by the staff at Re:Hope, they are able to practice their training at the church as interns or volunteers and then have people to assist them as they venture out from Re:Hope where God calls them. So, while we'll be working in a church context, it is not the typical model. We are particularly called to training up and sending out in addition to being a light to the community. Our vision for the church is that if we were to close down, every individual would be so well immersed in the Word and in their relationship with the Lord that they would have an impact wherever they went.

Why are you raising support?

When Scott first got involved with the CRM team 5½ years ago he imagined one day joining the team and somehow being a “missionary” in Scotland. As a result of our emphasis on church planting and revitalizing, raising support gives us the greatest amount of flexibility to spend weeks and months away from Re:Hope assisting other churches as they get off the ground. All CRM missionaries raise support and CRM assists in managing the funds that come in and provide helpful training, missionary care and many other resources.

Why isn't the church, *Re: Hope* paying you?

Re:Hope is made up primarily of students (who do not have a lot of money). Paying either of us would drain the church's entire budget, severely restricting their ability to do ministry. By support-raising we are able to *give to* the church instead of *taking from* it. Again, this gives us more flexibility to do the things God is calling us to.

What is your monthly support figure and why?

Our projected budget is \$5500/month. The figure includes both our living expenses **and** ministry budget. Other monthly expenses in our budget include CRM's administration fee which covers administrative costs, support and training and future airfare to the States on furlough. In an effort to keep costs down, we will be walking and taking public transportation, rather than investing in a car and car insurance. The exchange rate at present is about \$1 = £0.6 (British Pounds). Basically, it's 1½-2 times more expensive to live in Scotland than in America. \$5500/month in Scotland would be the equivalent of us living and ministering here on between \$2500-3000 / month.

How can we help?

There are a number of ways you can join our support team:

- **Prayer** is the backbone of our ministry. We can't do this without a team of people interceding on our behalf. Scotland is a very difficult mission ground. Your prayers till the soil of hearts ready to receive the Truth
- **Financial** support is our biggest area of need at the moment. We have 100% of our projected one-time costs and are at almost 50% of our monthly support. This is our biggest area of need at present and so if God prompts you to support us in this way please get in touch!
- **Practical** support is needed at various points in the year: houses to crash at, cars to borrow, people to organize support raisers, and more. If you have ideas, we'd love to hear them.

If you're interested in any of these,, please email and we'll get you what you need (monica.burns@crmleaders.org) or write to us at 20335 SW 86th Ave, Tualatin OR 97062

How do we give?

The easiest way to contribute financially is to jump online to www.scottandmonica.com which takes you to CRM's online giving page.