



Sow 2 Reap

Spring 2009 News

GOD IS GOOD! Three words that a good friend of ours, called Karl has repeated to us on many occasions in recent weeks. It is a reminder of Psalms 34:8. We want to express our thanks for cards, emails and texts received over the past number of months since we last wrote, there have been many ups and downs as you will read.

On the Family front, you can see we have a new family photo, due to the kindness of a very good friend, Ruth Jones. James (12) will be finishing his first year at Portora Royal School. Matthew (17) is now in year 13 and on the SU committee. He is looking forward to driving.

For those who prayed for the muscle imbalance in his feet, we are thankful this is much better. Vicky (19) is really enjoying Queens University Belfast although the course does entail hard work. Your continued prayers for our family is needed as the enemy often seeks to target them. In the changing circumstances of recent days it has been so encouraging to see our family's faith in an unchanging God.

We are delighted that we are having a family holiday for two weeks at the end of June, the kindness of a believer has made this possible, pray that we will have a time of rest and renewal as a family, and plenty of fun too!



BIBLE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

We praise God that the work of God via Bes is expanding, this keeps Sam busy as he administers the international work. Visit echoes for a recent update of development throughout the world

<http://www.echoes.org.uk/magazine.php>

Sam is just back from Romania, and over the next couple of months are a number of meetings in England, Czech Republic, France and Wales in relation to the future development of Bes.

See www.besweb.org



ROMANIAN PBS CAMPS 2009

There are three camps this year two in the Romanian Language and one in Hungarian. Many pupils in Romania cannot afford to go to camp, so PBS charge a minimal fee. This means that camp is appreciated. We are once again facilitating anyone who wishes to help with sponsorship of a pupil, any donation would be helpful.

*Evodia and Camelia are two little girls (sisters) who started corresponding with us 4 years ago and they attended the camps. Their mother told us their financial situation was very difficult and they would not have the possibility to send the girls anywhere unless it cost very little. Because we charge them a smaller amount of money they are able to attend and this brings a real joy both for the girls and for their parents.

*One of the teenagers came from Arad (300 km from Cluj) and his mother told us on the phone crying how her son could come to camp. He is from a large family, the father died several years ago. When Ovidiu received the invitation for camp he told his mother but she said there is no way for him to attend. She said that she might be able to cover the price we charged for the camp, but she did not have money to pay the train fare for him to get to Cluj. So,

*Ovidiu (15) let us know he would come. For a month he worked either in people's gardens or anything else he could find just to earn some money. His mother told us that he earned enough money to contribute towards camp. The camp meant a lot for him, from the very beginning he told us he appreciates the camp just because he has the possibility to leave their village and meet new people and make friends. He left Cluj crying and he keeps sending us letters together with the courses saying he wants to attend in this year's camp again.

*We pray for the Lord to choose the children who would really benefit from the camp and from the 3 years experience we discovered this is exactly what He does. Whether the children come from a difficult background or from a better one, they all have a very deep spiritual needs.



FERMANAGH & TYRONE POSTAL BIBLE SCHOOL

Louise would value prayer for her as she carries on this work between household duties! At the moment she is receiving applications for camp and we are really looking forward our Junior camp from (18th – 24th July) at which Martin Peters will be our guest speaker, and Senior camp (25th July – 1st Aug) when Stevie Rogers will be speaking. Please pray for them as they prepare for the teaching of the young people in the things of the Lord. Pray for our leaders who will be responsible for the activities and quiet times. They are such an encouragement to us in the PBS work.

Via our pbs local websites www.pbsschools.com and www.postalbibleschool.com, we now send to over 20 countries, and 900 students.



BAPTISMS

A very happy evening was enjoyed when Ben Deering and our youngest son James, obeyed the Lord in Baptism at the end of January. It was encouraging to see many of their friends and family there to witness the event of their public identification with the Lord. Please pray for Ben & James.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

We have prayerfully taken the decision to focus on assemblies and PBS in schools and not teach Bible explorer this year. Sam has found it difficult to fit all into the schedule. In October we will be hosting the LIFE exhibition again at the Stables, Derrygore Enniskillen. Please pray for the children that experience the exhibition, that they will be impacted with the "pods" on the LIFE of Christ. His LIFEline – Where Jesus came from, LIFEwords – What Jesus said, LIFEworks, - What Jesus did and LIFEgiver – focus on Jesus death and resurrection. Pray for the helpers that they will have wonderful opportunities with children and teachers www.lifeexpo.com



MISSION WEEKEND / RESIDENTIALS

The MISSION WEEKEND organised by Wesley Emerson and Sam, held in Newcastle Co Down at the end of Jan 09 was a blessed time and the Lord answered prayer in the valuable time together considering "sowing the seed"

Sam had the privilege to speak at a Youth weekend in March at the Clinton Centre. Over 60 young people from Clough were there and their attention to the word was great, many were from non-church backgrounds please pray that the spirit of the Lord will continue to speak.

