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*Song of Solomon Ch3Vs4 “. . .but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.”*

### Where are you taking the Lord Jesus Christ?

John Phillips commenting on Song of Solomon Ch3Vs4 says “What a great thing it is when a newly saved person is able to introduce the Lord Jesus to someone at home! Perhaps it is not always the mother whose heart is most ready, but the Shulamite has the right idea. She showed her beloved! She brought him into the innermost parts of her home and revealed him there. May we ever be quick to unveil the Lord Jesus Christ at home. May we so live that in the inner recesses of our homes, where our nearest and dearest dwell, Christ may be truly seen.” Taken from ‘Exploring the love song of Solomon: An Expository Commentary’ by Dr. J. Phillips



Tract distribution at the Lurgan Show

Since the last time we wrote this gazette the Word of God has gone into many homes on the printed page. Thousands of tracts were ordered, printed and distributed to children throughout Co. Armagh over the past number of months. Let me share with you some of our experiences.

The schools ministry gives us access to thousands of children each month to teach them the truths of the Bible. These children can be a gateway to the home and to the parents. After giving a clear presentation of the birth of Christ in December and covering the death, burial and resurrection at Easter it seemed that a perfect accompaniment would be to give every child a copy of the “Meet the King” booklet as a follow up. This booklet was well received by Principals who took us up on the offer to pass them out to every child within the school and not just the classes that we had opportunity to teach. Our prayer would be that not only the children who received it would take the time to read it but also parents

might find it within the school bag and have their curiosity aroused about its content and that children might even *introduce their parents to the Lord.*

The St. Patrick's day parade in Armagh city brings out the whole family for a day of activities and street entertainment. With the principle focus of that day upon St. Patrick we offered one of Child Evangelism Fellowships® newly written, visualised and printed booklets to local churches to assist them in their outreach programme. This newly written booklet tells of the life of St. Patrick and how he brought Christianity to Ireland. Not only does this little booklet tell of the life of St. Patrick and how he came to bring Christianity to the Celts but it also tells of the Life of Christ and how He came to bring Salvation to the lost. We believe that through the exercise of distributing literature there is opportunity for people to “*find Him, whom my soul loveth*” as the Shulamite found her shepherd in the city.

Each year at the beginning of May there is a special date in the diary for a number of young people in County Armagh, it's the day of the Correspondence Course prize giving service. In the 2010/11 session there were 58 children who worked hard throughout the year studying the Bible, answering questions and writing back and forth with Mrs H. Pentland to successfully complete the various lessons on each of the 4 courses offered (See & Be, New Life, My Christian Pathway and Soldiers in God's Army), which are all age appropriate. There were 69 awards given out on that morning with a number of children who had successfully completed more than one course. There have been a number of children who have reported that "*I found Him*" through receiving literature in the post, reading it in the privacy of their bedroom and thinking about what God says in the Bible. These courses have proved to be a source of blessing and encouragement to a number of children empowering them to take tracts and invitations to the courses, which they receive from Mrs. Pentland, to pass onto their friends. Pray that we might be able to double our efforts in expanding this ministry throughout the incoming year.

Each year it feels as if we are starting the 5 Day Club ministry earlier and earlier. Before you know it we will be commencing right after Easter. The clubs got under way towards the end of May as teams head out all over Armagh, from now until the end of August, to take the message of Salvation to the children in the open air. This year the series of lessons being taught is "A Saviour for You" which is a very popular series following the life of Christ from His birth to His ascension into Heaven. The order forms this year offered free copies of the "Meet the King" booklet along with every purchase. Our hope is that after hearing what the Bible says the children could have a copy of the story put into their hands which might find its way into homes where we have no access. *Children can bring Christ into the innermost parts of their home (On the printed page) and there He can be revealed.*

I wonder what your mind conjures up whenever you think about agricultural shows? Perhaps it's John Deere, Massey Ferguson or cattle, sheep and poultry but the first thing that comes to our mind is tract outreach. It's amazing to a Belfast boy how many people flock to Lurgan Park and Gosford Forest for the shows. It's a family day out and come rain, hail or snow you are guaranteed a crowd; a crowd which is made up from many ethnic, religious and political groups; a crowd which you will probably never encounter with your local church but a crowd which needs the Saviour. These are the people whom we try to reach with gospel literature. We have teams working with us and for us in the distribution of the scriptures; you can be on our team as you pray for all these materials that have gone out. We never know the final destination of the tracts the same way that we never know the destiny of those who receive it – Pray that they might find the Lord.

Let us conclude the way that we began 'Where are you taking the Lord Jesus Christ?'

Yours in His service,

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