



**POSTAL MINISTRY** In July 2017 *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets were distributed to 663 500 homes in Counties Clare, Cork, Galway, Kerry, Laois, Offaly, Sligo, Mayo, Leitrim, Tipperary and Limerick. We have received 450 very encouraging responses.

**IEB VISION** To extend our outreach by distributing *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets to all the remaining counties in the Republic of Ireland (a total of 1.79 million homes) as God provides (DV).



**IEB MINISTRY** Enniskillen and Cavan Bookshops, Literature Distribution, Team Outreach in Counties Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Donegal and The Ploughing Championships

# IEB in the Past - Rebe Firth in God's Service

I went as a civil servant to Enniskillen and I shall never forget the kindness of Mr and Mrs McClintock to me. It was well-nigh impossible to get accommodation on account of the influx of evacuees and American soldiers.

Mr and Mrs W T McClintock opened their home to me for several weeks until they were able to find 'digs' for me with dear Mrs Crozier of Killyvilly. Through the kindness of the McClintocks, I got in touch with the IEB folk in Enniskillen.

There was a need for a secretary and a headquarters for the IEB and the Lord led me to resign from the Ministry of Home Affairs and to act as secretary to the Band and to try and find accommodation for a headquarters. The Lord also, at that time, laid the need of an Evangelical Bookshop on my heart as the CLC had just been born and the Lord passed the vision on to me. It seemed impossible at that time to get a shop and perhaps more impossible to get a permit to open a new shop, but Hallelujah our God is the God of the impossible and He did just that.



Rebe at centre front of picture with Bundoran Convention guests

A shop with living accommodation was obtained in Belmore Street and the permit to open it came through in record time in answer to prayer. I shall never forget those early days and can still see dear Mr W H Creighton, hammer in hand, getting that shop into order!

The love, fun and fellowship was so wonderful and God was moving and giving world-wide missionary vision to the saints in Enniskillen. GLORY TO JESUS, since then, the Band has sent missionaries to the uttermost part of the earth.

Shortly after the Bookshop was opened, the Lord gave Mr McClintock the vision of a Convention at Bundoran

and oh, what blessed memories I still have of that first Bundoran Convention under the anointed ministry of Mr Marshall, Mr J D Drysdale, Mr Jock Purves, Mr Maynard James and Mr S T Nelson. They were 'days of heaven on earth'.

When the Lord opened the door for me to go to West Africa, it was very costly to leave the dear IEB.

## Rebe Firth

Extract from a letter written by Rebe on 17 January 1972



Rev Maynard James, Mr Frank Marshall, Rev S T Nelson, Mr Jock Purves, Rev J D Drysdale - Bundoran Convention 1943



Rebe Firth, seated front left, and Friends at Bundoran Convention



IEB Workers and Friends on Outreach in the 1950s

## Prayer Requests for the Present Work of IEB

That God will direct many people to pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom and revival in Ireland.

That the IEB Committee would be guided by the Holy Spirit.

For the leading of the Holy Spirit in the work of IEB.

Healing for workers, volunteers and friends who are ill, and for families who have been bereaved.

For health and protection for all who join our outreach teams.

For more dedicated team members who will faithfully present the Gospel.

For guidance and sensitivity as we share the Gospel with people in their homes.

That the literature distributed, conversations with interested people and Gospel messages would be used of God to lead people to faith in Christ.

For God's blessing on the Postal Distribution and all those who have received *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets.

That people would be saved as a result of reading literature which they requested.

For all who give of their time to help in administration and prepare literature for outreaches.

## Our Sincere Thanks

**We Express our Sincere Appreciation to All who Faithfully Support our Work**

All who faithfully pray for the work of IEB.

Ministers and pastors who support us in our outreach.

Those who contribute generously to our work.

Our faithful volunteer workers and Committee members.

For all who help in administration and preparation of literature for outreach.

Those who transport and distribute literature.

Rev Ken and Mrs Beulah Robinson and the members of Battlehill Methodist Church.

The friends who help at Fellowship Evenings.

Those who accept missionary boxes to support our work.

*If you would like to receive a missionary box, please contact the IEB Office.*

*"My comrades, when we, the soldiers and servants whom God has set to the business of saving men, and are prepared to pay the price, we shall see the Divine result, and never 'till then. That is the way and the only way. The perishing and shipwrecked are before your eyes. But they can't be reached and rescued without trouble, and risk,*

***'If you cannot reach the perishing souls one way, try another.'***

This was something the IEB seriously considered in recent years as we prayed for guidance concerning which method we should employ in our efforts to reach the people of Ireland with the Gospel message. The Postal Distribution of *No Longer Hoping* booklets to 1.79 million homes in every county in the Republic of Ireland was the result of our conviction that God wanted us to 'try another way' of reaching the lost. The positive response to this effort has led to the decision to distribute a second Gospel booklet.

Stage one of the Postal Distribution of *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets to

homes in every county, city, town, village and rural area of the country began in July 2017.

To date, 663 500 booklets have been delivered to homes in counties Clare, Cork, Galway, Kerry, Laois, Offaly, Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo, Tipperary and Limerick.



*and labour, and travail, and expense. Will you pay the price? People die and go to hell because nobody will be at the trouble and expense to save them. If you cannot reach the perishing souls one way, try another."*

(General William Booth, Salvation Army).

The many reply slips and letters received from people requesting Bibles and Gospel literature serves to deepen our determination to complete the task of reaching the people living in the remaining counties with the Gospel through the Postal Distribution of the booklets. We invite you to partner with us in this great work of evangelism.

