



It's been three months already since my last newsletter. Time is always moving, and never pauses to let you catch up!

I mentioned last time that Mary and I were planning to celebrate our Silver Wedding Anniversary in April with four days in Paris. Well, we had a wonderful time. The weather was mixed, but we were able to pack a lot in and got really soaked only once. On the Anniversary itself, we spent the morning all the way up the Eiffel Tower, then went to the Sacré-Cœur; and in the evening enjoyed a romantic dinner cruise on the River Seine. Very nice.



On the family front, Michael (the oldest) has finished university and graduates next week with an honours degree in Mathematics. The next one, David, is now halfway through his degree course in Software Engineering. Number 3, Amy, has left school and has a place to start at Edinburgh University in September, studying, would you believe, Mathematics. Sarah is the only one still at high school. She has lots of friends and big plans.

The term has just finished at Destiny College in Glasgow with another twelve students having completed the full-time course. They're keen and of high potential, and have been joined over the year by a large number of part-time students. This year I have taught Old and New Testament Overview, the Doctrine of God, and a course on Galatians entitled "Grasping Grace and Leaving Law". The College is thriving.

As well as that, I'm continuing to develop Artios Ministries, the new teaching ministry I now head up. I've included a brochure introducing the work. It's being developed in three phases, and Phase 1 is virtually complete. Part of Phase 1 is the Artios School of Theology, a modular training programme running in Dunfermline. The modules are 20 hours each over eight sessions (plus tests) and we have now completed four: Old Testament Survey; Acts of the Apostles; Gifts & Ministries; and Spiritual Dynamics. These have been good and very well received. Numbers have averaged around 16, with 20 on the most recent module.



Phase 2 will take more investment of time and effort, and will include: launching correspondence courses; designing and running new seminars to strengthen local churches; writing and publishing "Artios Bite-size", short teachings in booklet form on a variety of topics; and launching Artios Fellowship.

As most of you will know, I spent many years pastoring Liberty Church in Dunfermline. Having handed that over and been released to the teaching ministry, Mary and I are now responsible for raising our own financial support. We're new to this. It's potentially a little scary, and certainly a faith challenge! Liberty Church in Dunfermline has promised a generous monthly contribution, but all our other support must now come from individuals in Liberty, and from other individuals and churches.



Believing that this is the Lord's will for us, we ask you for your financial support. Along with this letter, we have included a Partner Card, together with certain other items, to give you the opportunity to invest in this ministry. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this.

Prayer Points

- For success in raising support and building a support base
- For yourself as a potential Partner
- For favour and open doors
- For the development of Artios Ministries
- For "gearing up" over the summer for the next season of teaching

Finally, my grateful thanks for your prayer, love and encouragement. You as an individual help make it all possible. May the Lord continue to bless you in all that you do.

With much love,