



The Moellers to Scotland

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We hope this New Year finds you blessed and well!

January brought some ***pretty wild weather*** to Aberdeen! The city was hit with one of the biggest snowfalls it has seen in years—***almost 2 feet of snow that kept piling up over nearly two weeks***. Some locals are saying it has been the worst winter Aberdeen has seen in 25 years. It started right around New Year's and did not let up. Schools were closed for days, trains were cancelled, roads were shut down, and Aberdeen Airport even had to close for several hours. Some of the rural areas outside the city were ***completely cut off***, with snow drifts reaching up to 12 feet high! The whole city basically came to a standstill, but it has also been amazing to see how the community pulled together—farmers bringing out their equipment to help clear roads, gritting crews working around the clock. ***We are grateful that the Lord kept us safe and warm through it all and met every need we had.***

We wanted to give you a quick update on the two prayer requests we shared recently—***the Bible clubs in the schools*** and ***finding a building*** for our church plant.

As we have been moving forward, we have gotten some initial responses. One of the schools we approached about starting a Bible club told us ***"not at this time,"*** and one of the venues we looked at for renting said they have ***"no availability."*** These are not the immediate open doors we were hoping for, but we are choosing to see them as ***"not right now"*** rather than ***final refusals***.

Here is what we have been reminded of: we prayed for the Lord's direction in these things, and He can guide us just as clearly through a ***closed door*** as through an ***open one***. His timing is perfect, even when it does not match ours.

About the school that said ***"not at this time"***—we are actually encouraged because we are already volunteering there regularly. We are building relationships with staff and students, and we believe that as trust grows, doors may open when the time is right. Our presence there is already giving us opportunities to serve and connect with the community. We have also started conversations with another local school about the possibility of a club there, ***so please be praying about that as well!***

As for ***finding a building***, we are continuing to look at other options and trusting that the Lord has the right space already picked out for us.

We are finding ourselves in that ***sometimes tricky spot*** of trying to balance ***waiting on the Lord*** while ***actively staying busy for Him***. We do not want to ***rush ahead of His leading***, but we also do not want to just sit around when there is work to be done. So we keep volunteering, keep ***building relationships***, keep ***searching***, and keep ***trusting***.

Would you continue to pray with us?

PRAY for **WISDOM** to know when to wait and when to act.

PRAY for **PATIENCE** as we trust God's timeline.

PRAY especially for these conversations with the **NEW SCHOOL** we are talking with.

PRAY that **DOORS WOULD OPEN IN HIS PERFECT TIMING**, and that we would have the discernment to recognize His leading, whether it comes through ***open doors*** or ***closed ones***.

Thank you for walking with us through this. Your prayers mean more than you know, especially in seasons like this when we are waiting and trusting.

Your missionaries to Scotland,

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