

Denny and Linda  
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(Conversation heard inside the truck between Abraham & Sarah) "Yes, Abraham, I meant it when I said; 'I'd follow you anywhere.' But just for the record, where are we going?" "Sarah, darling, I haven't a clue. God has the remote control. So, dear, we should just sit back, relax and enjoy the ride." And as we begin our journey, we pray that we can do just that.

**ENGLISH LESSON / DICTIONARY ...**

This will be the last installment of this section on Scottish words. We hope you have enjoyed a peek into the Scots unique language and that you have learned some interesting words. We have enjoyed picking them out and sharing them with you.

<b>American</b>	<b>Scottish / British</b>
a few, a small amount	-----a muckle
towel	-----toul
nobody	-----naebuddy
into	-----intae
frightened, afraid	-----feart
ear, nose & throat department	-----
	lug, neg & thrapple department
sore	-----sair
happy	-----chuffed
disappointed	-----guttled

**CHECK IT OUT ...**

This will also be the last of this section as we will no be buying groceries ("going for messages") in Scotland anymore.

Currently the British pound is worth \$1.45. It is on the way up again, slow and steady.

("At the supermarket", etc.)

2 pounds margarine	£2.00
8 ounces cheddar cheese	£1.83
10 ounces Sweet & Sour sauce	£1.35
2 ears of fresh corn	£1.89

**Not food items, but things we must buy...**

Color ink printer cartridge	£21.99
Overseas postage for 1 <sup>st</sup> class letter	£0.81
Local postage for letter (1st class)	£0.31
Local postage for letter (2nd class)	£0.27

**"WEATHER ...**

Judi Collins sang a song about clouds. Perhaps she lived in Scotland at one time. It has certainly been cloudy and we have seen very little of the sun. At least it hasn't snowed. Perhaps, as a going away gift, we have enjoyed a few days of sunshine. But it didn't last very long. Don't forget that we are in Scotland, at least for a few more days. Our jackets stay handy.

**MEDICALLY SPEAKING ...**

Linda's collarbone continues to feel odd, but there is NO pain. What a blessing?

However, her knee still occasionally causes problems and it is because there is still one bone chip inside. The surgeon said that there is a chance she will need to have the keyhole surgery again in the future. Off and on this month, the bone chip seemed to be in the center front of her knee. There have been a few days when it was difficult to walk. It doesn't last long. And at least she now has some pain medicine that actually works!

Our personal doctors prescribed enough medicine for the both of us to have 3 months' worth. Lord willing we will be settled before the 3-months supply is up and can get registered with a family doctor who will then prescribe our medications

there. With Denny's prepaid Pharmacy card, it didn't cost us anything extra ... it is already paid for (for the rest of the year). And with Linda's, it cost nothing at all, as she is on the free medication program.

#### NEW TESTAMENT IN SCOTS' LANGUAGE

The answer to last month's 2-part quote is: Part one: "*We ken, mairowre, at the Spirit works for their guid ...*" is Romans 8:28. Part two is: "*Nou, what dis aa that mean? Gin God is for us ...*" is Romans 8:31. These two are Linda's favorite verses.

This month's Bible verse is: "Simon Peter than drew the swuird he wis cairrien and strack the Heid-Priest's sercan and sneddit aff his richt lug. (The man's name was Malchus.) But Jesus said til him, "Pit your swuird back intil its scabbard! Am I no tae drink the caup at the Faither hes gien me tae drink?" What is the book, chapter and verse reference for it?

We had one response to our new feature. He was able to identify the first part as Romans 8:31. Congratulations to David Donaldson in Alabama!

#### CHURCH NEWS ...

The Ladies' Day was a success, though the numbers were fewer than hoped. Our own Rachel (Meaden) Korsten spoke about "Following the King's Highway." She talked about the problems that we will encounter on the road and she encouraged us to seek God's strength and guidance as we travel down the road of life, choosing His way. Thirty-four attended and five congregations were represented. Several of our men helped out by working in the kitchen keeping the food warm and keeping the table replenished. Also they washed up the dirty dishes. It was a good day. At the start of the Ladies' Bible Class following the Ladies' Day, they critiqued the day and discussed ways to plan for an even better one next year.

Denny has been preaching the majority of the time this month. This has allowed the other men, who usually take turns

preaching, to build up a "repertoire of sermons" in which to present when Denny is not here anymore and the burden falls completely on them. They have thoroughly enjoyed his sermons and especially his power point lessons (for Bible classes as well as for sermons).

The Men's Bible class has been learning way to make communion talks and public prayers more meaningful in worship.

We pray for them as we leave them, that they will rise up to the opportunity to serve more in His kingdom.

#### HOW DO YOU SAY GOODBYE? ...

We have mixed emotions about leaving. There are tears of joy and sadness.

First of all, we are excited to be reunited with our kids and to get to know the newest member of our family, Emmalee. We are anxious to see our moms too.

It will be nice to get back to driving on the "right" side of the road with the steering wheel on the left side of the car. It will be great to not have to worry about roundabouts. We will be back in the land of our customs. However, we know that it is not be the same country we left 2 years ago. It has changed. First of all there is a different president (for who we did not choose). And we ourselves have changed through the experiences (good and bad) that we have had while here.

Though we will come back to "our" country it will be a stressful return with no home of our own and no job. We will depend on God to provide our needs and to help us readjust to our life back in America.

