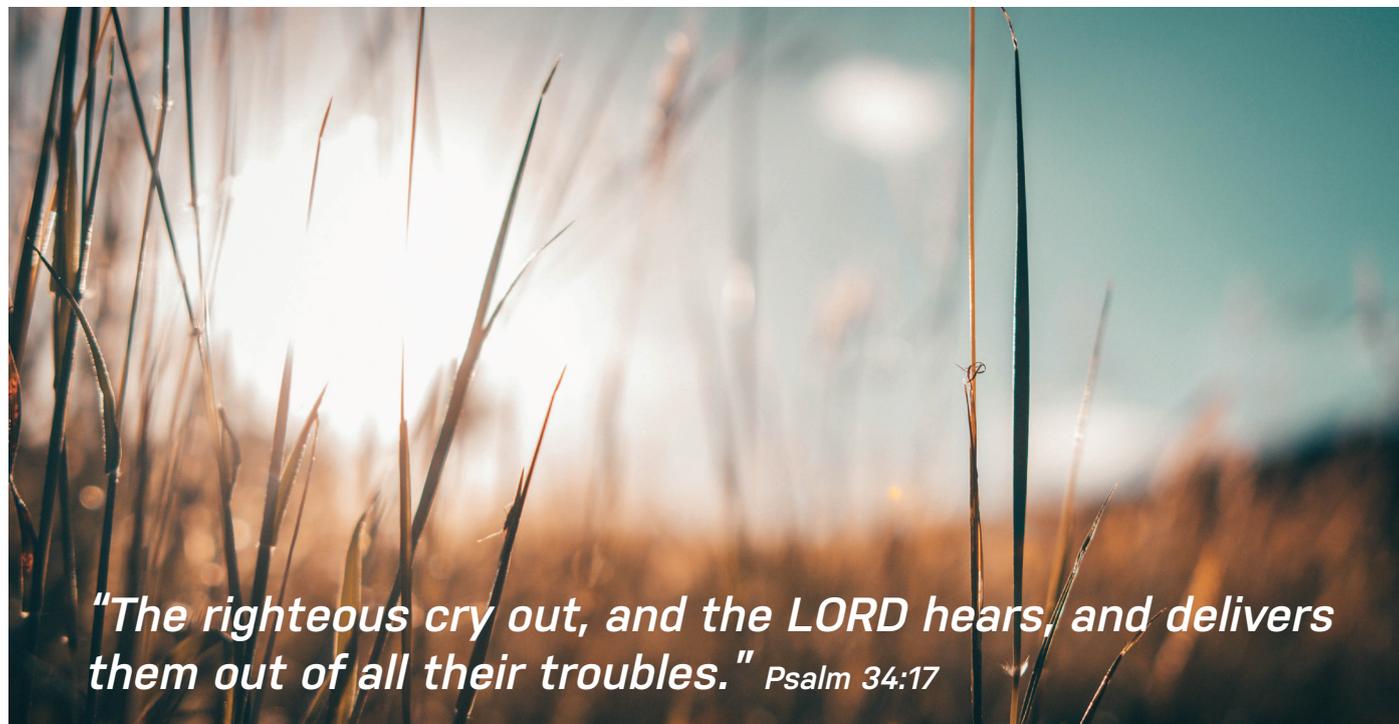


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"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles." Psalm 34:17

The above verse makes it very clear that when we, the righteous in Jesus Christ, cry for help concerning our troubles, He hears and delivers us out of them. So what troubles us these days? It is the spiritual needs of the children of Ireland. It is the fact that countless thousands still haven't heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the need for more involvement from the Christian public. It is the need for more volunteers to reach the children. It is the need for more workers to take up the challenge of the vacant counties in the Republic of Ireland. It is the need for believers to seek the Lord in regular serious prayer for the children of Ireland. All of these needs add up to one overall necessity - the need for the Lord to once again visit Ireland in the power of the Holy Spirit and sweep across this land saving not just children but all ages and inspiring believers to be about their Father's business.

