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E3 OMAGH & CASTLEDERG

TERMLY NEWS

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

I can't quite believe it, but we have reached the end of 2020 and what a year it has been, full of twists and turns - the role of an SUNI Schools' Worker has not been immune to all the changes that this year has brought. I have missed getting to see crowds of smiling faces listening to Bible stories and hearing the volume of whole schools singing praises to God. I have missed being out and about in the community chatting to teachers, church leaders and local people. But although there has been so much to miss, there is more to celebrate. For us, 2020 has been full of surprises, but our Heavenly Father is never surprised, and in our year of difference, he has been constant. It is a daily comfort to remember that He is our almighty and unchanging God!

Sarah Emerson, E3 Schools' Worker



ENGAGING



Although physical visits to schools have not been possible during this term due to Covid restrictions, thanks to technology I have been able to produce **online assemblies** for use in primary and post primary schools. These have been really well received and it has been lovely to receive encouraging feedback. Technology is wonderful, and though it cannot replace the benefits of face to face visits I am so thankful for how it has enabled me to engage with local schools. The SUNI Schools' Team joined together to create **Christmas RE lessons** for primary schools. These lessons have led to connections with 2 new primary schools - E3 Omagh & Castlederg is now sharing God's Good News with more schools than ever before! I look forward to the day when I can visit schools again, but in this season of filming, editing and uploading I am praising God for how he is using this situation for his glory and our good.

EQUIPPING



As I was growing up as a Christian in school my SU Group was a place of community where I learnt so much about God, how to share my faith with others and live as a Christian. The fact that pupils cannot join together in schools for a time of fellowship has weighed heavy on my heart. But praise God that some of our local **SU Groups** have been able to start up again, not physically, but through the use of technology. This would not be possible without **faithful teachers** who give up their time to manage these groups, especially at a time where teachers' schedules are busier than ever. I continue to listen to the needs of our teachers, to guide my prayers and also to help me as I plan resources. I have had the opportunity to share at some of our SU Groups, both live and through pre-recorded video. As we continue to navigate our way through this season I am excited to see our SU Groups continue to develop and equip pupils to live out their faith in their schools.

EMPOWERING



I am so thankful to **local churches** who continue to financially, practically and prayerfully support the work of the E3 Schools' Project in Omagh & Castlederg. A lot of this term has been talking to church leaders as we try to do schools ministry together in new and creative ways and I have even had the opportunity to **partner** with some local churches to produce video material for schools which is something I hope to do more of in the coming months.

Although I have missed visiting local churches to share about the work of E3 in recent months I have had the opportunity to share pre-recorded reports and Kids' Talks with some churches through video. As restrictions ease, God willing, I look forward to physically visiting churches again. I am excited about the potential of more partnership in the coming months!



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