

PRAYER focus

MAY 2014

Dear Praying Friends

Our recent workers' meetings, which were a time of rich fellowship and blessing, were followed by a number of special Easter events including Bangor Convention. This also was a blessed time with a very real and deep sense of the Lord's presence in many of the meetings. We now move into the busy spring and summer programme which includes many missions and campaigns, Bible weekends and conventions, and, during July and August, a total of twenty-seven children's and young people's camps. Please join with us in praying that the much activity may also be accompanied by much blessing.

Thank you for praying for our literature ministry. These are challenging days, particularly in the Scottish shops where there have been many changes during the past few months. We are confident that these have helped to pave the way for the shops to continue their valuable ministry for the foreseeable future. Please remember all the bookshop staff, especially those who have taken on greater responsibilities in recent weeks. It is always encouraging to hear of those who have received spiritual help as a result of their contact with the shops and their staff. One such instance is a lady being led to the Lord by the staff in one of the Belfast shops recently.

Robert Murdock is grateful to be able to be fully involved in ministry again following his recent neck injury. This provides great opportunity to present information about the College, and the recent series of Bible College Rallies in Ireland were particularly beneficial in that respect. The students are currently on their four-week spring placements with Faith Mission workers and we trust this will prove to inspire and challenge them regarding the need for labourers in the harvest fields of rural Britain and Ireland. We are pleased to have several active enquiries from those interested in studying at the College next session, but value prayer that these enquiries will develop into definite applications.

Please remember the District Superintendents and their families in Ireland as some of them move to new areas and responsibilities during the course of the summer.

We continue to be deeply grateful for both your prayerful and practical support.

Yours in Christ's service

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IRELAND

IRISH BORDER DISTRICT

Andrew McCullough
PORTADOWN

Ronnie and Carey Killops continue with their regular programme of outreach and are grateful to all who prayed for the recent mission at **Parisee**, Co Cavan. It was extended for a few nights when it was thrilling to see one lady seek the Lord. Many unsaved people attended over the three weeks and were challenged by the Word they heard. Ronnie begins a Bible study there this month. He takes several Sunday services over the next weeks. We are really looking forward to *Fit 4 Life*, a new ladies' outreach in the **Portadown** FM Café/Bookshop on Monday 12, 19 and 26 May. There is good interest and unsaved ladies have indicated their intention to come. The final monthly ladies' study of the season takes place in the **Portadown** Centre on Tuesday 20 May. Our two weeks of camp are almost full and we are praying for someone with first aid training to assist alongside a full team of leaders.

**GOOD NEWS 4
COUNTY ARMAGH
Tent Campaign**
Woodview Garden Centre
Richhill
(off main Portadown/Armagh Road)
Sunday 8 - Sunday 22 June
SPEAKERS
Trevor Matthews
& Rev Tom Shaw

NORTH WEST IRISH DISTRICT

We welcome students Tim Foster and Gavin Harrison to this District for four weeks. Tim, Gavin and I have begun visitation for our theme nights in **Downings** Bay Hotel, Co. Donegal, 6-9 May. Then we move to **Inver** Community Centre near Donegal town and again we visit around the area for a week before our theme nights 20-23 May. We greatly value your prayer for openness among the people to engage in spiritual conversation during visitation. Pray that the folk will come to our meetings and, as a result, come to the Lord for salvation.

Ladies' Coffee Morning (at Largy) ~ Saturday 7 June SPEAKER: Alison Brown

North West Convention
FRIDAY 9 - SUNDAY 11 MAY
Lismacarroil Mission Hall
Speaker: David Bennett

ROE VALLEY BIBLE WEEKEND
FRIDAY 6 - SUNDAY 8 JUNE
LARGY COMMUNITY HALL
Speaker: Robert Murdock (FMBC Principal)

WEST IRISH DISTRICT

George & Andrea Conn
OMAGH

Outreach opportunities in March were very worthwhile, especially in the two-week mission in **Ballynakelly**, and the annual **Corick** House weekend, when a number of needy folk attended. Our Bible College rally in **Cookstown** prior to Easter was also a blessed time with Robert Murdock and students sharing. I have only a few theme events in coming weeks and these recommence in the autumn. The first of our summer drive-in services across the District is in May and these run in different venues through to July. We greatly look forward to having the fifth mission in West Fermanagh, which will be in the village of **Kinawley** later in this quarter. We are now almost half way through our last round of Prayer Union visits and rallies in this District and are grateful to all for their loyal support in the work of God.

