

October-December 2022

Dear Friends and Family,

It is hard to believe just how fast 2022 flew by! November officially made it one year since God brought me up to Aberdeen. I was able to celebrate Thanksgiving at Rick and Sarah's house along with another missionary family and a few people from church. For all my 6 years of being in Scotland, this was the first year that I saw Costco actually sell pumpkin pie!

Starting around the end of October, I started working with the kids teaching them Christmas songs in preparation for a Nativity Programme. It's so sweet to hear kids sing and lift their voices in praise. Each child had a costume to wear for the programme. The joy on their faces as they got to try on the costume just reminds me partly why I am here. I wasn't sure what to expect as the children had never really been a part of a longer programme but they did an amazing job and took their roles seriously! After the Nativity programme, the kids had a lesson and then got to decorate their own gingerbread men cookies. I also sent them home with presents and a big bag of candy. I'm sure their parents loved me that day!

Christmas day was a special time of gathering together in church. We had some food, the kids had some fun crafts to do, and we heard God's Word preached. The day before I again went over to Rick and Sarah's for an "official" Christmas dinner and then was able to go to a friends on Boxing day for another "Christmas dinner." Thank you for your continued prayers and support. I am looking forward to 2023 and what God will continue to do here in Aberdeen

In His Service,
Deana Hewston