

The McPikes to  
**SCOTLAND**

AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

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Our month started and ended down south in Alabama. In the first week of November, we were able to be with churches in northern Alabama and central Georgia. While in Georgia, we were able to stop by and see Chris' family, which is always a blessing! Our next meeting was a conference in Virginia Beach, VA at Diamond Springs Baptist Church. As is often the case, when we arrived at the church we realized we knew or had mutual acquaintances with several people there. We thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship, as well as the services. There was a guest speaker, so Chris enjoyed getting to sit and listen to the preaching for once! It's always nice when meetings are close to home. After leaving Virginia Beach, we had a meeting in Friendsville, Tennessee, which is only about 45 minutes from Knoxville. That meant we got to sleep in our own bed, which is becoming one of our favorite things! We were able to be with our family in North Carolina for Thanksgiving this year. It was a full house with 16 people and 1 dog piled in for Thanksgiving dinner. It's a family tradition the day after Thanksgiving to bake and decorate Christmas cookies and watch *White Christmas* with sparkling apple cider. On the last Sunday of the month we headed back down to Alabama to be in two churches in the Gulf Shores area. The pastor's wife at Open Door Baptist Church used to teach 2nd grade at Temple Academy (the same grade and school Natalie taught) and they enjoyed chatting about all things teaching! As we head into the Christmas season, things slow down a bit as far as travelling goes. In between a few meetings, we look forward to making some special Christmas memories.

**Praises**

- New supporting churches
- Safety on the road
- Time with family

**Prayer Requests**

- Specific direction about where the Lord would have us in Scotland
- 100% support by May 2024
- Confirmation from several potential supporting churches

**Support received: 68%**

