

**JON AND RUTH BERGIN**  
**Missionaries to Scotland**  
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Dear Ones,

What a year! I think everyone is looking forward to this year being over and starting fresh in 2021. But, at the same time as I say this, we are going back into a lockdown resembling the one we had in March. The allowance of us meeting as a church is the only difference between March and now. We are restricted to 20 people meeting together, but they are still going to allow corporate worship. It is really different this year as we did not have our candlelight carol sing, or any Christmas parties. No extra fellowship is allowed, but we are thankful that we can still meet as a congregation for worship.

We are not allowed to travel in and out of Scotland at this time and from 26 December we are not to leave our council area for most of January. Our area is not affected too much, but surrounding councils have a new strand of the virus which is why they are shutting everything down one more time. Schools will have an extra week for Christmas break in the hopes that the virus will settle.

This year we have had several changes to our family. The two eldest girls have moved into their own flats. Judi is attending (via online at the moment) Edinburgh college pursuing a degree in events management. She lost her work in technical theater (sound and lighting) due to the virus.. Her flat is in Burntisland, she is close enough to Edinburgh that she can see all three (famous) bridges from her town. Anna finished her teaching degree in February and took a job across town teaching a nursery class in the primary school where she attended school. Both of the girls have stayed part of our 'bubble' so we can see them often. Caleb and Tina had their first baby, Holly Grace was born on 3 November. Pray for Tina as she is needing some medical work done on her hip. Thankfully, Caleb's work has not been hindered too badly because of the virus. They are part of our 'extended family' so that we can go back and forth with them. Jessi is still at home, she is in her last year at high school. Talon, Emilie and their girls are still in Connecticut, we are thankful for video calls so that we can 'see' them from time to time.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2021,

Remembering the Reason for the Season,  
Jon and Ruth Bergen