

# *The Moellers to SCOTLAND*

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## Christmas Season

This Christmas season was very different from any other we have experienced over the course of our five years living and ministering in Scotland. We have always looked to take advantage of the season by “revving up” our outreach through special services. Through these services, **we have gained new families every December since we have been here.** This has always included multiple children’s outreaches and services, as well as “**Carol Services**” that have proved to be popular.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic, we were not able to have these services this year. In fact, one of the regulations that the government has imposed, is that **we are not allowed to sing in church.** This has been especially difficult for our people, because something I can tell you about Scots, is that they love to sing...**and they don’t even need bagpipes to do it!**

So, we looked to be creative. Ericka learned the sign language to some songs, and taught that sign language to the kids who attend our children’s ministry. We filmed the kids performing the sign language to the music, put it with some “interview” style clips of them answering questions about Christmas, as well as a short **Gospel message.** We shared the video out, and have received a great response from our village.

***Please pray with us, that God will use these efforts to bring hearts to Himself!***

## Tighter Restrictions

Due to what the Scottish government is calling a “more aggressive” strain of the coronavirus, they have put us into another **total lockdown.** We are only to leave our house for “essential reasons.” As part of these measures, **they are requiring all churches to cease meeting together.** We will continue to have “online church,” but this is very disappointing for us to have to deal with again, especially as we were just seeming to gain momentum in our services again.

***Please pray with us, that God will make it so we can open our doors again soon!***

## Leave to Remain

We just received our study guides for the “Life in the UK” test. This is a **BIG** history test that Ericka and I will have to pass in order to get our “**leave to remain.**” Getting our leave to remain means that we will no longer be bound by visas that must be renewed every 3 years, and can freely travel to and from Scotland.

We will be taking this test in *late spring or early summer.* **Please be in prayer for us** over the coming months, that we will be able to retain all of this information. **This will also be a huge expense.**

***Would you prayerfully consider what your church could do to help us with all of the expenses that come with getting our leave to remain?***

**Your missionaries to Scotland,**

**Matt, Ericka, Ellee, and Graycee Moeller**