With all of the above in mind we in CEF Ireland are launching a calendar year of prayer from January 2019. We will be providing various means and methods of recruiting you for prayer. There will be regular updates and news about all aspects of CEF ministry in Ireland and Irish workers abroad. We will seek to inspire you to pray and excite you with news of answered prayers. God willing there will be new opportunities to reach children who haven't heard. There will be news of children coming to faith in Jesus Christ. There will be news of new workers to fill the gaps in the walls. There will be news of the Holy Spirit moving in our land. All of this is possible because it is our Father's will that not one of these little ones should perish.

Our workers will be fully involved in this and we will also be seeking to have times of fasting. All we need is you. Please respond either to your Local Worker or to the national office and we will recruit you into the army of prayer warriors our land needs.

David + Rosemary Edwards

(National Directors)



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Mark and Cathy Donnelly

Praise God for the joy of serving Him and for timely encouragements received.

It was disheartening to see many signs of spiritual darkness as we delivered 5-Day Club® invitations during Christian Youth in Action. Conversations with adults and children exposed ignorance, indifference, or ill-will towards the Gospel. In fact, one man said, "I am bringing my child up to have nothing to do with religion." In such a context it was encouraging to have 115 children attend clubs offered that week; encouraging to run a club for the first time in an area that resists Christian ministry; encouraging that a new Good News Club® will start in September as a follow-up to one of the clubs.

Camp was encouraging; it was uplifting to hear the hearty singing during junior camp meetings and refreshing to watch the children studiously take notes during the lesson. One parent said,

"A massive thank you to all camp leaders. My child had a great time again this year and is already looking forward to attending Inters next year. From a parent's viewpoint, it is so reassuring to know that she is having the opportunity to grow spiritually whilst having lots of fun. Thanks again and be encouraged that your hard work is building up the next generation."

Our biggest encouragement was in the calibre of volunteers that served at camp and CYIA™. We are grateful for the great teaching each received from our co-workers during the Summer Outreach Training Courses. It was a joy to observe each person confidently and competently make good use of their God-given gifts.

Jamaica

Jayne & Emma Johnston (volunteers)

Where do we even begin? Jamaica is a country which from the outside may seem like paradise with its beautiful landscapes, crystal clear waters and endless sunshine. Yet under the surface it is a nation with poverty, troubles and most importantly a nation which is in desperate need of Christ. Although the island's streets are filled with churches, these churches are filled with pews which are increasingly vacant as many of the next generation of Jamaicans have lost sight of the Gospel and no longer see the necessity of God in their modern day lives.

With this in mind a team of eight of us from Northern Ireland headed out to the amazing island of Jamaica and there we had the opportunity to share the life-changing news of the Gospel with children, teenagers and adults over the period of two and a half weeks.

During this time we had the privilege of seeing how God is at work in the hearts and lives of the Jamaican people. We were mainly involved in running children's clubs in two different parts of the island and we were all really encouraged through spending time with the children; getting to know them and seeing them develop a true interest in getting to know more about the God of the Bible.

The team also travelled to the capital, Kingston, where we had the opportunity to help out at the kids' village of a Christian music festival which was a demanding, but incredibly rewarding, experience. Over the course of the day we had the opportunity to talk to numerous children about their need of a Saviour and each team

member was really challenged to fully rely on God to give us the energy to sustain us through the heat as well as the courage and words to say to each child as we sought to show them the importance and urgency of the message we shared with them.

During our time in Jamaica we also ran a church youth group which was a real blessing to both our team and the young people we reached, as we were able to identify with the challenges each other faced and discussed the importance of living lives which are God-glorifying in spite of the modern day world in which we live.

It is safe to say that the nation of Jamaica has completely stolen our hearts and our prayer is that God would finish the work that He has started in the lives of the Jamaican people.



Isle of Man

Geoffrey and Lily Weir

Planting Seeds

Over the past twenty years we have had the privilege of going into primary schools on the Isle of Man to take assemblies, Good News Clubs and RE classes.



At present the total population of the Island is 84,855. The number of young people attending secondary schools is 5,487 and children attending primary schools is 6,667.

There are 34 primary schools on the Island and we go into 30 on a regular basis, enabling us to speak to 5,523 children in the assemblies. This is a great opportunity to teach the children as the majority have no church connection and therefore very little knowledge of the Gospel.

God has answered prayer by helping us to build up good relationships with both Headteachers and staff.

When we commenced in the Mourne Area a Pastor said to us, "You are in a sowing ministry," and over the years that is exactly what we have been doing on the Island.