**Dick and Mary Keogh**

### Prayer Requests

For 450 people who have returned reply slips requesting Bibles and other literature. That through the Postal Distribution people living in Ireland will be reached with the Gospel. For God to provide the necessary resources to complete the Postal Distribution of *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets to the remaining fifteen counties in the Republic of Ireland. That people will come to faith in Christ through reading the booklets. That many will return the reply slips requesting Bibles and other literature.

**£100 or 115 Euro will pay for the cost of printing and postage of booklets to 1000 homes in the Republic of Ireland.**

### Excerpts from letters received from people following distribution of *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets

*Thank you for sending your leaflet.*

*If you send me a Bible that would be amazing.*

*Dear Dick and Mary, thank you for letting me get a New Testament.*

*Thank you for posting the booklet Hope in a Troubled World through my letterbox.*

*I found it relevant and inspirational.*

*Dear Mr. and Mrs. Keogh, Enclosed is slip for books requested.*

*Looking forward to receiving books.*

*I am answering your free Bible and books. I am very interested. I've given my Bible to the children and miss it, so I'd be very grateful for one.*

*'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest' (Matthew 9:37, 38).*

### In a Troubled World, there is HOPE

This will be the theme of our forthcoming outreaches (DV). Events in the world today indicate that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. People need the Lord and it is important for us to realise the urgency of reaching them with the Gospel before it is too late. Our vision is to do all that we can and use every means we can to bring them the life-changing message

of the Gospel. We thank God for all of the volunteers who are involved with us in outreach and mission. We appreciate their dedication and commitment very much. In recent months God has brought us into contact with many people who are facing major problems in their lives. They are without hope and we thank God that we can point them to our loving heavenly Father who will enable them to face life's challenges with a sure hope that He will be with them in their trials and difficulties. It is a great privilege to read to them from the Bible and pray with them.

We praise God for all that has been accomplished through the Postal Distribution of *No Longer Hoping* and *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets. However, we need more people to answer God's call and join us in outreach. If God is calling you, please contact us on the phone numbers on the back page of *Praise and Prayer*. We thank God for His faithfulness, for answers to prayer as we see evidence of God's work in the lives of people with whom we have contact and for those who have come to faith in Christ. Thank you for your prayers which make such a difference.

**Joan McAlister**





L to R: Linda, Stephanie, Betty, Wilma, Joy, Violet, Fay and Miriam

*'Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted' (Isaiah 49:13).*

### Challenges

From time to time in the shop we have the privilege of listening to or praying with people in difficult situations. While God in His Word reminds us that life will not be free of troubles, we can take heart because God has overcome the world (John 16:33).

During the summer and into the autumn, Violet coped remarkably well with the task of keeping the shop running. In the absence of Letitia, who has retired and Joy, who was off due to ill health, Violet and all the willing volunteers, worked in God's strength to serve Him and the customers of Real Life. We also really appreciated those who supported us in prayer during this challenging time.

### Changes

The situation began to ease when Joy was well enough to return to work. In November there was another change as we welcomed Linda Wilson as a new member of staff. Linda is adapting well to her new working environment and has a strong sense of being open to what God wants to accomplish through the ministry of Real Life. Internet shopping and other changes mean that getting customers through the door is an ongoing challenge. We need God's wisdom in knowing how to change in order to remain a place where people come for Christian resources.

### Customers

We are very thankful for all our customers and, along with keeping our existing customers, we want to gain new ones. We look to God to show us how we can promote the shop in a beneficial way. In the autumn we supplied Sunday School material to local churches and also supplied stalls for Fellowship Evenings and other events. We praise God that during Christmas and at the start of January there was a noticeable buzz about the shop by way of customers.

We trust that God will use all purchases from the shop and stalls to extend and build His kingdom.

### Praise and Thanks

That God sustained Violet through the challenges.  
For extra help given by volunteers.  
For Joy's recovery and return to work.  
That Linda has joined the staff team.  
For customers in the shop and at stalls.

### Pray for

God's continued touch on Letitia.  
God's wisdom in keeping existing and attracting new customers.  
New opportunities for bookstalls.  
God's guidance when selecting stock and dealing with customers.

### Update from Letitia

*I would like to sincerely thank all who have prayed for me since I received a cancer diagnosis, and as I have retired from work in Real Life. I appreciate continued prayer as I am taking oral chemotherapy which causes me to feel tired. I praise God I'm not aware of any other significant side effects. Thank you so much, Letitia*

## Welcome to Real Life

Bibles Devotional Books Bible Study Material Biography Christian Living Fiction with Christian Values  
Youth and Children's Resources Music Cards Gifts

## FORTHCOMING TEAM OUTREACH SUMMER 2018 (dv)

### Westport Fri 27 to Sun 29 July 2018

Pray for more people to join in the outreach.  
(Matthew 9:37-38)

Pray for compassion for the lost.  
Compassion is a necessary element in witnessing.  
It motivates you to speak. (Romans 10:1)  
Pray for the desire to witness. Pray this regularly and watch the Lord change you and give you a desire to reach out and tell people about Jesus. (1 Peter 3:15)



Pray for the courage to step out in faith and speak up when needed. (2 Timothy 1:7-8)  
Pray for your needs. Do you have a close walk with God? Do you need a deeper fellowship with Him? God loves you and wants you to make your needs known to Him. (Philippians 4:6)  
Prayer and thanksgiving for Paudge Mulvihill and the team at the Calvary Mission in Westport.  
(Philippians 1:3-5)

**Colin and Doris Cromie**

### Fanad Thurs 17 May to Tues 5 June 2018

That God will bless His Word as it is shared on the doorsteps.  
That many people will be reached in the Gospel Evenings in Kilmacrenan, Rathmullan, Milford and Rosnaskill.  
For safety and protection for the teams.  
That God will burden younger people to join the teams.

