



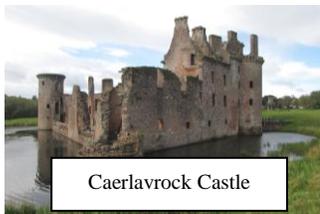
Scotland Mission 2010



YOU MUST VISIT SCOTLAND!

From the beautiful postcard countryside to some of the most congenial people, Scotland is a wonderful place to visit. Although there are some larger cities, Scotland is mostly rural rolling hills filled with farms, ranches, houses and buildings constructed with large stone blocks. A house or building that was less than 200 years old was considered new! There were beautiful flowers in window-boxes, gardens and squares everywhere. The people are very rugged (farmers and ranchers in a northern climate – duh!) and were consistently patient, helpful, and generous - they were a joy to come to know.

Each day in Scotland started with a “proper” Scottish breakfast: sausages, 2 rashers (slabs) of bacon, eggs, haggis, tatties (taters we called them in TX) of some kind (waffle, hash browns, scones, boiled, smashed, etc.), and toast. On this trip, we never did try their most beloved “haggis.” Look it up sometime on the Internet and find out what a delicacy we missed. It was a learning experience for us. One of the terms often used was “wee” which was descriptive for many things such as, the wee road, the wee bird, etc.



Caerlavrock Castle

We had a great time eating their soups and wonderful foods, and meeting precious people like Stephen, Jean and David, Mary, Tom and Anna, Fred, Liz and Tony, Jennie, Marie, Clare, Allene, Ean, and so many more. Stephen was our well-informed tour

guide and treated us to several historical sites, including a castle from the 14th century.

THE MISSION

We went to Scotland at the invitation of Paul and Linda Prestridge, the folks that got us started doing mission trips from Texas about 30 years ago. This was the third time that Paul and Linda visited Scotland to minister. We ministered primarily in houses (and one church) in the towns of Dumfries, Lockerbie, and Moffat – all in southern Scotland. We had a wonderful trip that involved “divine appointments”, miracles of healing, and people receiving the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The people that we met were warm, hospitable, and so hungry for the Word of God and the move of His Spirit.



Meeting attendance ranged from 6 to 30 people, 90% of whom were just so hungry and eager to know about the Kingdom of God and receive all that God has for them. In one meeting we prayed for seven people to receive the Holy Spirit and they all received and left the meeting floating in ecstasy. At every meeting we were able to Minister in the gifts of the Holy Spirit prophecy and words of wisdom and knowledge.

SPIRITUAL CLIMATE

Although Scotland was in the center of a great worldwide revival 50 years ago, it is now difficult to find anyone who even attends church. Large, old, beautiful churches seem to be everywhere, but congregations tend to have less than 50 members and often less than 20. In Dumfries, one of the larger cities of Scotland where we spent most of our time, there are 5 to 6 charismatic congregations each with about 50 in attendance on Sunday mornings. We visited smaller towns where all the committed Christians in town were known by name and could be counted on two hands. So, it seems like most folks in Scotland are either very hungry to know more about God and Christianity, or they have no interest at all.

