



# Prayer Focus

May-June 2012

Dear *Praying Friends*

We thank God for answered prayer for our recent Staff meetings and the Easter Convention at Bangor, Northern Ireland. These were significant times when God's presence was very real and the challenge and encouragement of His word very clear. In response to this we have planned a day of prayer throughout the Work of the Mission. This is to take place on Wednesday 30 May. Along with your Prayer Focus you should find details of local venues where you can join with us in praying for our nation and for The Faith Mission as we seek to move forward with God amidst the challenges confronting Gospel ministry in these days.

We continue to value prayer as we give consideration to the future leadership of the Bible College. We believe God is giving clear direction and look to Him for His provision in respect to this particular need. Another important topic at our Council meetings is that of our bookshop ministry. Last month we acquired the former Wesley Owen bookshop in Coleraine, Northern Ireland and at the end of May their Glasgow shop will commence trading as a Faith Mission bookshop. The acquisition of these two shops is part of an on-going restructuring programme aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and viability of our literature ministry. This is necessary due to the pressure caused by the current financial climate and the increasing trend towards online buying and the purchase of eBooks.

Please remember the Bible College students who are currently on placement with our full time Mission staff. They return to College on 21 May and will appreciate prayer for the intense weeks of study before the final exams of the session. Especially remember the second and third years as they seek to know God's guidance regarding their future sphere of ministry. We also look to the Lord for a significant increase in applications for the session commencing in September.

Please be assured of our deep gratitude for your fellowship and faithfulness in prayer.

Yours in Christ's service

*John Townend* General Director

## Ireland .....

**CENTRAL DISTRICT:** Trevor and Yvonne Bennett, **South Down:** The longer days of late Spring and Summer means that door-to-door outreach is possible in the evenings and Trevor is grateful to several men for agreeing to join him in distributing CDs and literature. This brings mutual encouragement. The children's work is coming to a close now but Yvonne is busy preparing for summer camps. They are also visiting and preparing for the Ards Bible Weekend in the tent in **Portavogie** 8-10 June when the Rev J Currie and I share the preaching.

The Discovery Camp (13–17 August) is now full with a few spaces left for the Adventure Camp (30 July–3 August). Plans for the tent campaign in **Ballynure** are coming together well now. Local Christians are praying much and as a team (Tom Shaw, Trevor Matthews, Andrew McCullough and Trevor Bennett) we look to the Lord for a move of the Spirit bringing many to Christ. Sandra had a busy season of ladies' events which have now come to an end with at least 100 booklets (Spiritual Birth) requested. The last two were particularly encouraging with many unconverted ladies listening with rapt attention. Andrew McCullough and I continue with conferences and Prayer Union visits in the Central and Border Districts.

#### Conference Dates:

**Ballyhill** Thursday 17 May, Speaker: Rev T Gillanders  
**Conlig** Monday 11 June, Speaker: Rev J Lyons  
**Tansy** Wednesday 13 June, Speaker: Dr W Smylie  
**Edenrillick** Thursday 14 June, Speaker: Dr W Smylie

*Trevor Matthews*

### **NEW CONFERENCE & CAMP CENTRE OPENING DURROW, CO. LAOISE**

SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2012 AT 3pm

COACH TRAVEL FROM N IRELAND

Leaving at 8am and returning at 10pm (approx)

**OMAGH:** Contact G Conn (028 82 242286)

**BALLYMENA:** Contact L Brush (028 25 656494)

**NEWTOWNARDS:** Contact T Matthews (028 92 628286)

COST £35 includes midday meal in Abbeyleix Manor Hotel

**NORTH DISTRICT:** We were thrilled to see about 130 attend **“Just 4 Ladies”** on 20 April. Janice Logan faithfully and graciously shared the gospel through her patchwork quilt. It was lovely to see some present who had been brought along by Christian friends. Bible College students Belinda McBain and Esther Stevenson have known God's help as they have got involved in a variety of meetings, outreach, visitation and practical work. Local Christians have welcomed and encouraged them. A team of seven visited **Glenarm** on Saturday as part of the monthly Glens outreach and we rejoice in the opportunities we had to share the gospel.

