

IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS

Hi everyone!

Life has been pretty busy here in sunny Niddrie (the sun happens to be shining as I'm writing this). With everything running as usual, apart from trying to

sort my life out over the

Easter

holidays (spring break), its been pretty hectic. Loads happening over here with wedding prep, sorting out what I'm doing next year for work, moving Charlie into our house, and packing up my stuff.

For those of you who don't know yet (I can't remember if I put it in my last newsletter), I will be moving into a scheme called Gracemount with Charlie after coming back from our honeymoon in May. This means that I will no longer be working in Niddrie. I will no longer be working with same kids or people in this community that I have called home for almost two years. It's definitely a bittersweet experience. I'll be homesick for two different places. Niddrie and Lexington.

As far as work goes, I'll be finishing out my internship with 20schemes in Gracemount (I am excited about this) after coming back from our honeymoon. The internship officially ends in mid July along with my current visa. Then, once my visa is up, I will have to go back to the States to apply for my spousal visa. Once I receive that, the plan is for me to come back and work in Gracemount (excited about this too!). The job is only a temporary post (1 year) to help do the work of a couple of women who will be on maternity leave. This means that I will need to do some more fundraising for the year that I will be staying on with 20schemes. After next year, I'm not sure what I'll be doing for work. I'll just need to wait and see what the Lord has planned.

In order to apply for the spousal visa I will need to go back to the States and apply from there. Waiting for my spousal visa could take up to 12 weeks. That means up to 12 weeks in the States without Charlie. The only bright side about this is I will get to spend more time with my



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This year, loads of 20schemes staff flew over to enjoy and work at the Together For the Gospel conference in Louisville. The point behind 20schemers going is to make contacts in the States or visit old contacts and friends already made. Most of our funding comes from churches in the States and all of our church planting teams are involved in the effort to fundraise. This year was great for contacts! Loads of people came to the 20schemes booth to check out the work God is doing in the schemes of Scotland. Many took away prayer cards and pledged to pray for our staff here or in the States and many people gave money to the efforts over here. All the staff that went over helped work the booth, met up with potential donors, got to hang out and build on friendships already existing with those already donating, and spoke at churches and other events. Church planting takes money. Thankfully, we have a God who provides for our needs just when we need Him to. This picture below is of most of our church planters at T4G.



Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for the kids in Niddrie. Pray that God will provide a male youth worker and that He will continue to give Natasha wisdom in how she leads and how they spread the gospel to them.
- Pray for Charlie and I as we enter married life. That we will seek to serve the Lord with everything that He has blessed us with. I could list a huge, long list of ways that He has been gracious beyond measure to us.
- Pray for the team in Gracemount. For encouragement and perseverance. That they will be constantly reminded of the grace Christ has given them.
- Pray for the two newest believers in Gracemount. That they will continue to walk with the Lord, constantly putting off their old lives and remain faithful to Him.
- Pray for wisdom for myself, Charlie, and Andy Prime as we figure out what I'll be doing in Gracemount.
- Pray for me. Leaving Niddrie is going to be tough and this is my last full week before switching over to Gracemount.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21

the community. I will just need to work out the best way to do that in Gracemount.

As you can tell, there are a lot of changes and adjustments coming my way. Please, please, please pray that I will lean on the Lord through this time. That I won't be too distracted to do my quiet times. That I will fall deeply in love with my God and my King and serve Him with every aspect of my life, in my marriage and my job.

family and friends than I had thought that I would. But after getting my spousal visa I should be set to stay in the UK for another two and a half years. After that I'll need to apply again but should be able to do that without leaving the UK so I won't have to be away for such a long time.



But, back to less depressing things! Charlie and I got the keys to our house yesterday! He picked them up from our landlord last night. We'll be moving all of his stuff in this week and most of my stuff in the next couple of weeks until we leave for the States. All of this is really exciting and frankly, a wee bit terrifying. We just finished our premarital counselling with Andy and Debbie Constable yesterday as well. We are now at 20 days until we get married and I have no idea what to do with myself although I've still got loads to do before we leave. Papers to write, devotions to do, lessons to plan, and final details for both the wedding in the States and the celebration over here. But with all this pressing stuff I need to do I am still VERY distracted (for some reason).

So I have been told for the year that I will be working on the Gracemount team I can make up my own role.

I'll be helping with the clubs and ministries that they already have running but everything else I get to decide on. I think my goal should be to get to know and build relationships with women and children in

