

PRECEPT MINISTRIES SCOTLAND – TRAINING IN PEEBLES BAPTIST CHURCH 20-22 OCTOBER 2017

Nigel and Molly were invited to Peebles Baptist Church from 20-22 October 2017. The itinerary was:

- 19 October Afternoon flight from London Gatwick to Edinburgh
 Collected by Pastor Ian Gray and driven to Peebles
 Evening with Church Family/Elders
- 20 October Precept Training – 40 Minute and NISS
 Evening with Pastor Ian Gray and his family
- 21 October Nigel teaching at Peebles Baptist Church
 After leaving the church we visited Ian and Anna Bartholomew
 Evening flight form Edinburgh to London Gatwick
 Drive to Salisbury

The invitation to come to Peebles arose as a result of the Precept training that Molly had done in Glasgow in February 2017. Lindsey Gray, the Pastor's wife had attended that training and as a result invited us to come to their church in Peebles, about 45 minutes south of Edinburgh. After a very good evening with Ian and Lindsey and a couple from their church who also accommodated us for the two nights that we were there, (Richard and Chris Dewhurst) we began the training on Saturday morning at St Andrew Leckie Church in the centre of Peebles.

Given the context of the church it was decided that to run 2 separate trainings – one using 40 Minute 'Jesus Experiencing His Touch' and the other using NISS 1 and 2 Thessalonians. This was all agreed by skype some weeks beforehand. Derek Hopper coordinated the numbers with Lindsey Gray and Sandy Muirhead brought a book table and was assisted by Ramone McKenzie. Sandy and Ramone were part of the 11 who attended Molly's 40 Minute seminar. 17 attended Nigel's training – 3 of whom left at lunchtime.

In Molly's training people commented '***I can now understand the Bible because this way it is in layman's terms.***' People were excited and motivated to want to learn more. They were really thrilled by it all. There were some who had challenging social and mental health issues, yet they all participated and contributed.



There was one couple who had experienced a narrow escape when their kitchen caught fire in the middle of the night and God woke up the husband to discover the fire. He was not a Christian at the time, but woke unexpectedly in the night to find a burning furnace in his kitchen. He and his family escaped but their dog died in the fire. The Lord used this to bring the whole family to the Lord. He and his wife were so keen to participate on the day and they now understand the Bible as a result of the training. She later said **'We now the tools to study the Bible.'** There was a 13 year old girl who said **'As a result of today I want to love God more and stand up for my faith.'** Someone else said they want to share this way of study with teenagers.



Others commented, **'Amazing – thank you Lord'**, **'Really great teaching and encouragement, thank you'**,

In Nigel's group, everyone was excited about what they were learning. Many commented how helpful the skills of IBS were. Pastor Ian Gray is very interested in using the PUP studies for himself. Chris Dewhurst is keen to continue using the 1 Thess NISS in her small group. Peebles Baptist Church was not the only church represented at the training. Folk from other churches were also there, not only from the town of Peebles. One guy travelled from Kirkintilloch, the same town that the Healys live in.



These were the feedback comments from the training: *'This has been a fantastic workshop. I can't believe how much I have learned in a few hours. I will take an entirely different approach now to reaching God's Word. Thank you. I can't wait to go deeper with God.'*

'A very interesting day. Very useful for home group purposes.'

"A great way to teach how to study the Word of God.'

'Excellent introduction to the book and method of study. It has encouraged me to continue and has reawakened a desire to delve more deeply.'

'Great to slow down and take time. The approach suites my learning style so well. Good to use this in our home groups as well.'

'An excellent event. I have learned new ways to open the Word of God. Today was a good day to be learning how to share the truth of God's Word.'

'Excellent – I have been using Precept materials. This session made it clearer the best way to use them.'



Nigel's 1 Thess NISS Group

A number want to pray for the ministry in Scotland, others want to start a group and still others are interested in supported Precept in Scotland financially. On the Sunday Nigel was asked to speak and took everyone through a short Lightning Study in the service. Everyone engaged with it in a very positive way – from those in their late 70s/80s to a girl aged 7 years old.

The weekend was an opportunity to build strong relationships with Pastor Ian and his wife Lindsey Gray. We also met their eldest daughter, Kirsten. There may well be further opportunities to return to do some more training with the church.