



## Monthly Mission Focus: SCOTLAND



**Area:** 78,772 sq km  
**Population:** 5,128,000  
**Capital:** Edinburgh 648,000.  
**People:** Celts, Anglo-Saxons  
**Language:** Gaelic, English

**Religion:** The two largest religious denominations are the Presbyterian Church of Scotland (47%) and the Roman Catholic Church (16%), with 28% claiming no religious affiliation at all. Non-Christian religions account for only 2% of the population, mostly small communities of Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Jews.

**Head of State:** Queen Elizabeth II

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Tony Blair

In 1998 Scotland once more had its own parliament after nearly 300 years of representation only in London. A strong minority continues to press for full independence within the EU.

**Major Industries:** Banking and finance, steel, transport equipment, oil and gas, whisky, tourism

### ►Challenges for Prayer◄

🌐 Revivals in past centuries and the localized revivals of the northeast coast in 1925 and Lewis in the Hebrides in the 1950s need to be repeated on a national scale.

🌐 Scotland has sent out great men and women to bless the world such as David Livingstone, Robert Moffatt, Mary Slessor and Eric Liddell. May this tradition continue!

🌐 The Church of Scotland is Presbyterian in structure and is the established Church. There are stirrings of new life, with a rapid increase in the numbers of evangelical theological students and ministers, which is changing the Church. However, nominalism is widespread, liberal theology still dominant and Freemasonry influential. The general decline in membership and church attendance has not been halted. Pray for this Church to return to its biblical roots and the faith of its early martyrs.

🌐 Church growth has been evident among Catholics, Baptists, Pentecostals and especially the newer churches. Pray for the effective re-evangelization of Scotland. Strathclyde, which includes Glasgow and is Scotland's most densely populated area. It has the lowest percentage of Protestants. The Aberdeen area has the highest percentage of non-church-goers

*Statistics are compiled from Operation World and Lonelyplanet.com.*

### Overtoun House: a ministry in Scotland

(I met this couple at Bernita Conway's and am invited to come with a team)

Pastor Bob & Melissa Hill have vision to provide a place where the Community of West Dunbartonshire can experience the love of God in a multifaceted way and provide renewal and care for the hurting and broken. They are reaching out to those in their community to provide Christ-centered answers to their circumstances. They work with churches local and worldwide. Overtoun House is a castle being restored to be a haven for those who need an atmosphere of love, grace, joy and care that will be conducive to their restoration. They need help to do physical construction work and those also to minister by teaching, prayer, preaching.



This article appeared in one of the local Church of Scotland magazines concerning Overtoun House.

### Miracles Today

On Wednesday 8th September [2004] at Overtoun House a special meeting took place with two prophetic speakers, Bernita and Colleen from USA being in attendance. The meeting started off with 30 minutes of praise before Bernita and Colleen addressed the meeting. This led to a time of healing where everyone with any healing request was prayed over. What followed next confirms that healing miracles are not confined to the bible or foreign countries. Martin Trench who pastors a church in Ayr and is very active in Overtoun House prayed over a wee man who was knocked over by the power of the Holy Spirit. A blanket was placed over his complete body while he rested. About 10 to 20 minutes later while ministry was continuing the wee man jumped up shouting and laughing and praising God.

"Thank you God and Thank you Jesus" were the only words we could make out but that was unimportant. It turned out the man was Spanish and had only partial vision due to various illnesses. When he came to the meeting he could not identify anyone in the room, we were only blurs to him but his sight had become fully restored and the first thing he saw were the angels which were painted on the ceiling in the Angel Room, he said he thought he was in heaven! He could see everything and the joy on his face was very touching.

A prophetic word was given to Pastor Bob and Melissa Hill that Overtoun House would be a place where healing like this would be a common occurrence. [[www.overtounhouse.com](http://www.overtounhouse.com)]