



# Update From Carol King

## Open Air Campaigners

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Dear Friends and Family;

**My thoughts and prayers are with you** during this trying time. I pray that you and your family are safe and well. It is difficult to be separated by such a distance at this time. The entire United Kingdom is on lockdown and our Prime Minister is in intensive care. It is unsettling to be faced with so much uncertainty but let us remember that God is faithful. He does not promise us that we will not endure hard times, but he does promise to be right there with us through all times. I pray that he will give you strength and comfort.

**I am writing this** just days before Easter. We may not be able to gather for worship as we normally would. It might seem like just another day. Try to take a moment to reflect on what the resurrection of Jesus Christ means for us. I pray that it fills you with hope. The same God who holds the power to raise Jesus from the dead is the same God that is watching over us now.

### MINISTRY UPDATES

- Open air evangelism is not allowed right now, since we are not allowed to gather and are not allowed in the open air. Kids clubs and street preaching are not possible. However, I have been encouraged by many of my colleagues who have found creative ways to continue the work, as best they can. Some are holding evangelism training sessions on Zoom. Others are taking the time to send emails and follow up with people they have witnessed to in the past. Some are taking the time to develop curriculum. This makes me realize that we may have to change our methods, but the work that we are called to does not stop. (At least not before we are called home to heaven.)

- There are approximately 1000 students left in the town of St. Andrews. Most of them are international students who were not able to return to their home countries. Once the lockdown is over, I will have an opportunity to minister to these students. The university will not reopen – all of the teaching and assessment has been moved to online formats for the rest of the term. This means that all of these international students will be looking for opportunities to gather and reconnect with people after enduring such a long time of feeling isolated. (The UK has not given us a time frame regarding how long the lockdown will continue, but the University announced today that they are preparing for the possibility that teaching will continue online in the fall term.)

- I have been accepted as a member of the British and Irish Association for Practical Theology and the British and Irish Association for Mission Studies. It affords me the opportunity to work alongside other practitioners and scholars from various denominations to advance teaching and research in the field.

- I am involved with an initiative to support women in theology, whether they are academics or practitioners. It is called Logia. There are many facets to this project. My main role is to work with women to help them get articles published in peer reviewed journals. This provides them the opportunity to expand their influence and allows their voices to be heard.



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