



# Spirit & Saltire

Good News from the ICCM Church in Scotland – Issue #1

## Faithful Freshers' Week!

*Scotland's Students Encounter the Gospel*

As thousands of university students descended upon Glasgow and Edinburgh this September to start the school term, the Scotland churches prepared for one of the most dynamic and action-packed ministry opportunities on the calendar – Freshers' Week!

and University of Strathclyde. The church was overjoyed to welcome our very own fresher, Shona, as she begins her tuition at Strathclyde. Two especially encouraging additions to the team that week were Tamika and Nicholas from the

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Over a 2 week span of focused invitation blitzes, Bible discussions, and fun social events, the disciples boldly reached out to hundreds of students and prayed for hearts to be moved.

In Glasgow, church members were active across the three major schools: University of Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU),

Birmingham Church of Christ, who admirably gave up four days to spread the gospel on these campuses. The disciples poured themselves out to those coming to make Glasgow their new home. The disciples had a particularly engaging time running a stall at the GCU Fresher's Fayre, where God has opened a door for the



*Volleyball in Edinburgh Meadows*



*GCU Freshers' Fayre*



*The bonnie banks of Loch Lomond*

Glasgow church to run a school-approved student outreach effort called “The Journey”. With much ploughing and planting done at the start, the church is eager to water the seeds, and several Bible studies have begun as a result of these faithful efforts.



*Glasgow and Birmingham disciples work in unity for Fresher Week.*

The Edinburgh Church experienced an encouraging Freshers' Week with the

whole church participating to connect with new students. The unity and commitment of the entire church to the organised events, such as evangelism and on-campus prayer walks, was inspiring for the whole congregation. The Edinburgh church is grateful to Birmingham students Cameron, Edmunds, and Jordan for reinforcing and encouraging the church as they conducted their activities. The week culminated with a church service, BBQ, and a volleyball match on the “Meadows” right by the University of Edinburgh. The outdoor service provided a great opportunity for people to meet and get to know the church, with passers-by also being able to share in this

unique occasion. The way the church collectively came together to spread the news of Christ and build relationships with students as they arrived was a great example of the way the Lord sends His workers out into the harvest field. The church looks forward to seeing how God continues to work from Freshers' Week 2017.

*Edinburgh and Birmingham disciples enjoy fellowship and food*



## Jessica Finds New Life in Christ!

*Scotland Church “Baby” is Born Again*



*...she went on her way rejoicing.*

During Jesus’ life on earth he instructed his disciples, “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I

have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35) Unconditional and self-sacrificing love is so counter-cultural that it continues to compel men and women every day to make decisions to follow Jesus, even thousands of years after he has left the earth.

Compelled by that remarkable love Jessica said, "Jesus is Lord!" and was baptized for the forgiveness of sins on the 29th of August 2017, surrounded by many friends, family, neighbours, and schoolmates. This is a tremendous victory for Jessica and for the Edinburgh Church; Jessica is the first baby born into the church who has grown up to become a faithful

disciple! The love, prayers, and encouragement of all of the disciples, particularly the teen disciples, Ella and Claire, were invaluable to helping her grow in her love for God and dreams for His kingdom. We also celebrate with her parents, James and Helen, who we know have been praying for this day for many years. We pray and anticipate many wonderful adventures God has in mind for Jessica.

## Special Invitation New Year Retreat!

The Scotland Churches would like to extend a warm invitation to all our church family to bring in the new year with us at a fun and memorable Scottish Hogmanay retreat. Fellowship, food, lessons, ceilidh-style celebration, excursions and more await at the Windmill Christian Centre – a retreat facility hired exclusively for the church in lovely coastal Arbroath, from Dec. 30 -

Jan2. Our theme of *New Beginnings* will inspire us to find fresh inspiration in the Lord for 2018. Visit [iccmissions.org](http://iccmissions.org) to get more information and register!



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*Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter. Our desire in Scotland is to keep you informed of the encouraging things that God is doing here. Please stay in contact with our churches, support us with prayer, and encourage us with a visit!*

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