Jenny Kilpatrick is involved in some five day clubs in estates and schools in coming weeks. She is also fully involved in preparation for the camps in the Border District. Heather Wilson has commenced discipleship classes to encourage young converts after a recent mission in **Tempo** Coffee Bar. This is a great opportunity. The children's meeting in **Tabaugh** concluded for the summer with a good parents' evening just before Easter.

Dungannon Area Rally ~ Thursday 8 May SPEAKER: Graeme Orr
Dungannon Drive-In ~ Sunday 25 May at 3pm

SOUTH IRISH DISTRICT

Johnathan & Janet Slater
CORK

We are glad to be joined by students Esther Stevenson and Jesse and Emilia Hellman. We continue with our weekly clubs at **Carhue** and **Deerpark** in May. We are also starting a youth club in **Deerpark**

and would value prayer that older children will come along. The ladies' ministry at **MOPS** and **CAMEO@CARHUE** is going really well. Please pray for a lady who is doing a weekly Bible study with Janet. The students help and take part in the **Drimoleague** outreach meeting, Thursday 15, adventure club at Westside Baptist Church and revival prayer meeting, **Dunmanway**, Friday 16, and **Churchcross** monthly meeting, Sunday 18 May. We also value prayer for the **JOY** club in **Dunmanway**, Thursday 22. Please pray for the unsaved who have been along to these meetings.

Mervyn & Rachel Tomb
MIDLANDS

With clubs finished, we now concentrate on preparing the Centre for camps. Mervyn shares in some of the May rallies and also in church services in **Tobermore**. The Centre is in use most weekends.

SPORTS HALL: Following the May bank holiday, builders are due to return to complete the few sections of block work. Windows and doors will also be fitted. We thank the Lord for His faithful and continued provision for this project.

David & Marjorie Bennett
STRADBALLY

Thursday 15 May ~ **Enniscorthy** Rally - Mervyn Tomb
 Friday 16 May ~ **The Colliery** Bible Study
 Friday 23 May ~ **Roscrea** Rally - David Stevenson
 Sunday 25 May ~ **Hacketstown** Rally - Betty Stevenson
 Sunday 8 June ~ **Bride's Glen** Open Air - David Bennett

CENTRAL IRISH DISTRICT

Trevor & Sandra Matthews
LISBURN

The series of Bible College Rallies throughout Ireland, 7-13 April, with the Principal, Robert Murdock, and a number of students made a great impact. Fresh prayer support was stimulated and we have no doubt the Lord used these rallies to call several young people into Christian service.

BANGOR CONVENTION: We really rejoice in a great Easter weekend in every way. The very pleasant weather, combined with a number of other positive factors, led to an increase in attendance on the past two years. We are thankful to all our preachers, whose ministry was blessed by the Lord, for a number of people who were counselled, and also for the many young people who attended the Convention. *Café Verve* alongside the Convention bookshop was well used and added greatly to book sales as well as providing

good opportunity for fellowship. Attendance at the crèche and *Adventure Time* for children was the largest we have ever recorded, indicating just how many families came to the Convention. Please pray now as plans are made for 2015, and also for 2016 when we mark the centenary of the Bangor Convention.

We have a very full programme of meetings through until early July. This includes a two-week mission with Rev Tom Shaw and Andrew McCullough in **Richhill**, 8-22 June. I also look forward to sharing in the **Bandon** Convention 30 May-2 June. Trevor and Yvonne Bennett continue their regular ministry with Yvonne working amongst children and young people, while Trevor visits neglected rural communities. Time will be spent following up contacts as well as bringing the gospel to some totally unreached areas.

Ballyhill Rally ~ Thursday 15 May SPEAKER: John Matthews
Ards Bible Weekend ~ 6-8 June SPEAKERS: Rev Jim Lyons & Trevor Matthews

NORTH IRISH DISTRICT

Leslie & Mabel Brush
BALLYMENA

Students Sian Galbraith and Rebecca Borzyszkowski have joined us for their spring placement and are getting involved in many different aspects of the work. As well as involvement in District work and **Kilraughts** mission, Andrew and Barbara McIlroy ask for prayer that they will be guided in how to develop the work in the **Glens of Antrim**.