**Jack and Alice Irwin**

### Inishowen Wed 1 to Fri 31 August 2018

That people would be spoken to through God's precious Word.  
Wisdom and spiritual guidance for team members as they share God's message with precious souls.  
Workers spiritually victorious and empowered by the Holy Spirit.  
That the team will be blessed with prayer warriors who have experienced the power and glory of the Cross.

**Bert and Gloria Cupples**

IEB Committee Members Eric Hammond (chairman), Denzil McIlfratrick (vice-chairman), Wesley Armstrong, Tom Condell, Leslie Hadnett, Henry Jordan, Joan McAlister, Victor Niblock, Olive Orr, Walter Pringle and Vera Smith.

# Partnership in the Gospel in Cavan Christian Bookshop

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*'Thy Word is a light unto my feet,  
and a lamp unto my path'  
(Psalm 119:105).*

## Staff

Without staff we could not keep an open door in Cavan. We appreciate our team of volunteers who so willingly give of their time. Each brings his or her own gifts and abilities to enhance the work of the shop. We welcome Pat Martin who recently joined the team and trust she will know God's blessing as she serves Him in Cavan Christian Bookshop. We express our thanks to Alice Irwin who is responsible for the three-monthly rota and to Henry Jordan as he oversees the daily running of the shop. We are indebted to Henry for the time he sacrifices in providing many bookstalls. We are thankful for the help of John Johnston as he brings stock which has been ordered from Real Life. We praise God for opportunities staff members have to share the Gospel in the shop. We want people to feel comfortable to come in and ask questions about spiritual matters.

We praise God that staff can share their personal testimony and encourage others.

## Stock

We are very grateful to Joy Loane and the staff of Real Life for their invaluable assistance. This is particularly helpful in stocking bookstalls and in fulfilling special orders where we have access to suppliers through Real Life. Only eternity will reveal the influence of the Word of God, Christian literature or other material which is purchased in the shop, as we trust God to bless the seed sown.

## Sales

September and October were quiet months. Sales picked up in November and December when more people visited the shop to make purchases. In November Henry had the opportunity to take bookstalls to concerts in Billyhill Hall, the Barnabas Trust Fund Evening in Cloverhill Hall, Drumartin Hall and

Virginia Mothers' Union where sales were excellent. At a mission in Killeshandra Parish Church, Henry brought a bookstall on two evenings. There was a good crowd and Bibles and other literature were sold. In December Henry had a bookstall at an annual evening in Longford church hall where parents of young people from various churches purchased Christmas cards and gifts. At these events people also received Christian books and Gospel literature free of charge. Quite a lot of people came into the shop to buy gifts for Christmas and our prayer is that these will benefit people spiritually.

## Praise and Thanks

An open door of opportunity.  
Faithful staff.  
Resources that are available.  
The support of local churches.

## Pray for

Sensitivity and wisdom with customers.  
Guidance in stock provision.  
Guidance in planning outreach events from the shop.  
More opportunities to go out with bookstalls.  
Good health and protection for staff.  
Staff who are unwell and those grieving the Homecall of family members.  
The shop to remain as a faithful witness in the Cavan area.

## Shop Opening Hours:

Monday - Saturday 10am to 12.30pm  
and 1pm to 5.30pm



Cavan Bookshop Volunteers  
and Prayer Partners



Bibles Books Children's Books Biographies  
Gifts and Cards CDs DVDs  
Something for all Ages

**The National Ploughing Championships, 19-21 September 2017, Screggan, Tullamore, Co Offaly**



*'Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord' (1 Corinthians 15:58).*

The official attendance of 291 500 people was indicative of the attraction The National Ploughing Championships had at Screggan, County Offaly. 1700 exhibitors were there representing their businesses and promoting their products.

It was interesting to see the public going home with bags of free literature. We were there on the King's business. One of the great blessings was to work with a dedicated team of people from all age groups, having the one purpose of sharing their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some worked in the background, carrying water, washing dishes and cooking for the team. Two ladies served tea and coffee for over 2000 people. It was amazing to see the hunger and openness some people displayed as they listened to personal testimony and a simple presentation of the Gospel over a cup of tea. One lady asked if God could forgive all her sin. It was great to tell her that the Lord had died and shed His precious blood to cleanse her from all sin.

Many Bibles and Gospels of John were eagerly received. Calendars with a verse of Scripture for each month were taken home. Lots of tracts and CDs were distributed. It was so encouraging to see the number of teenagers reached with visual aids by the OM team.

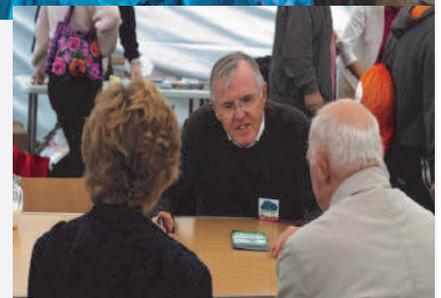
Thank you to all who prayed for the outreach. We trust the Lord to provide the finances needed to continue this outreach to people who need to hear of God's love and grace. Someone has said that evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. All went home tired but with a great sense of fulfilment.

