

Prayer Letter

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Psalm 142:6 'Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.'

Benllech – David Kindred & John T. Sparrow

Give thanks for:

1) a previous contact, introduced himself to the team (he had attended beach team activities as a child and teenager for many years) was pleased to tell the team he had become a Christian. 2) ability to put people in contact with churches near them

Please pray for:

1) a lady who sheepishly asked "how can she become a Christian?" Saying "she had no idea what Christianity is, hadn't heard of Jesus, never read a Bible and had never heard what Jesus had done" She took several books. 2) a little girl asked her grandmother on Thursday night "why did Jesus die and crucified". The grandmother asked for advice. The teaching that day was on Christ's death and resurrection. 3) a number of people spoken to, who were trusting in their good deeds and were challenged with the gospel.

4) contacts who were given church details, to attend, such as:

(a) a local who used to read the bible as a child.

(b) a family, both generations attended. Lives near a team member.

(c) a lady, after a conversation about the need to be saved. She is going through a hard time, pray she'd accept Christ as Saviour.

(d) a mother and son, used to attend church, wants to start attending a church again. Received Christian books.

(e) a previous contact, being treated for cancer.

(f) a lady who was going to meet team member at Thursday Family night to pick up church details, could not come due to ill health contacted the UBM office who were able to help.

5) A number of young children:

(a) a girl believes in God said "how can you not believe in God, Look at this beautiful world." wants to attend church. Her parents are not Christians.

(b) a boy - said he really loves God, but wants to learn more about Jesus and to read a Bible, took a John's Gospel (which he couldn't read) and asked his mum to read it to him.

(c) several others did not know anything about Jesus, took literature and listened well, asking good questions.

6) a father who is a long term contact, said it 'wasn't for him'. He had had a tough year which had made him think seriously about eternity. The family have started reading the Bible. His three children, the youngest is doing PBC and the eldest - said he believed in Christ and believed he was saved. 7) a young teenager with learning disabilities asked lots of questions about the Gospel. 8) Several parents who did not like gospel content, although most children stayed. 9) A pantheist listened to the Gospel and was challenged to seek the truth.

10) a former priest who had a good conversation with team members. 11) A man who fought in WW2 believed that when you die then that it is.

Carcassonne – E.M. Hicham & Steve Taylor

The medieval city of Carcassonne is the third most visited tourist site in France. This week a team of 25 worked in collaboration with Eglise Protestante Evangelique reaching out via a combination of street work, door to door evangelism, a public lecture, barbecue meal, open air work and market stall evangelism.

Give thanks for:

1) a French family contacted at Friday's open air near Carcassonne old town came to church Sunday morning: they are being followed up by the pastor. 2) over 45 Bibles which were received at the 4 market stalls on Saturday morning. All team members were encouraged by having had good conversations. 3) the door to door work which yielded a handful of good conversations, despite many people were away, including one man who talked for over an 1 hour and another who came to the lecture on Science and Faith. 4) the barbecue meal which was also very well attended with a good listening to the gospel presented in testimony and song. 5) the team which worked well together and for some this was their first time at evangelism in another culture/ language. 6) believers from closed countries on the team all of whom had suffered persecution for their faith in Christ. 7) divine appointments: one of the team met a man converted during COVID, with a very similar background and testimony to the team member who contacted him. His wife and teenage daughter (both unconverted) listened with interest as testimony details were shared - pray for their conversion.

Please pray for:

1) the impact of the large amount of literature distributed during the week and many good contacts. 2) the ongoing witness of the Church in the area, and that they would know God's help as they follow up the contacts made during the week. 3) those on the team (there are a number) who are at important stages in their service for the Lord; that they would have wisdom as they serve in this needy land.

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New Quay – Carl Venn & Roger Wiebkin

The early date of the August bank holiday provided an opportunity and challenge at the start and end of the week. An extra family fun night on the bank holiday Monday gave contact with a different audience from the regular holidaymakers later in the week.

Give thanks for:

1) a warm welcome from the new leader of the Anglican church. 2) great support from the family running the beach cafe. 3) good, sustained contact with teenagers during the week.

Please pray for:

1) a young father from the valleys recently converted from a wild background burdened for his friends and worried by the internet activities of his young teenage daughter. 2) several holidaymakers estranged from church who have been encouraged to reconnect. 3) three families whose children have special needs and were impacted by the embrace of the programme.

Scarborough – Philip Hastings

The children on the beach were treated to a Jungle Safari adventure unfolding day-by-day in the afternoon programme, with each episode illustrating a key truth of the gospel message. While the crowds at the beach programme haven't been huge, the numbers of couples and individuals chatted to at the "question of the day" and book table have made the mission at North Bay worthwhile.

Give thanks for:

1) storm Lilian which washed up new sand to provide enough beach for a spring high tide morning programme. 2) divine appointments for just the right team members to speak into people's situations. 3) energy for team members at the end of season, some who had done several weeks of mission this summer. 4) a people-centred approach to the teams' outreach.

Please pray for:

1) an extended family of three generations with 5 children, local to Scarborough. Grandparents gradually opened up for the children to have bible studies and continuing follow up. 2) two local teenage girls reconnected with the team after a tough year – and taking more of a personal interest in the team and our message. 3) a family, with several young children who insisted they come to the Beach Team every time. They have some religious background, and very enthusiastic, but generally not clear on Jesus' salvation. 4) a lady who was emotionally moved when hearing a team member's testimony and wanting to find out more and hopefully start going to church

Whitby – David Friery

A team of 16, many of them well-experienced over a number of years, took a range of opportunities to share the gospel.

Give thanks for: 1) much contact with both holiday makers and locals in a very crowded bank holiday town. 2) a wide range of activities including, 2 coffee mornings in conjunction with the Evangelical Church. 3) opportunity for a team member to dress as a famous local christian character.

Please pray for: 1) a lady visitor to a coffee morning who was very interested to talk about what we believe. 2) a honeymooning couple, with spiritual interests, at one of the coffee mornings. 3) a man who heard the singing group and said, with tears in his eyes, that it reminded him of his childhood and that he would like to go back to church. 4) an atheist whose daughter has a serious illness. 5) many adults and children from various Christian traditions and world religions who spoke and took literature. 6) a man recently widowed. 7) an elderly, lonely man who joined in the singing. 8) a grandmother who brought two grandchildren to a coffee morning and was interested in children's church activities. 9) a firmly atheistic man who was urged to consider the Christian faith, and who took a leaflet and some DVDs. 10) two elderly ladies from the North East who stopped to listen to the singing group and chat for a while.