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2 Thessalonians Ch3Vs1 "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you"

The Preachers Cry!

"That the true apostolic preacher must have the prayers of others – good people – to give to his ministry its full quota of success, Paul is a preeminent example. He asked, he coveted, he pleaded in an impassioned way for the help of all God's saints. He knew that in the spiritual realm as elsewhere, in union there is strength; that the consecration and aggregation of faith, desire, and prayer increased the volume of spiritual force until it became overwhelming and irresistible in its power. Units of prayer combined, like drops of water, make an ocean that defies resistance." The weapon of prayer by E.M. Bounds

We have been praying, along with you, that the Word of the Lord would have free course in the various Good News Clubs® around the county. In expectation of wonderful answers to our prayers we set the focus in the regular teacher training classes upon "How to counsel a child for Salvation." These are vital lessons to know well for anyone who is engaged in youth work. It was such a source of encouragement to meet with 20 Good News Club teachers and helpers and to equip them with tools for counselling. Continue to pray for many opportunities to use these lessons before the end of the club season and pray that these volunteers would know a time of refreshing over the summer months.

At Good News Club we often sing with the children "Sometimes God answers Yes, No or Wait when I pray." The reality of these truths is often lived out through the ministry but each one is a lesson in itself. As we made preparations for the Junior Youth Challenge weekend in the middle of February we requested urgent prayer regarding numbers; that many teens would be challenged to attend this very profitable weekend. Annually we find it difficult to get the teens enthused to attend and we had many people praying for an influx of teens. God answered "yes" to your praying and the numbers dramatically jumped to 38 giving us a waiting list for places since our quota was set to 30. But God in His sovereignty undertook every step of the way and in His providence 36 of those teens were able to attend and the Word of God had free course as it was taught relevantly and applicably to their age, understanding and situations. One counsellor said after the weekend "*this was the best weekend I have ever been at*" all to the Glory of God.

Where God has been saying wait for the past year and a half regarding access into Tandragee primary school now the time is right and wait has turned to yes due to persistent praying and a lesson in patience. We were approached by the new head of R.E. if we would consider running a Good News Club as an after school project. For us this was an answer to prayer over and above what we could have anticipated. The club was opened to P4 & P5 children and the initial response was overwhelming with 43 children expressing an interest to attend. Our numbers had to be curtailed to 30 due to space restrictions and school policy but the word of the Lord has free course

in the hearing of those young children. One boy said as he was leaving “*Now Thursdays are my favourite day of the week.*”

Continue to pray for all the school based ministries, especially the assemblies as we continue a little series for the rest of the school term entitled “Biblical Basics” as we teach simply the doctrine of God, sin, the Lord Jesus Christ (His person and work of redemption) and repentance. As we are half way through this little series it’s amazing how much the children know and are remembering from one month to the next. Our prayer is that those children who are hearing will not only gain knowledge and understanding but believe what they hear and repent from their sinful ways and turn to Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

It’s very encouraging to hear about a thriving correspondence course ministry within the county ran by Mrs H Pentland. This ministry is reaching many children all over the county and sees the Word of God going into the home and children reading and studying the Bible for themselves. As Paul asked for prayer for himself I ask on behalf of Mrs Pentland that you pray for her in this most valuable ministry. Pray for wisdom as she corresponds back and forth with dozens of different children and the blessing of lasting fruit from this work. We are planning for a correspondence course prize day towards the beginning of May. Our desire is to see many young people complete the lessons and be eligible to attend the morning and that the Word of God would have free course in their lives.

As this quarterly update is brought to a close we recall very well as a family how the Word of the Lord spoke into our lives at the Child Evangelism Fellowship® Easter conference a number of years ago directing us into our new role as local directors in Co.Armagh. The 2010 Conference is fast approaching (Saturday 3rd – Tuesday 6th April) and I would urge you to plan a visit on this the 60th Anniversary year of CEF of Ireland. The programme is diverse with something for everyone, young or old. The main conference speaker is Mr Roger Carswell. Come along and join in with the 60th anniversary celebrations and perhaps this could be the beginning of something special in your life. A full programme of the weekend’s seminars, reports and subjects can be found at www.cefarmagh.com

As a family we value every one of you who are part of our support team by praying, volunteering or giving to the work of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Co.Armagh. If you want to join our support team by becoming a PRAYER PARTNER please call us or log onto www.cefarmagh.com for monthly specific prayer requests.

There are many aspects of the ministry that require a lot of VOLUNTEER helpers, if you think there is anything you could help out with such as Good News Club teacher, helper, host or summer missionary for camps or 5-Day Clubs please drop us a line and we can give you information about various opportunities for you to be involved in reaching boys and girls with the Word of the Lord around the County.

If the Lord has been challenging you to support the work with a small donation each month please email us your name and address with the words Support Team in the subject line and we can send you further details about becoming a FINANCIAL SUPPORTER, every little helps.

Yours in His service,

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