Much planning and organisation was put into making arrangements for this very important event. We express our thanks to Andrew McCausland, Victor Niblock, John Humphries and their large team of dedicated helpers. It was good to have an enthusiastic group from Operation Mobilisation working in partnership with us. We thank them for the great contribution they made as we shared the Gospel with many people.

**Norman Wilkinson**



**Volunteers witnessing at The National Ploughing Championships**



## Dick and Mary Keogh

## Reaching out from Tipperary

*'If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared...for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption'*  
(Psalm 130:3,4,7).



Cherith Gospel Outreach Trust has, since its inception, sought to proclaim this message to precious needy souls: The depravity of man as a consequence of the fall, and his need of forgiveness, mercy and redemption through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Making an impact in Ireland

Some of the Gospel booklets and tracts which the Lord has enabled us to write are specifically suitable for evangelism in Ireland. The following were used in the early days of our outreach and are

still in circulation: *No Longer Hoping and No Longer Searching* (published in 1995), *Nílím ag Súil Feasta and Achill Island, Famine, Eviction and Emigration* (1998). Other early publications include *Croagh Patrick, a Place of Hope for the Irish, Saint Deirbhile and the Woman at the Well, On the Slopes of Slievemore, Achill and the Kirkintilloch Fire Disaster, The Blessed Virgin and an Irish Family, Knock, a Light in the West, Achill Island and the Great Storm of 1847*. Many of these were distributed in the West of Ireland by outreach teams, and this work is still ongoing. We have been encouraged by the number of requests for Bibles and Gospel literature from people contacted

through the recent Postal Distribution of *No Longer Hoping and Hope in a Troubled World* booklets to homes throughout the Republic of Ireland.

### Overseas Outreach

*Salvation in Shanty Town* is the title of a tract we wrote some years ago for distribution in the largest Shanty Town in the world, which is situated on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa. A consignment of Bibles followed shortly. The Portuguese, Spanish, Polish and French translations of *No Longer Hoping* have been used in evangelism in several countries. The Hindi translation of *New Life in Luke* is currently being distributed in India.

### Prayer Requests

**That, as people read the booklets and tracts produced by Cherith Gospel Outreach Trust, the Holy Spirit will cause them to call upon the Lord for forgiveness, mercy and redemption.**

## John Johnston

## Possess the West



*'For God so loved the world'*  
(John 3:16a).

### Precious Souls

I have had many encounters in the West. An Irish lady who had been in deep despair

received Gospel literature and when I met her again, in reply to my question, "What are you depending on to get to Heaven?" she replied she had read the literature and was depending on Christ. I met a Brazilian lady a few times and told her the way of salvation. She told me she will accept Christ into her life. I had opportunity to pray with an Irish man who was having suicidal thoughts and is struggling with drug and

gambling addictions. He once knew Christ and I prayed with him that he might come back to the Saviour. It was humbling to learn of three people who had been killed in a road traffic accident in September. These three people had attended a Praise Evening when the theme had been 'Yes, Jesus Loves Me'. We truly need to be about our Father's business.

### Praise and Prayer

Our Praise Evenings commenced on 15 September in Pettigo. October, November and December had us in Ballyshannon. Attendances were encouraging and good ministry in song and from God's Word was enjoyed. Also in December, we enjoyed fellowship in the nursing home in Bundoran but the Praise Evening in the Allingham Arms was poorly attended. We are encouraged by the prayers of many people for these Praise Evenings and, in particular, we thank prayer

warriors such as Aaron and Una McKee, Jim and Anna Dixon and Wesley and Amy Armstrong. The power of prayer has been sensed in the meetings and also at the doors.

### Tuesdays in Cavan

On Tuesday mornings, I enjoy praying with Henry Jordan in Cavan Christian Bookshop. Literature is prepared for the afternoon door-to-door work.

### Calendar Distribution

Henry kindly supplied me with 2018 calendars. Henry and Leslie Hadnett helped me to distribute calendars in Drumshanbo. I also worked in Swanlinbar, Blacklion, Dowra and Ballyhaise distributing calendars.

### Prayer Requests

**For more labourers to help bring in the harvest of souls.**

**For follow-up work in Manorhamilton, Bundoran, Ballyshannon and Cliffoey.**

**For household salvation and safety as I labour.**

Dear Friends

We give God thanks for those who prayerfully and practically support us in our work and ministry in Scotland. There are many open doors for outreach into homes and communities with no Gospel witness. Please pray for Rev Dr Danson-Smith, the leader of our work, who is seriously ill at present. Wesley is assisting in the bookshop ministry. Here we have opportunity to meet people from around the world. We give God thanks for a house



meeting which has been formed. We meet monthly and it is interesting to have fellowship with those with whom God brings us into contact. Pray for souls to be saved. This is the greatest need. The weekly Gospel meeting continues (2 Cheyne Street). Please pray for more people to

attend. Thank you for your continued prayers for us.

