



THE STRACHAN'S Ministry in Peterhead Scotland

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Dear Friends,

As you will notice I have sent this to all the Churches and Friends who are currently supporting our ministry here in Peterhead, Scotland. If you are keeping a tab on my blog bfstrachan.blogspot.com you will be aware that we have lost a considerable chunk of our monthly support - \$1250 to be exact. This leaves Fenella and I in a bit of a bind as you can imagine. The short story is that we have till the end of the year to replace this amount. At this moment in time I have no idea what the outcome of this will be, I only know that God is great and He has been faithful over the past 10 years to see that my family's needs have been met. I have no reason to doubt that He will come to our aid once more. As I am human I do feel a weight and I know that I will continue to feel the strain until I know come January the money will continue to land in our bank and the bills will continue to get paid. I am the father of four beautiful girls and the husband of one amazing wife, it is my joy to provide for them.

The reality of this trial reminds me how dependant I am on God and that it is God's people who determine whether our ministry is of value to the kingdom. I know the opportunities that continue here are as a result of God and as long as there are lives to impact with the good news and as long as God finds me useful in His service my desire and passion does not waiver. I have no doubt I was called to this ministry, yes I feel totally hopeless and inadequate at times, but there continues to be a fire in my heart for the lost and God continues to provide the seed for planting.

It is never easy having to consider making a trip over to America because I need to commit a month away from my family and from the work here. In times past it has proven that leaving our ministry for that length of time takes a long time to recover and build up again. Consistency and being reliable is key to our work in the classes at church and with my ministries in the schools. To break that rhythm is never good. However, of course, if I need to leave and spend time fund raising away from home, I will.

This in short is an appeal for you to consider our ministry and to help if you can. It is never easy to make appeals, but the years have taught me that when the need arises I have no option but to ask for help and rely on God.

If you can, please do. If you know of another who might be able to, please either put them in touch with me directly or I can send a presentation of our ministry and you can share it with them. I know that you will keep us in your prayers because that is what we do.

It is at times like this that we are reminded more obviously that your continued involvement with us is huge and we can only pray that you find some joy in sharing with us in the fields. We are humbled because you think our work is useful and we are encouraged because you think our work is useful!

May God continue to give the increase as we continue to plant the seed.

God bless,

Billy and Fenella Strachan