Preparations are ongoing for our summer camps. Unfortunately, we have run out of places at our Discovery Camp and have set up a waiting list.

#### Future Events:

**Dervock Rally** Thursday 17 May, Speaker: Trevor Bennett

**Moneymore/Cookstown Tent Mission**

Sunday 20 May – Sunday 10 June

**Cloughmills Rally** Thursday 31 May, Speaker: Alan Bartley

**Castlegore Convention Weekend** 1-3 June

<sup>2</sup>Speaker: Alistair Patterson

“ANCHOR BQ” Saturday 9 June

Speaker: Trevor Gillanders



*Leslie Brash*

**WEST DISTRICT:** We are grateful to the Lord for meaningful opportunities to reach needy people since Easter. These continue to come, mainly through church services, theme nights and one-to-one contacts.

**West Fermanagh:** Heather Wilson and Cherith Anderson continue with a variety of openings, and hold another coffee morning in their home this month. Their main work at present is visitation in preparation for a mission in **Belleek** in June/July when Anne Brown, Andrea and I will join them.

Jenny Kilpatrick continues to know encouragement in her schools' and club work and is thrilled to have Katie Stevens with her for two weeks as part of her Spring placement from the Bible College.

Bookings for summer camps are excellent, with a waiting list for the younger age group. It is encouraging to have a number from previous teens' camps coming as junior helpers. Our series of summer drive in services commences on Sunday 13 May. These are a means of contacting many who would not normally come to indoor meetings.

*George Conn*

**NORTH WEST DISTRICT:** Our outreach, with students Belinda McBain and Esther Stevenson was most encouraging. We had help from a local Prayer Union representative the first week and visited around **Lifford**. We had a Titanic presentation on Friday 27 when approximately eight local unconverted attended. During the second week we joined with Ian Booth to help him visit the **Sperrin** mountains. We began in the Park area and had some good conversations. It is a privilege to bring the gospel to those who are in darkness. We value prayer for camp preparation this month. Wednesday 30 May we have the Day of Prayer at Sheephill House, **Ballykelly** 10.30am & 8pm.

**Roe Valley** Bible weekend 1–3 June, **Largy** Community Hall.

Speaker: Rev Mark Neilly

*Garry Tatty*

**BORDER DISTRICT:** Although the attendance was down at the Border Bible Weekend in Monaghan 4–6 May, the ministry was greatly appreciated with some obviously receiving spiritual help. Ronnie Killops has had some very good contacts in visiting in preparation for the mission in **Corwillis** Mission Hall, near Cootehill from 13–27 May. George Conn and I join Ronnie and Larry Power for part of the mission. Local Christians are much in prayer and the Lord is at work in this community. Andrew McCullough and I are sharing the PU visitation and conferences this quarter and Andrew has already made many plans for the autumn. He moves to Portadown to take charge of the District from late July.

*Trevor Matthews*

**SOUTH DISTRICT:** Mervyn and Rachel Tomb report: 'School assembly work continues to encourage. We had a very favourable reception at Clonenagh National School, **Mountrath**, which is a new opening. Bookings are still being received for our summer camps.'

**Midlands Centre:** We are grateful to the many workers who have given of their time and effort recently. The dining room has now been painted and floor fitting is expected to start soon. Seeding of the grounds has been completed as well as boundary fencing. We are currently sourcing kitchen equipment and other essential items. We continue to look to God for His provision and much wisdom in the run-up to the opening.

Johnathan and Janet Slater write: 'It is good to have Robert and Sarah Singleton with us. Together we have just finished a mission at the Centre here in **Carhue**. Please pray for one local lady who came along. She really seems to be seeking. Some things we started during the mission we hope to continue as regular events, like a mother of preschoolers' Bible study and a children's club. We plan to continue the club at Deerpark Estate, **Bandon** until the end of May and then finish for the summer. The monthly JOY club in **Dunmanway** had a good number of children at it and hopefully it will be the same this month. We hope some of these children will be able to come to camp. We would value prayer for more campers to book, particularly for the teens' week (9-13 July). We help with a children's club as part of a special mission week that is happening in **Kinsale** the first week in June.'