**Wesley and Thalia Mitchell**  
28 George IV Bridge,  
Edinburgh, EH1 1ES

### Croagh Patrick 2018 Sat 28 and Sun 29 July

**That the Holy Spirit will speak to pilgrims who will read the Gospel booklets.**

**That pilgrims will listen as team members tell them of the One who climbed Calvary's mountain on their behalf**

**to pay the penalty for their sins.**

**That for many who climb Croagh Patrick pardon and peace will replace pilgrimage and penance.**

**Dick and Mary Keogh**

## Achill Island Teams on Outreach 11-18 November 2017

9 team members

1100 homes visited and calendars distributed

3 Gospel Evenings

3 Care Centre Meetings



Calendars and invitations to Carol Services in the community hall in Keel and in a hotel in Achill Sound were distributed to every home in Achill. People were happy and quite eager to receive the calendars. This we believe is because they recognise that the Bible verses for each month are not our words but God's Word. We had good conversations in homes and were able to read from the Bible and pray with people. On the island it was our purpose to revisit those with whom we have built up friendship over the years. We are always impressed by the very genuine love these people show us. It was lovely to have some of these friends join us for a meal in our cottage. It was a profitable time in these ways.

**Philip Hawe and Jackson Wallace**

*'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!' (Romans 10:15).*

We visited the sparsely populated Corraun Peninsula, a very needy area with a difficult terrain close to Achill. We found the people welcoming and very willing to accept the literature. We had some good conversations at homes we had previously visited. They are open to talk with us and it was a privilege to explain the Gospel in more detail, answer their questions and pray with them. At three care centres the ministry in song and Bible talks given by Maurice Patterson touched the hearts of those who listened and they all expressed their appreciation. We feel a lot was accomplished.

**Jack and Alice Irwin**

We had very special times distributing invitations to the Carol Services and calendars. Many homes were reached. We had a lovely time in three care centres where everyone took part in the singing. These services provided opportunities for good conversations afterwards and were a further means of bringing the Gospel. God blessed us with a wonderful week in County Mayo.

**Maurice and Gretta Patterson**

### Prayer Requests

That all the seed sown will find a lodging place in the hearts of people.

That there would be a spiritual awakening among the people of Achill, leading to the salvation of many souls. That, as people look through the lovely pictures on the calendars, they will read the Scripture verses.

## Belmullet Teams on Outreach 18-27 November 2017

6 team members 1570 homes visited and calendars distributed

2 Gospel Evenings

3 Care Centre Meetings

There were six of us involved in the week of outreach. It was our privilege to distribute Gospel calendars, Gospel literature and invitations to the two Carol Services. Although it was a week of mixed weather it was usually not bad while we visited from home to home. 2017 was a year of at least two tragic events in the Belmullet area. In March a rescue helicopter crashed at Blackrock, a small island lying a few miles off the coast of the peninsula, with the loss of the four crew members on board. In September three members of a family from the area were tragically killed in a road accident. These events were on the minds of some of the people with whom we chatted. We trust that God will use these tragic events to help people realise the brevity and uncertainty of life and their need to prepare for eternity. We held a Carol Service at the Heritage Centre in Eachleim on Thursday evening when eleven local people attended. Our second Carol Service was at the Broadhaven Bay hotel with fourteen locals in. Neil Shaw sang some carols, we sang carols together, some of the people who attended did Bible readings

of the Christmas story and we shared some thoughts about the Christmas message. We also visited the Wheelchair Centre, the Community Hospital and Ti Aire care home to sing carols and do a Christmas Bible reading with the residents. We thank God for His blessing and protection on us during our time.

### Prayer Requests

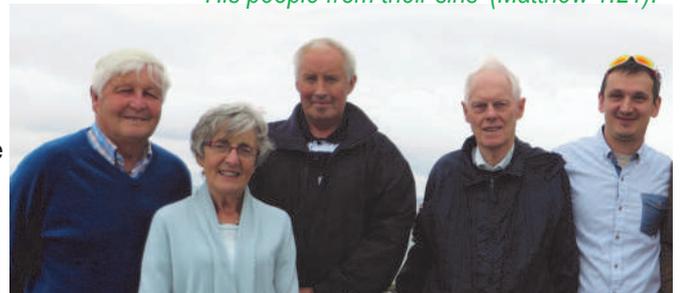
That God will use the tragic events of 2017 to speak to people about their need to prepare for eternity.

That people will read the Scripture literature and the Scripture verses on the calendars they received.

That many of the people we met will trust Jesus as their Saviour.

**Robert and Sharon Swanton**

In Belmullet we had a memorable time at the Wheelchair Centre. Robert Swanton gave a Christmas message which was very well received. Sadly we visited a number of homes where there had been bereavements or illnesses. It was good to spend time with these people and share the hope of the Gospel.



*'Call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21).*

One family had lost three members due to a car accident. We had opportunity to read and pray with this grieving family and share in their sad loss. We were able to attend the fellowship in Westport and meet up with the folks there. Please continue to pray for these lovely people in Achill and Belmullet.

**Maurice and Gretta Patterson**

I was encouraged with the number attending the services in Belmullet. I sang 'O Holy night', 'Mary did you know' and others. It is important to include the Virgin Mary in the right context when reaching out to the local community. People appreciated the music, sang carols and listened carefully to Robert as he spoke. The services are very encouraging when those who attend participate in singing.

**Neil Shaw**

# Fanad Team Outreach 29 November-17 December 2017

23 team members 4260 homes visited and calendars distributed 3 Gospel Evenings 3 Care Centre Meetings



*'The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty, He will save' (Zephaniah 3:17).*

We were again privileged to be associated with the calendar distribution and outreach in the Milford, Cranford and Carrigart areas. We were well received and were impressed with the

friendliness and openness of the people. We were encouraged in one instance by the interest shown and evidence of the enlightening work of the Holy Spirit. We know that God's Word will not return to Him empty but will accomplish His purpose. To His name be the glory.

