

Psalm 67:1-2 "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."

Downings – Paul Brockbank, Ben Murray & Andy Maxwell



Week two built on week one, and we're thankful for both ongoing and new contacts. God kept opening doors and bringing people our way. **Give thanks for:** 1) a faithful group of children and families who came to the events each day, rain or shine. 2) the busy bank holiday weekend which brought large crowds to Downings, giving us a great opportunity to hand out all of our Beach Specials. 3) many adults who shared that they had attended UBM as children and expressed genuine appreciation. 4) our teens' night which had a strong turnout, it was encouraging to see everyone listening so attentively to the talk. 5) one mother who shared that she came to faith through Downings UBM many years ago — a powerful reminder of the lasting impact of the work.

Please pray for: 1) several families showing interest by requesting literature or picking up books from the book table. 2) all those who took away Gospels after family events. 3) the many parents, sat nearby and listening in during the programme, it was encouraging to see. 4) some families who have been given information about churches in their local area — pray that links would be established.

Montreux – Tom Forryan & Themba Kaonga

The team has benefitted from many opportunities to share the gospel among the crowds attending the festival. **Give thanks for:** 1) the Ukrainian grandmother who stood next to us every afternoon just to pray for our work. 2) a multinational team aged 16 to 74, united in Christ.

Please pray for: 1) a Turkish man and his family touring Europe, who heard that "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive". 2) a Yezidi man who reluctantly heard about Christ. 3) a religious woman who didn't know about life after death. She seemed enthusiastic to read John's Gospel. 4) a young man from Scotland who spoke for a long time with a team member. He seemed shocked by the gospel and later came back for a Bible of his own. 5) a local man who was passed contact details for a local evangelical church. 6) a local man, providentially met on a team member's break. He had studied the gospels intensively but was surprised to hear about the unique Sonship of Jesus. 7) a local woman who listened carefully and then took a New Testament in Dari for her Afghan friend. 8) all the children who took balloons, gospel bracelets and the French translation of "Jesus the Shepherd".

Portimão – Steve Wright



Hot hot Portugal has driven droves of people to the Beach. After a quiet start the team were given a great welcome back to Portimão from the local churches, local businesses, and the holiday makers, a lot of whom have now seen beach missions for many years. We have been thankful for the great support of the local church, individuals and pastors who have upheld the team in a variety of ways

A large and enthusiastic team, consisting of members and helpers from Portimão, Lisbon and elsewhere, have been a great blessing. It is encouraging to see the work growing indigenously.

The interest and support from senior Evangelical leaders in Portugal is encouraging. Four percent of evangelical churches in Portugal have been established since 2003. We saw the impact in the number of Christians the team met.

Give thanks for: 1) many families who have come back to express their appreciation of the work. 2) engagement - on a packed beach, there have been virtually no complaints of the teams' activities, and in fact, families have moved closer each day to listen to the team. Including grandfathers who sat with their children all the way through the Holiday Special. 3) a large crowd at the open air swelled by 50 enthusiastic members of the church plus other local Christians supporting the open air.

Please pray for: 1) the man responsible for the sunbeds on the beach, he readily offered the team use of his hut to store equipment and took Christian literature. 2) a lady in a local shop whose two children regularly attended beach missions in the past. 3) two boys who trusted the Lord after the wordless bracelet was explained to them. 4) a grandmother and grandfather who stood with their grandson as the gospel was explained to him through the wordless bracelet. 5) a man from a traditional religious background, at the conclusion of the open air prayed a prayer of commitment and promised to attend church on Sunday. 6) a group of teenage boys who engaged in serious conversation when one of them identified himself as a believer in Jesus. 7) a mother and daughter who attended many of our meetings during the day and stood listening intently at Tuesdays evening event. 8) numerous children who requested bracelets often bringing their parents to claim one. 9) a thirty-year-old man who prayed at the conclusion of the open air with team members. Pray he will cross the line and trust Christ. 10) the work in Portugal and the desire from locals to run more weeks.

Portnoo – Alan Mitchell & Matthew Murray

Alongside re-establishing contact with people reached in previous years we have also met many new faces in this beautiful setting in Donegal. God has given us an exceptional week of spiritual contacts.

Praise God for: 1) 3 children who have come to faith this week. 2) lots of literature and Bibles that have been given out. 3) a warm reception by the local community who are very appreciate of our work. 4) a number of teenagers who used to sit on the mat and are still happy to engage with the team.

Please pray: 1) for 2 girls aged 9 and 10 who requested booklets and prayed to become Christians after the gospel was explained by a team member. 2) for a young boy who professed faith – given Bible and PBC starter pack. 3) that God would speak to the many children who requested 'Becoming God's friend' booklets. 4) that God would use the many Bibles received by families this week. 5) that many parents who have heard the gospel for many years would grasp that a response is essential. 6) that our last day would provide opportunities for spiritual conversations with parents and children alike.

Tramore – Daniel Lowe

A week of reconnecting with many returning children and their families.

Give thanks for: 1) a consistent core of 20 to 30 children attending morning and afternoon in all weather conditions. 2) inclement weather, leading to more attentive listening.

Please pray for: 1) a nine-year-old girl who has collected literature in previous years and reads it regularly before bed. 2) scores of short conversations accompanying the giving out of Beach Specials. 3) a man who took and read a Mark's Gospel during the week. 4) older children who have heard the message for years and may not be 'on the mat' for much longer. 5) two boys who asked "Why did Jesus have to die?". 6) two boys who have had surprisingly deep conversations with team members about the veracity of the gospel account. 7) a Muslim family receptive to literature.

Applications & small teams

Please pray for the specific needs highlighted below. More team members would help to strengthen the following teams (format is current male / female numbers – those that are red underlined> are the biggest needs). As we are doing quite well for 'needs' this year we have shared all the weeks that need a boost. Most small teams also need a boost in terms of experienced and senior team members to help support the leader and the smooth running of the week. a few more needs have appeared.

26 Jul: Ballybunion 5/2; Carbis Bay 4/7; Kilkee 5/4; Newquay (Cornwall) 4/7; Polzeath 4/6;

2 Aug: Carbis Bay 3/4; Looe 3/6; New Quay (Wales) 4/4; Rosscarbery 4/2;

9 Aug: Ballybunion 5/2; New Quay (Wales) 3/3;

16 Aug: Llandudno 6/6;

23 Aug: New Quay (Wales) 7/5; St Ives 6/10.

Cooks: 9th Aug – Ballybunion

If are willing to go anywhere to help fill gaps and want to know where is best please do get in contact with the office and we will direct you to key teams. The above teams generally have space for male and female team members, but if you are planning on joining a team as a group, please do have a chat with us.

Missions 12th July

Please pray for:

19/7 – 26/07 Kilkee: Hugh Martin
Mumbles: David Norbury, Stephen Stonelake & James Lycett
Torrevieja (Spain): Steve Taylor & Nigel Robinson

Llandudno: Alan Wells & Jonathan Johnson
Newquay: Tim Howlett & Simeon Howlett
Tramore: Steve Wright

2025 UBM Reunion Conference

Please pray for our 2025 reunions: 1) Irish Reunion in Belfast – 29-30 Aug. 2) Full Cefn Lea Reunion – 5-7 Sep. 3) for those who will be speaking, leading main sessions or seminars and those who will be running our children's and youth work. 4) those who will be coming, for those who come faithfully as well as those thinking of coming for the first or second time.