The two 'Titanic' nights in **Abbeyleix** and **Carhue** were well attended with a large percentage of unsaved present. Pray for the literature distributed at these events.

**Future Events:**

**May Rallies** 10-15 May with Paul Crowe as speaker

**Bandon Convention** 1-4 June: Dr Patrick McElligott & Rev Paul Acheson

**Bride's Glen Open Air Service** Sunday 10 June: George and Andrea Conn

**Opening & Dedication Service for Durrow Centre:**

Saturday 16 June - Speaker: Rev Mervyn Carter

For further details telephone 00353 (0)5786 25288

*David Bennett*

**England .....**

**NORTH DISTRICT:** **Durham** area: Mark and Sheena Nelson along with FMBC Student, Tim Foster: 'Mark and Tim will be involved with children's clubs at **Esh Winning** and **Castleside**. They will both be taking church services over the coming month as well as going into **Frankland** Prison. Sheena speaks at a nursing home in **Durham** on Wednesday 16 May.'

**Preston** area: James and Lynda Bovenizer: 'In addition to the regular programme we have a new opening into a local county primary school for assemblies and Bible Explorer RE lessons which continue to give good opportunity in teaching the Bible.'

The next monthly meeting at **Leyburn** Mission Hall is on 3 June at 3:00 pm when Mrs Margaret Joel will be the speaker.

*Alistair Patterson*

**CENTRAL DISTRICT:** It has been a joy to have Andrew and Grace Morton, Chris Klompas and Peter Elliott teaming up with us on the Earlesfield Estate, **Grantham**, over these past weeks. We have seen a good group of kids attend the weekly club and eager to learn God's Word. Contact with their parents has revealed some great needs and we

trust we can build relationships with them for the Gospel. Door to door work has resulted in some very good opportunities to share the Gospel and God's power is evident as we share the 'Good News' with them. A team of eleven University students from Mississippi, USA, join us 15-21 May. God has given us openings into the two Primary schools and the High school on the estate to share about Christianity. We trust this will lead to further opportunities in the future. We also plan outreach events for teenagers, kids and families which we trust will be worthwhile for the Gospel. Another team of nine students come from Mississippi 31 May- 6 June when we concentrate our efforts on the Heathfield area of the estate, with a 'Community Week' including outdoor kids clubs, youth events and all age BBQs. Pray for good weather and the community to be changed by the Gospel.

David and Donna Ohin, **Derbyshire**: We along with a small group of Christians plan an outreach meeting in a nearby village hall, **Kirk Ireton** either during May or June. Please pray that we will soon be able to get a suitable date confirmed. This will be another bridge building event following up contacts we made. We intend to focus on the testimony side. Please pray for wisdom in all the planning. Please also continue to pray for our Open-air in **Derby** as we have many opportunities to share the gospel. It is also very encouraging to hear of evidence of the Holy Spirit working in the life of the person who said they were an atheist, recently mentioned, please continue to pray for her conversion.

**Harby** Open Day 26 May 2012: Pastor Paul Adcock speaks at the 'All age worship' @ 3pm followed by a BBQ. All welcome!

*Daniel Howson*

**SOUTH WEST DISTRICT**: David Lewis writes 'Thank you for praying for our health, we have both been quite poorly with a virus and chest infections, but are now feeling stronger again. The film night was a bit disappointing as only fourteen attended, but two of these were unsaved. One of these attended the previous film, and the other is very needy with a history of sleeping rough. The Lord is speaking to him. Our present accommodation is no longer available to us and we feel it right to move to **Lovacott**, to be with Pauline, Elizabeth's mum. Our new address is: Orchard Cross, Lovacott, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 3PZ, Tel. 01271-858581 (from 18 May), Mob. 077-29380761. Please pray for an opening into the local schools there, for contacts with local churches, and the Lord's leading, as we continue to follow up contacts at **Hatherleigh**. Please also pray for SMILE Club.'