Preparations continue for the North Ulster Bible Weekend, **Castlegore** Bible Weekend and rallies. Visiting has commenced for **Kilraughts** Tent Mission, 18 May-1 June. As well as the gospel meetings, we have a coffee morning, BBQ and children's fun day. We are delighted to have an after school club in **Knockahollet** Primary School 12-16 May.

Preparations are ongoing for our summer camps which start Monday 30 June. We have 135 booked with places left only on our teens' camp.

Ballee Rally ~ Wednesday 14 May with Rev Nigel Kissick
Dervock Rally ~ Thursday 15 May with Rev Nigel Kissick
Cloughmills Rally ~ Thursday 29 May with Alan Bartley
Castlegore Bible Weekend ~ 30 May-1 June with Alan Bartley

**NORTH ULSTER
BIBLE WEEKEND**
 Friday 9 - Sunday 11 May
 SPEAKERS
 Rev Raymond Moore
 William Harrison

SCOTLAND

EAST SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Kathy Wood
KIRKCALDY

The work in nursing homes has been encouraging. We believe that a real work of grace is being done. I appreciate your prayers for the ongoing work in the area. Please pray for the Mission Focus Rally in

Kirkcaldy (Pathhead Baptist Church) on Thursday 15. On Sunday 8 June I take the service in **St Monans** Church.

Noel McClintock
ABERDEEN

The two recent series of meetings in **Shetland** and **Fraserburgh** were most encouraging, with good attendance and an appreciation for the Word. The **Aberdeen** Spring Rally in Footdee is Thursday 8,

and **Fraserburgh** Convention Weekend is 9-11 May. I look forward to being in **Shetland**, Friday 30 May - Monday 9 June, for meetings which include **Cunningburgh** Convention.

SKENE MURRAY WEEKEND

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May

Speaker: Noel McClintock

Cairnbulg Convention Weekend

FRIDAY 13 - SUNDAY 15 JUNE

Speaker: Robert Murdock

ANGLO SCOTTISH BORDER DISTRICT

William & Carolyn Harrison
NEWTON STEWART

Along with the District programme and ongoing practical work around the Centre, I continue with Prayer Union visitation and weekend preaching engagements. Praise the Lord for an excellent time of mission in **Dumfries** at the beginning of April. We look back with gratitude to almighty God for His direction in ministry and timeliness of the mission. Ministry over the Easter period has been encouraging, in particular the excellent opportunity to share the gospel at both Good Friday services at **Blennerhasset**.

Preparation is underway for the **Galloway Bible Week** here at the Centre 3-8 June. Pray that the ministry of this week will have a deep impact in the immediate area and that many locals, as well as those who come for a week of holiday and fellowship, will benefit. Particularly remember in prayer John Matthews and others who will be involved in different aspects of ministry throughout the week.

GALLOWAY BIBLE WEEK

TUESDAY 3 - SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2014

Tuesday - Friday at 7.30pm

Saturday at 3pm **All Age Rally** Sunday at 3pm **Praise Rally**

in the marquee at **THE FAITH MISSION CENTRE, NEWTON STEWART**

Speaker: John Matthews

For further details on programme and accommodation, contact: William & Carolyn Harrison 01671 403632

DAY TRIP TO SCOTLAND

COACH TRAVEL ON SATURDAY 7 JUNE

TO THE FAITH MISSION CENTRE
NEWTON STEWART

For information on coach pick-up points (Portadown, Moira and Larne) and to book your seat, contact:

William & Carolyn Harrison 01671 403632
OR Irish headquarters 028 9262 8286

SOUTH SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Danny & June Chambers
EDINBURGH

We thank God for the ministry of Philip Berry at **Eastfield Rally** - please pray for three unsaved young men who were presented with a clear gospel challenge. We look forward to the ministry of Gordon Thomson at **Greenock Rally** on Saturday 17 May and **Stirling Rally** on Saturday 31 May, and Mark Schenk at **Edinburgh Rally** on Saturday 7 June.

Gordon & Janice Thomson
GLASGOW

We thank God for the recent week of outreach in **Drumchapel** doing door-to-door visitation and tract distribution. It was wonderful to hear people commenting about how God spoke into their lives through the ministry of the FMBC students.

Please pray for the upcoming preaching engagements, for the contacts we have for missions in the future, and for discussions with Christians from **Arran** about the prospect of holding a tent campaign there next year.