Sam is to speak at "The Rescue" youth weekend on the 19th – 21st June. The topic for the talks is "Salad Sandwich Christians." He will have three sessions on the headings Isolation, Integration and Separation!

Sam is responsible to speak at the Emmaus retreat in England from 8th – 11th Sept DV and would appreciate prayer as he seeks to prepare for this challenge.



EASTER TABLE QUIZ

This is something we have just had for the first time. It was a good night to build bridges with parents and families in the community of Ballinamallard. Everyone went home with a copy of John Blanchard's book JESUS - Dead or Alive. Pray is valued for these contacts.

KIDZONE

We have just had the prize evening for the children's bible club held in the community playgroup premises in Ballinamallard. Over 100 attended the evening in the local Primary School. Please pray for the Kidzone team, coordinated by Glenn and Jayne as they prepare for the next season. DV.



HOME BIBLE STUDIES

The bible studies on Tuesday nights are nearly finished. We had an encouraging time studying the book of Jonah and then a number of nights on relationships. We have been very encouraged with an increase in the numbers attending. We now have about 18 regulars, prayer is valued for each of them some who have been through major life changing traumas this year.

LAURA IRVINE – age 19

Laura was a quiet, shy girl, with wonderful brown eyes, a beaming smile and a multitude of friends. As a child Laura attended Sunday school in Ballinamallard. At the age of four in simple faith she gave her life to the Lord. Serving Jesus was the number one priority in her life and this was displayed most recently when she joined an outreach team in France with the purpose of distributing Christian Literature. Also she spent the first Saturday nights of each month helping on the LIFE outreach bus in Enniskillen. Laura was often engaged in conversation about her faith in Christ and the eternal life she possessed. God had given her a wonderful artistic flair and just a short time ago she was commissioned to use this in producing Bible picture scenes for a Bible in Kenya.

She had a special group of student friends and peers who admired and loved her; this was evident in the special prayer meetings they arranged while Laura was so ill. Her impact around the world was seen as many Christians were praying for Laura and the family from countries as far away as Kenya, Greece, Romania, USA, Canada, Hungary, France, Switzerland, New Zealand, Russia, Ukraine, Tanzania and India.

On Saturday 31st of January Laura was returning from distributing Christian literature at the WRC Rally in Fermanagh when she was involved in a tragic accident. Laura was called to be with the Lord she loved and served in the early hours of 6th Feb 2009. She continues to be greatly missed by her parents, James and Sandra, brother Karl, sister Jayne and her husband Glenn, and sister Julie Anne along with many friends and those from Fermanagh Christian Fellowship. PRAY "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians ch 1 v 21



OUTREACH TEAMS

Our main outreach this year was for the WRC rally in Fermanagh. The team distributed over 10,000 tracts in three days. However we were saddened and shocked that two members from the team are now at home with the Lord. Below is a brief tribute to them both. Please continue to remember their families in your prayers.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

TYRONE & FERMANAGH - PBS PRIZE EVENINGS 2009 at 730pm

Friday 16th October 2009 in **STRABANE PRIMARY SCHOOL STRABANE**

Saturday 17th October 2009 in **FIVEMILETOWN COLLEGE ENNISKILLEN ROAD**

Friday 23rd October 2009 in **MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL ENNISKILLEN**

Saturday 24th October 2009 in **COOKSTOWN GOSPEL HALL MONEYMORE ROAD**

TYRONE & FERMANAGH TEACHERS BBQ at 730pm

Monday 8th June at the Stables, Derrygore, Enniskillen.

PBS CAMPS

Junior – 18th – 24th July 2009 - Speaker Martin Peters

Senior – 25th July – 1st August 2009 – Speaker Stevie Rogers

RICHARD MULLAN – age 42

It seems no time since Richard spoke to Sam as he left his two oldest children, Adam and Emma to the teens bible study in our home,

"Sam, I want to do more for the Lord!"

His first response was to help us at the WRC outreach on the last Thursday in January. Richard, Adam, Emma and Emma's friend Lucy joined a team to distribute Christian literature in this town, he was so enthusiastic, and we know that the leaflets entitled "on the stage" that

Richard gave out that evening will accomplish the purpose of the Lord. Richard was a happy man who enjoyed fun and as we say in Fermanagh "A bit of craic" Yet he would readily tell you his happiest day was when he trusted the Lord at a CEF camp. We praise the Lord for those involved in reaching young people at camps!

Richard was a helpful man, not only to his family and friends but to the wider community, Richard helped many individuals in his years with the fire service. In business life he was a hard worker and carried out any task he took on with pride and dedication. Family life was so important to Richard, he was a real home lover – The house at the Tempo Rd was not just a house it was a home. Richard sought to make it that, not just with the many practical jobs he had carried out there, but with the love he shared and portrayed beneath its roof.

Richard truly loved his wife Rhonda, Adam(18), Emma(15), Hannah(10) and Rebekah(7), through good times and bad, happy and sad, difficult and trying, they trusted the Lord to help them in all the changing circumstances of life and now they need His strength and comfort more than ever! PRAY



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