Remember David and Elizabeth Lewis as they relocate to Lovacott, Barnstaple. Thank you for your prayers for **Bovey Tracey** Holiday Bible Club, we started with very small numbers but in an amazing answer to prayer we ended up with nineteen children. There was a lovely sense of the Lord with us and we look to Him to hide his Word in the hearts of these children. We were recently contacted by a local C of E Rector asking us to take on another new school assembly at **Dolton**. We are now regularly involved in three different local schools, each providing a unique opportunity to present the gospel to many un-churched children. John Matthews is the speaker at the **BBQ in the Barn** 29 June 2012 at 7.30pm; the Iddesleigh Singers will also take part and Mrs Jean Gregg will give her testimony.

*Ian Gilkinson*

**SOUTH EAST DISTRICT:** Arabella Paul and Katie Stevens, **Kent:** ‘We had a very encouraging group of children at **Stone** after school club. Some of these seemed to have a real grasp of the gospel; we would love to see some from this group booking in for camp. We have a small number coming to camp (Tuesday 5 to Saturday 9 June). Please do pray for Stephen (Walker) as he leads it, Cynthia as she cooks, Arabella as she teaches, as well as for good weather, safety, and the Lord to be mightily in the midst.’

Stephen and Cynthia Walker, **Norfolk:** Stephen had a really good session in **Diss** High School last week and continues every Thursday for the rest of this month. One of the sessions has and will cover the existence of God and the underlying attitude that comes with atheism. Pray for these young people and the teachers who sit in. Regular meetings continue this month.

Please pray for Stephen and Cynthia and the family as they arrange schools and other practical issues ready for their move to Red House Farm next month. We too, would value your prayers as we move to the North English District at the end of June.

*Alistair Patterson*

## **Wales** .....

Elizabeth and I were grateful for the opportunity to be able to attend Bangor Convention this year. We gleaned much from the ministry of God's Word and benefited from the fellowship of the Lord's people. I would continue to value prayer for the meetings in the South of Ireland at this current time, 10-15 May. Over the next few weeks we have a full programme of meetings including church services, mid-week meetings, Learn to Lead, Wednesday children's club and visitation. I also value prayer as I prepare to take the seminar on the life of Joseph Scriven at the Galloway Bible Week in June.

*Paul Crowe*

## **Scotland** .....

**HIGHLAND DISTRICT** Justin and Carol Cummings, **Fort William:** ‘During this month, Carol will be speaking with Primary seven classes about coming to the SU in the High School after the summer break. Pray that many would feel interested enough to come along. It's a great opportunity to help these youngsters understand more about God. Also, during this time, we have assemblies at **Fort William, Roy Bridge, and Spean Bridge** Primary Schools. Again, pray for these times of sharing with pupils and staff. Danny and June Chambers of The Faith Mission speak at our Rally on Saturday 26 May. This would be a great meeting to bring a friend to and enjoy fellowship together. **Spean Bridge** Bible Club continues and two girls in particular are very interested. Pray that they would meet with God soon. Our last youth meeting of the session is Sunday 3 June. Pray that our youngsters would come along and learn more. Carol will speak at **Kinlochleven** Church of Scotland on Sunday 17 June.’

**Kyleakin** Tent Mission: At time of writing we have completed two weeks of this four week mission. The team have been very well received and have sensed already that God is working through some excellent conversations during door to door visiting. Also, the Lord has truly helped in the number of local church services the team has been involved in and feedback has been very positive. On week two, a large proportion of the Kyleakin 6 children attended the clubs in the Tent and returned to the family night with parents and

friends. The team worked hard at setting up a great programme for the children each day and they certainly enjoyed it and we trust benefited from all that they heard and learned. We now continue with two weeks of Gospel meetings.

### **Western Isles Convention**

Monday 28 May – **Tarbert** Church of Scotland  
Tuesday 29 May – **Kinloch** Church of Scotland  
Wednesday 30 May – **Uig** Church of Scotland  
Thursday 31 May – Clan Macquarrie Centre, **Borve**  
Friday 1 to Sunday 3 – High Church, **Stornoway**  
Speaker: Dr Andrew Woolsey

#### **Also coming up:**

- 6–11 June: Richard Allen conducts services and door to door visiting in **Canisbay** with **Canisbay** Free Evangelical Church
- 14–17 June: Gospel meetings on the Isle of **Tiree**.