4-9 May **Kiltarlity** Tent Mission with Donnie Macleod

11-18 May **Larbert** Baptist Church Mission with William Harrison

22-25 May **Kilraughts** Tent Mission with Leslie Brush

1 June **Partick** Baptist Church

HIGHLAND DISTRICT

Justin & Carol Cummings
FORT WILLIAM

Be encouraged that your prayers really are being answered as we continue with many opportunities with the young folks, school assemblies, SU, youth meetings, teen girls' Bible study, Sunday School, recovery meetings, and preaching engagements covering all the age groups. Thank God that He is speaking to individuals: a young man who came to some of our youth meetings has become a Christian. Pray specifically for **Kinlochleven** Primary School as we advertise camp with the DVD and give out forms: pray some would go. Pray also for the preaching engagements we have this month in **Mallaig, Kinlochleven** and **Fort William**.

Donnie & Catherine Macleod
INVERNESS

KILTARLITY TENT MISSION: Local Christians are excited about the tent meetings which began in Kiltarlity on Sunday 4 May. We have a full programme with meetings every night except Saturday, coffee mornings on Wednesdays and after school clubs 12-16 May. There is already a work going on in this area and we look to the Lord that His Kingdom would advance. We are thrilled to have such a great team: Gordon Thomson and FMBC students Katie Stevens, Andrew Quinn, Alistair Chalmers and Heather Scott Smith.

The **Western Isles** Convention is 2-8 June with Rev Noel Darragh as the speaker. I also plan a trip to the **Isle of Tiree** 19-23 June with gospel meetings each night in **Heylipol**.

ENGLAND

CENTRAL ENGLISH DISTRICT

Team working on the
EARLESFIELD ESTATE
GRANTHAM

Daniel & Grace Howson
Andrew & Grace Morton
Belinda McBain

EARLESFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH: We continue to experience the Lord's blessing on our new church with our first anniversary service on Easter Sunday. Forty-five attended in total and the meal after the service was a great time of celebration. God has been good to us over the last year and we praise Him for souls saved and a church beginning on this needy estate. We have a very busy month with two teams coming to help from Mississippi. The first team of eight will concentrate on the three schools on the estate building up to a family fun day on Saturday 17 May. The second team of twelve will be working two holiday clubs on different parts of the estate culminating in a family barbeque on Saturday 31 May. We trust a real impact for the gospel will be made. Pray with us for fruit to God's glory.

Our annual open day at **Harby** Centre is Saturday 7 June.

SOUTH EAST ENGLISH DISTRICT

David & Donna Ohin
NORFOLK

On 13 October David preached in a church in **Norwich** about 'Why did HE come?' The Holy Spirit worked powerfully so that there was a real hush at the end of the service. A non-Christian man was there who didn't normally go to church and was apparently hardened to the gospel. His wife told us that this message changed something major in his way of thinking of God. We kept contact with this couple and when David visited them on 12 April he had the privilege to lead the man to the Lord. Great salvation joy entered that house - praise God! The **Big Breakfast** in the village hall in **Bunwell** went very well with many unsaved in. David gave a challenging talk and everybody listened very attentively from the beginning to the end. We were also pleased to see our neighbour coming again.

We are excited that our Explorer club is going well and the children love it. One girl, who was told by her mum that the dancing class is on again on Wednesdays, replied, 'I can't go, I want to go to my Bible club Explorer'.

Arabella Paul
KENT

It was an incredible privilege to go to Malawi. The children poured out from seemingly nowhere to come to the meetings. Though they had so little, they had such a joy and vibrancy in worship.

We need to see a significant increase in numbers for camp, 23-25 May, if it is to go ahead. I begin *Bible Explorer* on Mondays in **Eccl**es from 2 June, and take three classes in **Istead Rise** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 and 4 June.

Stephen & Cynthia Walker
EARL STONHAM

Outreach in the village of **Hitcham** has commenced with FMBC students Dean Inman and James Brown. We are currently visiting with a DVD that outlines a gospel challenge and continue with various evangelistic activities including coffee mornings, family fun days, quiz nights and special services. Pray for conversations and contacts that already have been made.

This month we also have the **Ipswich** Conference on Saturday 10 May with Robert Murdock and students taking part, a special *Christianity Explored* training day at the **Earl Stonham** Centre on Saturday 17 with Craig Dyer from Glasgow, and the new *SportsReach* soccer school that will run here at Centre 28-31 May. This is a month of great opportunity but also great busyness and we would appreciate your prayers for us.