DUMFRIES



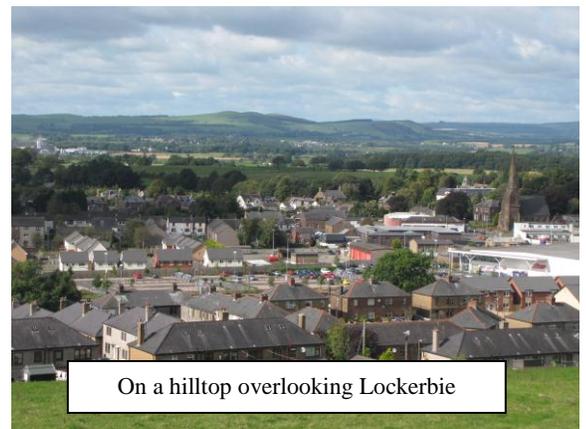
At one home meeting in Dumfries, after a time of music and worship, Paul and Linda taught and shared. Then we prayed for the sick. One man felt like he was cold down one side of his body and a young woman was having hot flashes. So, Fr. Dan had them sit opposite one another, holding hands to pray for each other. Nothing seemed to happen immediately. The next night, at another home meeting, the young lady with the hot flashes was marvelously baptized in the Holy Spirit. Then the next night, at a meeting in the town of Moffat, she looked a little haggard and we thought she was sick, maybe hot flashes again. When she came for prayer, we inquired about "being too hot" and she answered, "Oh, no, that's gone," in a very matter of fact way. "Pray that I can get some sleep," she pleaded, "I haven't slept since I received the Baptism." It was just way cool to watch people become so excited about God that they could not even sleep! Now, the man who felt cold, well, we still have not heard if he has received his miracle, yet.

Another woman had back problems and we found that when she extended her arms out in front of her there was a difference of about 4" between the tips of her fingers from one hand to the other. We prayed for alignment and the short hand moved out and her hands came into alignment right in front of everyone, much to their delight. She no longer had pain and touched her toes and twisted to prove it. Another man, a new believer, could not stop sniffing and coughing at that meeting. But, after prayer, he stopped sniffing and coughing instantly and 2 days later was still completely well – PTL!

LOCKERBIE

Jean drove us to Lockerbie so we could pray over that area; there are many angry and grieving people there. They have been slammed lately with tragedy after tragedy: the famous Lockerbie bomber blew up an airplane there, their high school caught fire, hoof-and-mouth disease decimated their livestock herds, and many other horrendous events. So, we gathered high on a hill overlooking the land and prayed for a spirit of forgiveness to sweep over the people and for God's peace and restoration to seep into their hearts.

Then we went into the town and visited one of the few committed Christians in the town. She invited us into her home to share tea and biscuits. Mary was so discouraged because she is alone there with few other Christians around her. Her creativity for Christian poetry had stopped flowing and her prayers seemed to hit a brass ceiling. We prayed for her and the Lord did 2 wonderful things in her house that day. We were able to connect her with someone who will publish her poetry online, and the Holy Spirit spoke through us telling her that God wanted her to start a new ministry and gather other intercessors in the area and begin to intercede for the Lockerbie area. She was quite cheery when we left and her poetry began to flow again that very day - she wrote a beautiful poem for us that afternoon.



On a hilltop overlooking Lockerbie

MOFFAT

Dan and Debbie took a day to visit Moffat just for sightseeing and shopping. On their way to catch the bus in Dumfries they were stopped by Jean yoo-hooing from the flower shop where she worked. And then as they turned another corner they ran into Ean from the first home meeting coming out of a bank. Wow! After arriving in Moffat, walking down the street was a woman from our second home meeting in Dumfries. These divine appointments really helped to connect us with these precious Scottish saints.



We later returned to Moffat for an Interfaith meeting at an Episcopal church where folks were baptized in the Holy Spirit and several were healed. After that meeting, we were treated to a night at the gorgeous Nine Oaks B&B (thanks, Tom and Anna) followed by a "proper" English breakfast the next morning before we had to head back to Lockerbie to catch a train to Cambridge, England.

We could go on and on with stories of God's love, relationships that were built, and miracles. Thank you for being so generous with money, prayer, and encouragement for Scotland Mission 2010. There were a couple of sizable financial miracles without which this trip and the miracles that resulted would not have happened. All in America and Scotland who helped with this trip share in the blessings and eternal rewards and joy of knowing that lives were changed forever.

An electronic version of this newsletter will be up on our website (www.cecmessiah.org) in case you want to share it. We hope that we will be able to go back next year with a team to help these wee ones (like wee birdies with their mouths open wide for God) hear and experience the Word and Love of God in action. Maybe you will want to come with us!