### **Joe and Margaret Kerr**

I had the privilege of speaking at two meetings in Milford and Rathmullan. While the weather was very wintry we thank God for safety. We praise and thank God for the number of unsaved people who attended both evenings. It was the biggest numbers I have seen at the meetings, in spite of the bad weather. Please continue to pray for their salvation. The presence of the Lord was very real. We had contact with people over tea and refreshments. We sensed a spirit-filled atmosphere and know that God is still working in people's lives.

### **John Mulhern**

Once again we were very warmly welcomed into many homes and several worthwhile spiritual conversations ensued during the outreach in the Fanad area. Sadly there have been numerous deaths since Christmas and we are reminded that we need to keep on sowing the seed of the good news of God's amazing grace while yet there is time. The clergy in Fanad are very supportive of our work and we thank them sincerely.

### **Eric and Olive Borland**



We were able to take part in the Fanad outreach. The weather was not pleasant but, with the Lord at our side and the calendars and invitations in our hands, we were delighted to be able to visit the Milford area, Kerrykeel and the outlying areas of Rathmullan. Many people we visited were so pleased to receive the calendars again and others were thankful to have them for themselves and their children. We were well received by everyone with whom we spoke and we praise God that a number of people attended the Carol Services as a result of our visitation. We pray that the verses on the calendars will be used by God to bring people to trust Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

### **William and Jean Roulston**

*'But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name' (John 20:31).*

In rural areas of Ramelton and Milford we had the privilege of distributing calendars, Gospel leaflets and invitations to Carol Services. The weather was favourable and we were well received by people in the community. One man told me, when he received the calendar, that it was the best Christmas gift that he would get. We told him to read the Gospel leaflets and trust the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and that would truly be the best Christmas gift.

### **Jim and Dorothy Malseed**

I was pleased to help in the Fanad calendar distribution. The popular Gospel calendar was, as always, well received by the householders. The calendar contains lovely pictures, but more importantly the Word of God, that will not return unto Him void, but will achieve His will. We pray for the Word of God to impact the island of Ireland, so that the island will again become a Land of Saints and Scholars.

### **Boyd George**

It was a joy to have the IEB team with us for their outreach. We were delighted that both sections of the community attended the Carol Services in Rosnakill, Milford and Rathmullan and eagerly took part in the Bible Readings. We were blessed with lovely music by Neil Shaw and local artists. Joe Kerr and John Mulhern faithfully shared the Word of God with us. Our prayer is that many will be saved.

### **Bert and Marie Anderson**

In Donegal I saw many participate at the meetings and in the three care homes, showing a great interest in the solo pieces and the carols that were sung. Pray that the words penned by the writers, as led by the Spirit of God, may continue to impact lives and bring people to the Lord Jesus for salvation.

### **Neil Shaw**

Charlie Forsythe and I travelled to Ramelton where we visited 250 homes to deliver invitations, calendars and Gospel leaflets. It is hard to know if there is any response, but we were happy to hear that one person attended a Carol Service. Many people look forward to receiving the calendars each year. What a privilege to share the good news of the Gospel.

### **Jim Davison**

### **Prayer Requests**

*That God will bless the seed sown.  
That many will respond to the Gospel and be saved.*

*That the Holy Spirit will speak to hearts and lead them to faith in Christ.*

# Cavan/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon/Mayo Team Outreach

December 2017/January 2018 10 Team Members 4570 homes visited 5 Care Centre Meetings



*'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him' (Psalm 126:6).*

It was a great privilege to visit towns in County Leitrim and have the opportunity to distribute calendars and booklets. We visited many homes in the large town of Mohill where we met people who accepted literature. Each pack consisted of a beautiful Scripture calendar and a leaflet explaining the Gospel message. These were pre-packed and this protected the literature. We express our sincere thanks to those who spent a lot of their time packing the literature for us to distribute. Relationships are being built. People expressed their thanks for the calendars received in past years and their gratefulness as they accepted a 2018 calendar. Three team members visited Leitrim Village, Drumsna and some rural areas where they had opportunity to call with people they had met in previous years.

## **William Alexander and Cecil Deering**

With God's help we distributed calendars and Gospel literature in Ballyconnell. People gladly accepted them and there were no refusals. We met people who showed interest and were open to listen to the message of the Gospel. We thank God for the great privilege of sharing with them what Jesus had done for them on the cross.

## **Maxwell Cherry**

We appreciate very much the dedication of team members who joined us for these outreaches. We believe it is very important to revisit these towns so that we can meet up with people we have met on previous occasions. We were very encouraged as we visited lovely people who were so thankful to receive the calendars. Some of them are unwell and appreciated very much the reading from the Bible and prayer for their situations.

## **Joan McAlister**



Our team stayed in a bungalow at lovely Loughglynn in County Roscommon. It was a privilege to distribute gift packs each containing a Scripture calendar and a Gospel leaflet as we visited from home to home. We enjoyed visiting homes in Aclare, Boyle, Castlerea, Frenchpark, Loughglynn, Charlestown, Bellaghy, Kilkelly, Kiltimagh, Knock and Swinford. We were encouraged with good opportunities to share the Gospel.

