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Matthew Ch7Vs7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Importunity is a condition of prayer.

*"Few Christians have anything but a vague idea of the power of prayer; fewer still have any experience of that power. The church seems almost wholly unaware of the power God puts into her hand. This spiritual carte blanche on the infinite resources of God's wisdom and power is rarely, if ever, used – never used to the full measure of honouring God. It is astounding how little we use it, and how little we reap its benefits. Prayer is our most formidable weapon, but the one in which we are the least skilled and the most averse to using. We do everything else for the heathen, except the thing God wants us to do. **Prayer is the only thing that does any good, the only thing that makes effective everything else we do.**" E.M Bounds on Prayer*

As a family and your local worker we want to thank you for your persistent praying on behalf of ourselves and the children of County Armagh over another year. The reality of Matthew Ch7Vs7 has been such a blessing to our ministry as we prayerfully began to make some long term goals for the work in the county. We considered the Schools ministry and what wonderful opportunities there are, at the present, to take school assemblies on a monthly basis and to reach scores of children with the Gospel. We propose to develop this ministry over the next four years praying for openings into five new schools per year until we are at our capacity of twenty schools per month. You have been **ASKING** for these openings as mentioned in our October prayer letter and we have been **SEEKING** and **KNOCKING** to see if the doors would open unto us. God in a most wonderful way has answered the importune prayers of His people so specifically in that we have already received openings into five new schools since October. This is the full quota that you have been praying for over the past months. Remain persistent in your praying for the schools ministry as we continue to build relationships through those open doors into Gilford, Saints and Scholars, Hamiltonsbawn, Derryhale, Mullavilly and Hart Memorial Primary Schools. Pray with us that God would give us wisdom as we prepare and present the lessons each month and that the Holy Spirit would give enlightenment to the children showing them their need of Salvation and drawing them to Christ in Repentance and Faith. Not forgetting too that the Christian children need to be edified and encouraged in their faith through the word.

Over the past number of months we have commenced our visitation programme which will be a long term project. We have **KNOCKED** many doors and have been greatly encouraged as we sat and talked with prayer supporters who have supported the work of Child Evangelism Fellowship® for many years. These visits have proved to be very fruitful as it has given a number of new openings for promotional meetings and it has enabled us to share personally our passion for the ministry amidst the boys and girls. Our visitation programme takes us the length and breadth of the

County and it means that we are covering a lot of miles per month; please pray that God's hand of protection would be upon us daily as we travel.

Currently there are twenty-seven Good News Clubs™ in the county: some church based, some home based and a few based in community centres. It's a wonderful privilege to be able to testify of mighty answers to prayer. In September 2008 God moved wonderfully in the hearts of His people and as a result four new Good News Clubs were **OPENED**. Those clubs are now conducted weekly in Cladymore, Drumderg, Scarva and Kilwilkie. Currently there is another club in the pipeline due to commence in January in Bethesda Fellowship, Portadown. Continue to pray for these clubs in their infancy that God would encourage the teachers, helpers and children who attend. Our prayer is that God would move in a mighty and powerful way, through His Spirit, and convict those 600approx children, who attend the clubs weekly, of their need of salvation. The Children of County Armagh need the Lord. We are so thankful to the Lord for all our Good News Club Children and Leaders. But what about the children who are unreached, surely we need more clubs so that children who have no church contact can hear the Gospel? Are there only twenty-seven faithful groups of people in all of County Armagh who have a burden to share the Gospel with needy boys and girls? Pray that God would touch the hearts of more people to open their homes and more teachers to share God's word. Pray that God will give us more contacts that new Good News Clubs will be **OPENED** and established in 2009.

As we look into the early part of the new year we **ASK** that you remember then Junior Youth Challenge weekend that is to be held in Kilkeel from the 20th February – 22nd February. Pray for the Youth Challenge team as they prepare to teach the many teenagers who attend that weekend, from both Armagh and North East Down. They will require both wisdom and patience as they work with this age group since the teenage years can bring with it many struggles, problems and questions that no doubt the team will be faced with during the course of that weekend. We covet your prayer on their behalf.

If you are **SEEKING** for current information regarding the work in County Armagh view our blog online. Our blogspot is updated on a regular basis and it will give you up-to-date information regarding our family and ministry in County Armagh. You can find us at www.gwynnegazette.blogspot.com

Yours in His service,

Gareth, Lindsay & James Gwynne

We are currently updating our Prayer Letter database; you can help us by filling out the response slip below.

- I/We no longer wish to receive your quarterly prayer letter.
- I/We would prefer to receive the quarterly prayer letter via email. (Clearly print details below)
- I/We would like to receive a world globe so we can give financially to the work twice yearly.
- I/We would like a standing order form so I can give to the mission, a small amount, monthly.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____