



SCOTT & MONICA

WHATEVER GOD WANTS | WHENEVER HE WANTS IT | WHATEVER IT COSTS!!!

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“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Acts 2:1-4



Burns Bed & Breakfast

Over the last two months our flat—which we now jokingly refer to as “the Burns B&B”—has been in full swing!

In May, Don & Bunny Crooks arrived in from Seattle for two weeks to do some training with our team and our flat was the venue for all of the training sessions. The training was based on a book called *TrueFaced* which is about trusting God and the people around you with the not-so-pretty details in your life. It was a very challenging and rich time for us.

We’re still hosting our team breakfasts every other Friday



TrueFaced Training

and we’ve had a couple of extra busy ones in the last two months with some people from the States visiting to check out our team and its ministry. We’re all excited that Darren & Jen Rusco having been accepted to CRM and will be joining us in the next year to do some church planting or revitalization work.

In June, Mon’s cousins Janelle & Natalie arrived for a few days at the tail end of their trip to Jordan. As usual Mon did an amazing job playing hostess and tour guide for them. The same weekend we had Austin & Joey stay with us. We met Austin at the conference in Malaysia and since he’s travelling Europe with his friend Joey they decided to drop by to see Scotland. It was fun to have the 4 of them staying with us and to get to show them around and let them see what God is doing here.

A few days later we headed over to Edinburgh to spend the day with Justin & Debs. Justin was a

fellow-student at JUC in Israel back in 2007. It was a pleasant surprise when we found out he was going to be in Scotland with his new wife for a few days.

And then last week, **Jeff & Kari Patterson** come to visit at the tail



end of a conference in London. We studied together at Multnomah. Their visit was extremely short but a real encouragement to us. They asked lots of questions about our journey over the last few years and about how God is moving here and poured love and encouragement over us.

So...when are you coming?

Pentecost

We decided to do things a little bit differently for Pentecost Sunday this year.

When the ball started rolling with the new building some pastors in the area approached us and suggested that we hold a special dedication service where the local ministers could welcome us into the neighbourhood. I was speechless!

In the early years of Re:Hope many of the older churches were pretty hostile towards us—angry at us moving onto their turf—a pretty common reaction. But 7 years later the churches of the area wanted to acknowledge the ministry God has been doing through us by a formal service thanking God for establishing

Re:Hope and welcoming us to Partick.

We had a service as usual at 11am. After lunch we had a BBQ/Open House, inviting people from the neighbourhood to eat free food and check out the renovations we have been doing. We got the BBQs going and served about 200 burgers to people in the neighbourhood. The building was packed with people we’d never met, many of whom would never usually set foot in a church building. A few of the local ministers dropped by to extend their blessings.

In the evening we held our dedication service. A number of congregants from local churches turned up to celebrate with us.

One of the local ministers formally welcomed us into the area, Brian glorified God by sharing the story of Him giving us the building, and Brian’s mentor shared a short message. The place was packed, the people were buzzing with energy, and although there were no visible tongues of fire... the Holy Spirit was clearly there and moving!



Sampling the Grub!

Prayer Points



Austin & Joey

- Furlough – We leave for the States on Monday! Pray for our trip—that we would be able to have quality time with friends and family; that we would be successful in our fundraising; that God would give us the right words to speak at fundraising events.
- Support – Please continue to pray for our support level. We are \$2000/month short of what we need. It's a big number but we KNOW it is possible with Him. Please pray for God's provision of laptops. Both of our laptops are struggling to keep going. We need to get new ones since they are so central to ministry.
- Opportunities - Pray for more opportunities for us to share what God is doing here, and for favour with those who listen.
- Rest – The next month will most likely be a whirlwind of activity. Pray that we find time to rest and be refreshed; and that we remain close to God and disciplined in our time with Him.
- Re:Hope - Pray for the church and those in our ministry that we leave behind for the summer. Pray for protection over the church and for God to pour vision and wisdom on the team.

“Although there was an awareness of God and a spirit of conviction at this initial meeting, the real breakthrough came a few days later on Sunday night in the parish church. The church was full, and the Spirit of God was moving in such a way that I couldn't preach. I just stood still and gazed upon the wondrous moving of God. Men and women were crying out to God for mercy all over the church.”

*Duncan Campbell,
Barvas Scotland (1949)*



Natalie & Janelle

A Long Story Short: Dallas Texas

The conference in Dallas was your typical conference, but my interactions with David made it something special. . .

As I watched him arrive I realised God wanted me to talk to him. Was it something I saw? Felt? Heard? I'm not really sure, I just knew I had to.

Sitting in the first conference session I had a clear view of him, and what I was seeing or thinking or feeling didn't quite make sense. To me, the weight he was carrying was physically visible, as was the cloud of confusion stopping him from being able to absorb

the content of the CPM Training. I've lost the plot?!

What should I do? Do I just go over and introduce myself? What should I say? God, I need your help.

On Wednesday morning, in one of those only-God-could-orchestrate-these moments, the opportunity arose to pray for him and I seized it. AND GOD MOVED.

From that prayer time He used me to speak grace, encouragement, hard Truth, and confirmation of calling into this young man's life. Enabling him to pay-it-forward.

David is called to be an intercessor. His prayers are powerful and I've been amazed at the way God has moved in response to His prayers.

God spoke, I responded, and a beautiful friendship was formed. Praise God!



Divine Appointment

Furlough

In less than a week our flight will take off destined for PDX!

The Tatlocks have kindly offered to host us again and so we'll be based in Wilsonville while we're back.

We are scheduled to arrive late on Monday (July 11) and you should already have received our facebook invite to an **Open House on Wed July 13, 6-10pm.** (7684

SW Roanoke Dr S, Wilsonville OR 97070). We'd love it if you could make it over to hang out

with us! It'll be a simple evening with some light snacks and a chance to hear some of what's been going on!

We fly back to Glasgow on August 18th giving us 5 weeks in the States and they're looking to be action packed... including performing a wedding, 2 weeks in CA, a few days in WA, speaking at 4 or 5 different churches, a few more fundraising events, a short vacation with Mon's family, as well as connecting with new supporters and reconnecting with all of you! **We're so excited to see you!!!!**

We have a lot of work cut out for us since we need to see our support level increase by about \$2000 per month, and we're also hoping to secure some one-time pledges to go towards new laptops, since both of ours are barely working.

There is so much to do in so short a time! At times the whole trip and support-raising feels overwhelming, but we realize that it simply means we'll be returning to Scotland with more stories of God's grace and faithfulness to us! **See you soon!!!!**