Share the Vision Evenings
Horham ~ Wednesday 11 June at 7.30pm
Great Ellingham ~ Tuesday 17 June at 7.30pm
Stowmarket ~ TBC

NORTH ENGLISH DISTRICT

Paul Curwen
NORTH LANCASHIRE

The Bible College DVD is now finished and will be available to view on *YouTube* soon. If you would like a hard copy to play at any meetings or to pass to someone without internet, please get in touch. This month I hope to go back to Edinburgh to film the second part of this DVD, which involves the Principal explaining what the College has to offer in terms of courses etc. I will also be involved in many practical and planning aspects of my work.

James & Lynda Bovenizer
PRESTON

Bible Explorer RE lessons continue weekly in four schools teaching OT and NT to years five and six, allowing the children to ask questions. We also have regular school assemblies each week. Lynda teaches RE lessons at **Lea** Endowed and **Bilsborrow** CE Schools each Thursday.

James Brown and Dean Inman, two students from the Bible College, join us 17-23 May. We take the morning Service at Bible Pattern Church, **Blackpool**, Sunday 11 May, midweek meeting, Wednesday 21, and both services at Bethel Chapel, **Clapham**, Sunday 18. The students will also be involved in school assemblies and RE lessons during the week.

Mark & Sheena Nelson
SUNDERLAND

Just now we have a weekly young adults' small group meeting in our home, two weekly youth clubs, two monthly family events, two monthly school assemblies and preaching most Sundays across the

North East. As we look forward to the 2014-15 season, please be in prayer as we plan a possible after school club in **Gateshead** and a student café in **Gateshead**, in partnership with *Friends International*.

Alistair & Sharon Patterson
YORK

On Sunday 11 May we have the evangelistic *Outlook* meeting in **Barmby-on-the-Marsh** and Sunday 18 is The Faith Mission Sunday in Starbeck Mission, involving both morning and evening services. I look forward to being at **Bandon** Convention, 30 May-2 June.

SOUTH WEST ENGLISH DISTRICT

Ian & Hazel Gilkinson
LEWDOWN

Thank you for praying for **Bovey Tracey** Holiday Bible Club over the Easter holidays; it was a great little club and we pray a number of these children will follow on to camp!

We are presently visiting and preparing for **Altarnun** Tent Mission. Ian spent most Fridays during February and March visiting with a gospel CD and he is now revisiting these same homes with an invitation and a different gospel CD. We value prayer for this campaign as we have been acutely aware of spiritual opposition to our evangelistic effort in this area. Pray for the outreach event at the Royal Cornwall Show 5-7 June; Ian will be teaming up with Dr Gilbert Cozens, President of *David Livingstone International*, to reach the many people who attend and also to promote Faith Mission work in the South West. We also ask prayer as we begin to prepare and visit for the *BBQ in the Barn* after the show.

Launceston Rally - Tuesday 10 June SPEAKER: William Brown (UFM)

Baldhu Rally - Friday 13 June SPEAKER: Philip Craig

Altarnun Tent Mission
 HOPE ... for the future - HOPE ... in the storms of life
WEDNESDAY 7 - SUNDAY 18 MAY
 each night at 7.30pm (except Saturdays)

BBQ IN THE BARN
Friday 27 June at 7.30pm
 Woodovis Farm, Lamerton, Tavistock, PL19 8NY
 SPEAKER: MARK PELLOW

WALES

Paul & Elizabeth Crowe
NEWTOWN

Elizabeth would value prayer as she visits with a few widowed ladies living locally and for the ongoing work among the children. Pray that the children would listen attentively to the Bible lessons taught week by week on a Wednesday evening. The book ministry continues to encourage with a number of folks receiving daily devotional books. Our visitation programme gives opportunity to share the gospel with unconverted and to bring encouragement to the Lord's people. Both comfort and challenge have been received through even a brief reading of the Word of God within homes. I continue to value prayer for the *Learn to Lead* course in **Newtown** Evangelical Church on the third Thursday of the month. I preach in **Penycae** Baptist Church on Sunday 11 May, and **Newtown** United Reformed Church morning service and **Newtown** Baptist Church evening service on Sunday 25.

Edinburgh Convention
Tuesday 1 to Sunday 6 July 2014
Speakers expected include
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Robert Murdock • Robin Sydserrff
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