Secondly, we are sad. Everything is becoming "The last." **The last** time to ride the train. **The last** time to see the hills and the mountains. **The last** time to shop at Morrison's grocery store. **The last** time to worship with the members here in Glenrothes. **The last** sermon. **The last** fellowship meal. **The last** Bible study with Angie. **The last** time to see Rose, our

postmistress, our friend. The last Scottish haircut from Liz & Sheelagh. The last to...and the list could go on forever. We will miss the beautiful and yet sometimes exasperating Scots' language and the gorgeous scenery we have grown accustomed to. We will miss the members and the friends we have made. Our dream of living in Scotland, working with the church come will soon be only a memory.

We will miss our home here and yet we know that God has great plans for us elsewhere and so we say goodbye to our home here in Glenrothes. However, we will carry the memories forever in our hearts remembering only the good and thanking God for the opportunity and His care.

We fly Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from Edinburgh to DFW. There we will stay a couple of days with our daughter Kim. Except for the Sneed Family reunion April 9-11, we aren't really sure where we will go. We will focus on seeing our family and finding a congregation to work with so that we don't take undue advantage of our kind supporters who are staying with us for a few months as we look for work.

#### A QUICK TRIP SOUTH ...

It was a quick trip, but oh what a trip it was! Linda's ancestors on her mother's side came from Scotland and the old home place is just a few hours south in the Borders of Scotland. We had gone once before in 1982 during our survey trip to Scotland. That was 27 years ago and she didn't know that her Armstrongs were "direct" descendents. So, before the return to the States, we "had" to go back.

We were given a personal and private tour of the homeland, the remains of the castle, the cemetery, the Gilnockie Tower, and the Milnholm Cross memorial. For Linda, it was quite exciting to learn more about the Armstrongs.

The Armstrongs were a border clan and quite notorious and very well-known. They were the clan that you didn't "mess with."

It was quite interesting to visit the homeland and to take pictures even though it snowed about half of the time we were there. This is a picture of Etleton Cemetery not far from the home place.



Then only about 3 hours further south was another "have to". On our move back to the states from Ukraine, we were fortunate to take a 3 day trip to Liverpool. Kim and Susan were with us and it was a wonderful time for three died-in-the-wool Beatlemaniacs. Denny likes the Beatles, but he is not a Beatlemaniac. Anyhow, since we are THAT CLOSE now and it was much cheaper to simply drive as opposed to flying, we went and stayed 2 nights.

The weather cooperated while we were in Liverpool and Linda got to do a lot of the "Beatle things" one last time. Here is a picture of Linda standing in front of The Beatles Story Exhibition Centre.



In Liverpool, we got to walk through the brand new *Liverpool One* mall. It is

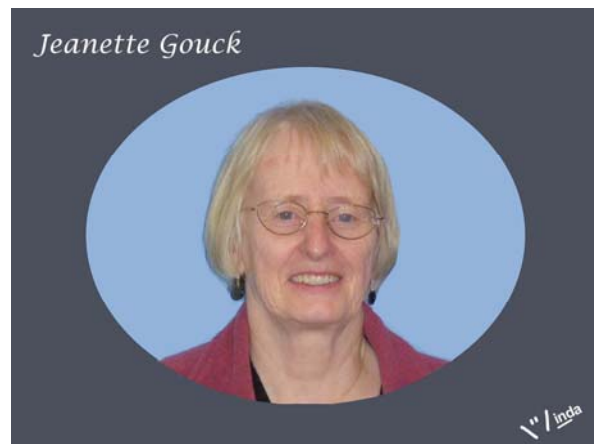
“massive,” to use a common term we hear a lot here. It was opened in October 2008. It boasts 160 shops and includes a cinema and restaurants. Liverpool One is three levels and open air. You can get an idea of what it looks like in this picture.



Note that Marquee board has been copied and enlarged so that you can read it.

### OUR MEMBERS ...

This is the seventeenth and the last installment of our section in which we spotlight our church members. We want you to put names and faces to your prayers. May we introduce you to Jeanette Gouck? She was baptized in February along with her daughter whom we do not have a photo of yet.



### COMMUNICATION ...

Most of our communication this month has been by email, Skype over the Internet or by phone a couple of times. The mailman seems to avoid our house but that is okay as we won't be here much longer.

### ON THE CALENDAR ...

5 Sergej & Katja Banko's 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
10 Katja Banko's birthday

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**  
Life is like a series of “one door closing” and “another door opening”.  
It is up to us to step through or to stand on the outside looking in.

### PRAYER REQUESTS ...

- Denny's mom and Linda's mom - both seem to be improving some
- Bert & Isabel Surgeon - Glenrothes serious medical concerns in family
- Our supporters, family, and friends who have been so good to us during this ministry opportunity
- The church in Glenrothes as they seek to find someone to come and as they try to work harder together as a team

### DENNY & LINDA SNEED

You may contact us directly through email. Please switch to this email address now: [the2sneeds@gmail.com](mailto:the2sneeds@gmail.com) Note: Our Internet access will be sporadic till we are settled. As soon as we get a cell phone, we will let you know. Our sponsoring congregation is the Southwest church of Christ in Ada OK. <http://www.swcocada.com> Check out our blog for more information on the move. It will be awhile before we have time to download pictures from the Armstrong trip, Liverpool and a quick one to Aberdour Castle. There's so much to do to move overseas. Simply not enough time to it all. :-[

Our website / blog address is:

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