We were challenged by the great need to bring the Gospel message to people in places where there is little Christian witness. We had some fellowship with neighbours who came to our cottage and, with George and Ian on the guitars, we had hymn singing. As we visited homes in this needy area, we met lovely people who willingly accepted the calendars and were looking forward to us coming. We had great times of fellowship and prayer in the cottage which we rented. It was worthwhile going to these places and to be an encouragement.

## **Philip Hawe**

### **Prayer Requests**

For a move of God's Spirit in lives.  
That the literature distributed, opportunities to witness at homes and messages in Word and song will be links in the chain to lead many people to faith in Christ.  
That many will respond to the Gospel message and be saved.  
That God will bless all those people who received follow-up visits.



Team members were warmly welcomed at five care centres in Mohill, Castlerea and Boyle. 170 residents, staff and visitors heard the Gospel message through the words of the hymns and from the Word of God.

Team members sang several hymns. Some of the residents had requests for particular hymns which was great to see. Some participated as we sang well-known hymns.

At the services we were very conscious of God's presence and both residents and staff listened attentively to the Gospel message. We had prepared a gift for each of the residents and they were all very appreciative. We thank God for opening these doors.

At a prison one hundred calendars were requested. The distribution of calendars was well received by the needy people of Cavan, Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon and Mayo. We pray that the Scripture verses each month on the calendar will be a thought-provoking message that will benefit the readers. In some of these areas there is little Gospel witness and we were glad of the privilege to scatter the good seed of the Word of God. We thank God for His Word. Pray for all who received it and that the Holy Spirit would speak to their hearts.

**Gilbert Beck**

### **FORTHCOMING OUTREACH 2018 Cavan/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon/Mayo Mon 4 June to Sat 30 June Prayer Requests**

For the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we converse with people about their need of a personal relationship with Christ.  
For safety as we travel, divine appointments and protection as we distribute literature.  
For wisdom and sensitivity as we revisit previous contacts.  
For God's blessing upon our Gospel witness in care centres.

**Daphne Morrow**



## Tributes to Very Special People in the IEB Family

**Mrs Muriel Smyth** from Castleblayney was a highly respected Christian lady who dearly loved her family and went to be with the Lord in July. Her godly, consistent Christian life influenced many lives for God and was an example to everyone. She was interested in Missions and prayed faithfully for the work of God. To her husband Samuel, son Colin, daughter Pamela Henry, son-in-law Albert, grandchildren Rachel and Gareth, sister Lily Irwin, sisters-in-law Isobel and Eileen and the wider family circle we express our deepest sympathy.

**Mr Houston Grant** from Ballymena loved his Lord and faithfully served Him until he was called Home in September. He was interested in and sacrificially supported missionary work throughout the world. He prayed much for the work of God right up until his Homecall. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Hilda, sister Margaret and the whole family circle.

**Mr Len Pickering** from Tobermore was a highly esteemed gentleman who went to be with the Lord in September. Len was a dedicated evangelist, serving His Lord with The Faith Mission and Christian Workers' Union. Afterwards he conducted missions in many areas of Northern Ireland. Len faithfully preached the Gospel at his missions and he had a great burden to see young people trust in the Lord. Only eternity will reveal all that was accomplished through his faithful ministry in Ireland. Len was a man of prayer and walked close with the Lord right up until his Homecall. To his sisters Ruth Moffett and Nan Hassan, brothers-in-law Jim and Billy and the family circle we offer our sincere sympathy.

**Mrs Joy Hawe** from Armagh was a respected principal teacher in Tynan Primary School in County Armagh and was called Home in September. She had a quiet faith in God and had a great interest in IEB outreach in Ireland. She followed with interest the outreach of her son, Philip, on IEB teams and faithfully supported his work. We express our deepest sympathy to her children Philip, Normanie, and Gareth, brother Ramon and the wider family circle.

**Mrs Renie Hadden** from Castleblayney loved her Lord and went to be with Him in October. She supported the work of IEB and attended Castleblayney Fellowship Evening. She was interested in missionary work and was faithful in the place of prayer.

To her daughter Carol, son-in-law Andrew, granddaughters Charlene and Rochelle and the whole family circle we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

**Mrs Doris McCullough** from Markethill was a highly esteemed lady who was faithful in her support of IEB and was called Home in October. Her godly life was an example to everyone and influenced many lives for God. She had a great interest in missionary work and was faithful in the place of prayer. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband David, sons George, Raymond and Jeremy, brother Archie and the family circle.

**Mr Will Gamble** from Portadown, but originally from Cootehill in County Cavan, was a quiet, unassuming gentleman who loved his Lord and went to be with Him in November. He had a great interest in the missionary work of OMS international and had a prayer meeting in his home to pray for OMS missionaries. He was also interested in the work of IEB and prayed faithfully for the extension of God's kingdom. To his wife Stella, sister Joan Giltrap, brother-in-law Dick, nieces, nephews and the wider family circle we express our deepest sympathy.

**Mr John Dunwoody** from Milford was a highly esteemed gentleman who was called Home in November in his one-hundredth year. He had a great interest in his church, Lislooney Presbyterian Church. He was respected by all in his community. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Dorothy, children Ivan, Raymond, Harry, Betty, Mervyn and Barbara and the whole family circle.

**Mrs Rhoda Creane** from Portadown loved and served her Lord until she went to be with Him in December. She was a most gracious Christian lady who had a deep Christian faith, was interested in IEB outreach in Ireland and prayed much for those involved in the work of God. To her husband Robert, daughters Esther, Eunice, Janice and Julie, sisters Nora Archibald and Lou Warren and the family circle we offer our sincere sympathy.