*Donnie Macleod*

**EAST DISTRICT:** **Peterhead** area, John and Liz Macdonald: 'We were very encouraged with the Titanic evening in **Buckie** Baptist Church when a number of unsaved were present and many gospel tracts were taken. We ask prayer regarding the work in **Peterhead** Prison, a new prison is being built and the long term prisoners who have been attending the meetings are being moved to other prisons. During this time of transition there are no Prison Fellowship meetings. This month we will be involved in the **Fraserburgh** Convention and **Skene Murray** Weekend. On Sunday 3 June we have a Titanic evening in **Skene Murray** Mission Hall. We take **Cairnbulg** and **Macduff** PUs and speak at our home church, **Elgin** Baptist on 7 June then plan to take a few days holidays.'

**Kirkcaldy** area: Kathy Wood had some very good gospel opportunities during the annual Links Market in **Kirkcaldy**. Kathy asks that we follow with prayer some very meaningful conversations she had, also the literature distributed. Prayer is also requested for the regular input to local churches and personal contacts also as Kathy speaks at **Methven House** on Monday 28 May.

By the time you read this we will have had our **Fraserburgh Convention** weekend. We have the **Kirkcaldy** Mission Focus rally Thursday 17 May when Viktor Mezger will be speaking. **Skene Murry Bible Weekend** is 18–20 May, when Viktor will also be speaking. We are grateful to Viktor for his help and fellowship in the District. The last of the **Gourdon** monthly meetings, before the summer break, will be Friday 25 May. I look forward to being in **Shetland** 31 May–8 June. As well as a series of meetings around the island, we have the **Cunningsburgh Convention** Weekend. The **Cairnbulg Bible Weekend** will be 15–17 June when Viktor Mezger will be the speaker.

*Noel McClintock*

**SOUTH DISTRICT:** We praise God for the anointed ministry at the recent **Eastfield** and **Edinburgh** rallies when challenging messages were brought. We look forward to **Stirling** Rally on Saturday 12 May when Joe McNeilly is the speaker, **Greenock** Rally on

Saturday 19 May when John Townend is to be the speaker and **Edinburgh Rally** on Saturday 2 June when Dr Adrian Holdsworth will be preaching and former FMBC student, Glen Charleton, will be reporting on his missionary work in Brazil. I speak at **Fort William Rally** on Saturday 26 May.

*Danny Chambers*

**ANGLO SCOTTISH BORDER DISTRICT:** Preparation is underway for the 'Galloway Bible Week' here at the Centre 5–10 June. It is very encouraging to see this ministry week develop and grow with quite a number now coming for the whole week. Pray too that it will have a deep impact in the immediate area and that many locals will also benefit from the ministry and fellowship. Remember in prayer the Rev John Magee as he prepares to minister throughout the week. Pray also for Robin Moscrop and Paul Crowe as they are each responsible for a seminar, and for Linda Townend as she speaks at the ladies coffee morning. Johnny Lennox and friends will be bringing ministry in song over the weekend. Other meetings include, Sunday May 20 **Creetown** Gospel Hall, Wednesday 30 May Day of Prayer, Sunday 3 June Bethany Evangelical Church, **Dumfries**.

*William Harrison*

**'Galloway Bible Week' 5– 10 June 2012**

Tuesday 5– Friday 8 @ 7.30pm - Saturday 9 **'All Age Rally'** @ 3pm

Sunday 10 **'Praise Rally'** @ 3pm

In the Marquee THE FAITH MISSION CENTRE **NEWTON STEWART**

**Speaker: Rev John Magee (N. Ireland)**

For further details on programme and accommodation contact:

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**Come for all or part of the weekend**

**Day Trip to Scotland Coach Travel on Saturday 9th June to**

The Faith Mission Centre Newton Stewart

P&O Ferry LARNE Ferry sails at 10.30am and returns at 8pm

(meal at High Barbuchany included in price)

For further info on coach pick up points (Portadown, Moira & Larne) and to book your seat: Contact William & Carolyn Harrison 01671 403632 or 028 92628286

**Edinburgh Convention 2012 Tuesday 3 - Sunday 8 July**

Speakers include: Peter Grainger - David Johnston - Charles Price - Patrick Sookhdeo

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