

SCOTLAND

THE SMITH FAMILY

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Dear Pastor Dean and Bible Baptist Church,

Thank you for your prayers for us regarding my health. I had another MRI last month. It was quite a lengthy scan which lasted about 90 minutes. The scans showed no new growth in the last two months, indicating that the tumour is stable for now. The neurosugeon suggested not having surgery, unless I wanted to, which I don't! I will have another MRI in three months, and if it is still stable then I will start having scans every six months to make sure it hasn't started to grow again. I just need to continue getting stronger and get back to my "normal" life.

To be a sponsor for other missionaries to come to the UK, a ministry that has a permanent location with charitable status is required. Since I have neither one, I have been talking about this with the missionary/pastor of the church where we have been attending. We would run the sponsorship as a ministry of this church. They have a building but not charitable status as of yet. So it may be some time before we can apply to be a sponsor.

Last Autumn I spoke with a teacher at the local high school about speaking in one of his Religious Education classes about the Bible and particularly about Creation. He was interested and asked if I would call again after the first of the year. That didn't work out because I was diagnosed with brain tumours during that time. However, I called him recently and we will schedule a time around the end of November. This is something I have wanted to do for a long time and glad that the Lord has opened this door.

My two week trip back to the States to spend time with my family was enjoyable. The flights, however, were characterised by delays and lost luggage.

I know of a flight that has been delayed for a while but is still worth waiting for. No need to worry about luggage. You just need to be sure you're booked in and have the right boarding pass!

'For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord'. I Thes. 4:16,17.

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