**Mrs Emma Kirkland** from Mallusk was a highly respected Christian lady who dearly loved her family and was called Home in December in her ninety-fourth year. Her godly life and quiet witness were an example to everyone. She was interested in the work of OMS and IEB and prayed faithfully for the work of God. We express our deepest sympathy to her

husband Thomas, children Amy, Harold, Sadie, Reuben, Raymond and Trevor and the wider family circle.

**Mr Jack Hall** from Lissarley, Newbliss was a well-known and respected gentleman who went to be with the Lord in December. He faithfully attended IEB Fellowship Evenings in Clones and Monaghan and supported the work of IEB. To his wife Irene, son David, daughters Arlene, Jacqueline, Valerie and Gladys, brother Mervyn and the whole family circle we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

**Mr Jim Whittle** from Portadown was highly respected in his community and was called Home in January. He was Clerk of Session at Vinecash Presbyterian Church where he worked tirelessly to serve His Lord. He was also interested in IEB outreach in Ireland. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife Nan, son Paul, daughter-in-law Sandra, granddaughters Nicole and Bethany, greatgrandson Jack and the family circle.

**Mrs Isobel Reid** from Portadown, wife of the late Mr Walter Reid, was a highly esteemed lady who went to be with her Lord in January in her ninety-seventh year. A district nurse and mid-wife for many years, she was sympathetic and kind to those who were suffering. She had a great interest in many Missions and faithfully supported the ministry of IEB through prayer and also financially. To her nieces June Kavanagh, Doreen Trimble, Audrey Henderson, Barbara McGuinness, Pearl Sharpe, Ruth Dunne and Velma Jackson, nephews Arthur Salthouse, Eric and William Reid and Arthur Newton, the family circle and many close friends including Joy Parks, Daphne Morrow and Michael Waugh we express our deepest sympathy.

**Mrs Mary Elizabeth (Lily) Adair** from Armagh was called Home in January after a long illness, bravely borne. She was a most gracious, gentle lady who loved her family and whose kindness touched many lives. She lived her life for God's glory and was an example of a true servant of Jesus Christ. Originally from Fermanagh, she had a great interest in IEB, supporting the ministry through her faithful prayers. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband Ian, daughter Vanessa and her husband Colin, son Gordon and his wife Denise and granddaughters Daisy and Eloise, brothers Joseph, Bryan and his wife Alison, June wife of the late Rev Wesley Rooney and the family circle.

### Achill Sat 14 to Sat 21 July 2018 Prayer Requests

For team unity, for help as they witness at homes and for safety in travel.

For visits to care centres, thanking God for the opportunity to sing and speak to residents.

For those who will participate in the Sports and Bible Clubs with the boys and girls.

For favourable weather and good numbers to attend.

**Hugh and Ethel Wylie**

### Belmullet Sat 21 to Sat 28 July 2018 Prayer Requests

That God will provide enough people for a team.

For health and safety for the team.  
For good reception of literature and door-to-door outreach.

That people will attend the Gospel Evenings and God will open their eyes spiritually.

**Robert and Sharon Swanton**

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**SUMMER TEAM OUTREACH 2018 (DV)**  
**DONEGAL** Thursday 17 May to Tuesday 5 June  
**ROSCOMMON/MAYO**  
 Saturday 9 to Saturday 16 June  
**SLIGO/LEITRIM**  
 Monday 4 to Saturday 30 June  
**ACHILL** Saturday 14 to Saturday 21 July

**BELMULLET** Saturday 21 to Saturday 28 July  
**WESTPORT** Friday 27 to Sunday 29 July  
**CROAGH PATRICK** Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July  
**DONEGAL** Wednesday 1 to Friday 31 August  
**NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 Scraggan, Tullamore, Co Offaly 18-20 September  
 Please pray about joining our teams



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**The West of Ireland Convention 2018**  
**in Sligo Presbyterian Church**  
 Saturday 12 May at 8pm  
 and Sunday 13 May at 3.30 and 7pm  
 Guest Speaker Rev Malcolm Kingston  
 Special Singing Neil Shaw

**Bangor Worldwide Missionary**  
**Convention 2018**  
**in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church**  
 Friday 24 August to Saturday 1 September

**Annual Fellowship Evening**  
**and Dinner in Corick House, Clogher**  
 Friday 12 October 2018 at 7 for 7.15pm  
 Guest Speaker and Special Singing

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN IRELAND**

IEB has openings for Christian workers called by God to evangelism in the Republic of Ireland. Contact IEB Office for application forms.

**Ministry** - visitation of the needy; visits to Prayer Bands; participation in Fellowship Evenings.

**Administration** - preparation of literature for outreach, collection of missionary boxes.

**Voluntary work** in our bookshops.

**Team Outreach Work** throughout the year.

**Students** may complete a short term in evangelism.

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**TEAM OUTREACH AND MISSION INFORMATION AUTUMN 17, WINTER 17/18**

Dates	Nov 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Other Areas Sept 17 to Jan 18	TOTALS
Location	Achill	Belmullet	Fanad	Leitrim Cavan	Roscommon Sligo/Mayo		
Gospel Evenings and Cottage Meetings	3	2	3				8
Care Centre Meetings	3	3	3	2	3		14
Team Members	9	6	23	6	4	12	60
Homes visited and Booklets distributed	1100	1570	4260	1490	3080	3150	14 650

