



# Daveys to France

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Dear friends and supporters,

What an eventful few months we've had! So much has happened, and things are speeding on. You really do "help us by your prayers" (2Cor 1:11), and God is very gracious in his answers to your prayers and ours.

## Things to thank God for:

- 1) At the end of April we at Deeside church called Martin Downes (currently UCCF team leader for Wales) to become our new pastor, and he starts on 1st September. Thank God with us for his wonderful provision. You prayed and God answered.
- 2) After Easter we put our house on the market amidst united pessimism from the estate agent and our neighbours. A week later we sold to the first couple who saw it - with no chain and no great urgency. They are happy to move in in August! Thank God with us. Again God answered your prayers.
- 3) At Easter-time Pat went to Bordeaux on a reconnaissance visit. She came back having decided on a school for the children (quite near to our language department) and looked at various areas for housing. Thank God again for answering prayer.
- 4) There have been many opportunities to visit churches and speak of the work - especially over the past few weeks with an unforgettable visit to churches in and around Glasgow, the Outer Hebrides and Inverness, quickly followed by a briefer excursion to South Wales. We went to Southend, too, for a farewell visit to friends. We are so thankful to God for all he has done for us, and for all the gracious people who welcomed us so warmly.
- 5) We changed our car for a left hand drive, registered and insured in Bordeaux, thanks largely to Carol Liddiard's utter determination to sort out the bureaucracy! Thank God for this - it will help us greatly in switching to driving in France.
- 6) Our French bank account is being set up even as I type. Thank God that (eventually) they were happy with all the documentation we provided, and we should be up and running in plenty of time for the move.
- 7) At 2:30 on 16th July at Connah's Quay Civic Hall the church will commission us to work in France, and welcome Martin Downes to the pastorate. Please pray for this day - it will be emotionally charged with lots of joy and sadness, too. Pray for Stuart Olyott who will be preaching, for all who will be travelling, and thank God for this unique day. Come if you are able.
- 8) Thank God for all the people and churches who have pledged to support us in our work in France. Every contribution counts. Mony a mickle maks a muckle!

9) Sunday June 26th sees a baptism service at Deeside church when four people confess their faith. Thank God for the new believers this year at the church.

Now the fun really starts!

We still have lots of stuff to get rid of, including our (excellent) trailer tent and much more besides. Then we have to pack ready to move out some time in August.

I finish with the church at the end of August, but because August is my holiday month I will preach for the last time on July 24th..

### **Matters for prayer**

1) Our financial support. We are over halfway to our target for pledged support, but until we reach that target we cannot move to France. Please pray that we will reach the target in the next few weeks, so that we can rent a house, register the children with the school (term starts 29th August) and enrol in the language school. Also if you intend supporting us, then now is the time to contact UFM.

2) Please pray for the children as the term ends at Ysgol Croes Atti. They have really enjoyed this excellent, happy, friendly school and it will be hard for them to leave. Pray for a sense of excitement at the adventure opening before us!

3) Thank God for the small army of people all over the country who are praying for us and backing us as we go. We wouldn't dare go without you all, but your support is a huge encouragement. Pray that Scottish churches will want to support us, too.

4) Pray that the next quarterly prayer letter comes to you from Bordeaux, and for "Daveys to France" to become "Daveys de France"! At the moment this seems very touch and go, but so much has been achieved by God blessing sheer determination at the last minute!

5) In this regard, pray too for all the **BUREAUCRACY** when we get to France (electricity account, telephone, internet, etc. etc.)

Thank you once again for all your prayers.

A bientôt!

Alan, Pat, Gwilym & Catrin

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