"Each prayer is like a seed that gets planted in the ground. It disappears for a season, but it eventually bears fruit that blesses future generations. In fact, our prayers bear fruit forever." Mark Batterson

Continue to pray that the doors will remain open to us and that God will give us wisdom as we seek to teach the children. We are booked to take 241 assemblies this school academic year. Pray also for the four Good News Clubs we take each week and for further opportunities to take RE classes. We are also involved in our church with the work amongst the children and ladies.

We know many people are involved in this ministry through prayer and financial support, for which we are truly grateful.



North Belfast

Julie Fenton

I wonder do you have a favourite quiet time? I have several. There's the stillness in school when I'm gathering my thoughts before the children arrive for assembly. Or when Good News Club has finished and I'm able to reflect on how the club has gone. Or how about Friday night at the end of camp, when the air-bed is packed away for another year and I'm back in my

own bed! These are definitely special quiet times but they don't compare with my favourite quiet time during camp! Yes, you read that right, DURING camp!

At camp we have a very special Quiet Time when the children and counsellors divide into smaller groups to study God's Word and pray. It was during one of these Quiet Times this

summer, that two girls reminisced how they'd put their trust in the Saviour in previous years at camp. During the Quiet Times, one of the boys shared that he had, unknown to us, trusted the Saviour at Good News Club two years ago – but in his own words "wasn't sure it had worked." The Quiet Time provided a wonderful opportunity to chat about this and share some verses of assurance with him. During the camp Quiet Time this summer, one counsellor shared how encouraged she was to hear the children pray that other children at camp would trust in Jesus too.

At the end of camp it was wonderful to be able to give the children their own Quiet Time book to take home, which they loved! One little girl enjoyed hers so much she took it to the swimming pool and read it while the others swam!

Praise the Lord with me for these precious Quiet Times and pray that as the children settle back home they will continue this valuable practice.





Spain

Paul and Audrey Reid

Over 50 years have passed since Audrey and I came to Spain to establish the work of CEF. At that time Spain was still under the dictatorship of General Franco and there were severe restrictions on evangelical work. However in 1967, our first year here, by the grace of God 12 Good News Clubs were established and children came to know the Lord. The present secretary of the church in Castelldefels, where we live, was saved in one of those early clubs.

One of the blessings has been that God has enabled us to find and train Spanish workers and God is supplying the financial support for them. The first Spanish National Directors, Fernando and Mari Carmen, took over the leadership in 1992 when we left to be the Education Directors for CEF of Europe until 2008 when we returned to Spain. José and Dámaris Altimira are now the National Directors.

There is also development in the premises that we use. In 2015 the new national office in Barcelona was bought and is proving a great blessing. It is where the National Directors and the local Barcelona Director and national office staff work.

It is also great to see many CEF materials translated into Spanish and being used across the country. to our needs. He is THE LIGHT!"

Diary dates

Autumn Week of Prayer
14-21 October

Autumn Conference Dublin
27 October

National Office closed:
22 October
7 November
18 December (from 1pm)
24 December - 1 January

Easter Conference
19-22 April 2019

A new release...

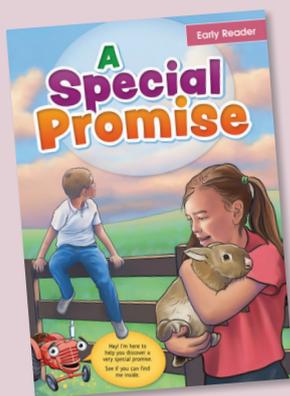
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Family news

- While teaching at Kilchzimmer in August, Angie McKee became unwell and was admitted to hospital where she underwent much-needed surgery. She is now home and recuperating. Please pray that the Lord will continue the healing process and that soon Angie will regain her strength.
- Please remember Jim Dobbie (former worker in Athlone) in the your prayers. We received news that Jim had suffered a stroke in August and his vision and balance have been affected. Also one of our volunteers in the National Office, Gladys McBride, sustained a complicated fracture of the hip in a fall. Both these dear friends and their families would appreciate your prayers at this time.
- We heard that Sam Murphy from the Mourne area passed away recently. He served faithfully for many years on the Executive Committee. We extend our sincere sympathies to his wife Maureen and the family circle. Please uphold them in your prayers.

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