

# Irish Evangelistic Band *Praise and Prayer* 80th Anniversary



Workers and Friends at Bundoran Convention 1943

Wedding of Mr Frank and Mrs Violet Marshall



**IEB WORKERS PICTURED ABOVE**  
 Back row l to r: Mr Bert Finlay, Mr Frank Marshall, Mr Willie Moore, Mr Fred Harris, Mr Allen Loney and Mr Bob Graham.  
 Front row l to r: Mrs Mollie Bell, Miss Florrie Steen, Miss Ida Gordon, Miss Eileen Marshall and Mrs Lily Cherry at Bundoran IEB Convention in 1954.



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



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# IEB The Past in God's Service

## Memories from County Monaghan

Mr and Mrs Wylie and their son and daughter from Loughmourne played a vital part in the Christian community. Mrs Wylie was the local school teacher while her husband looked after the farm and their agricultural supply business. They were very zealous for the Lord and took a keen interest in the message of holiness. Mr Frank Marshall was a regular visitor in their home and they shared Christian fellowship. It was during this time that the Irish Evangelistic Band was conceived. This was some time prior to the eventual formation of IEB in the Condell home, Loughoona, Smithborough, County Monaghan. At that stage they sent out a prayer letter to the local Christians indicating their desire. Their letters were of great encouragement to those in the faith. They, along with Mr Frank Marshall, visited the Dixon family in Clones, County Monaghan and regularly had times of prayer and fellowship which were a real source of blessing. Mr William Hoy, a banker from Glaslough in County Monaghan, would also join them for fellowship from time to time.

An invitation was given to meetings in the barn at the Wylies' home. The visiting speakers were Rev Paul Finch and his wife from Colorado Springs, USA.

Their preaching was dynamic, accompanied by their freedom in expression of worship and their overflowing exuberance which was quite an experience to our conservative form of worship. Their musical talent contributed greatly to the services. Their attire, which was spectacular and modest at that time, was most acceptable. As a result of many further visits by the Finch family this eventually led to a large number of loyal Christians, including entire families, moving to Colorado Springs, USA. This was a big loss to our Christian community. It was at this time the entire Wylie family sold out and moved over to Colorado. Others who moved there about the same time were the Kennedy and Gordon families from Monaghan and also Mr William Hoy. Mary Jane Johnston and the three Crawford boys, Charles, Alan and Maurice, all moved from County Fermanagh. Some of the above mentioned went to the Colorado Springs Bible College and eventually settled over there as pastors. In 1952 Rev Paul Finch, Mr Bill McClintock and others commenced the Killadeas Holiness Camp meetings which now continue in Ballinamallard, led by Mr Hylands Mitchell.

*Ballinamallard Holiness Meetings 9-16 July 2017 (DV) will be the 65th anniversary of Killadeas meetings and the guest speaker will be Dr Alex Passmore.*

## Reflections from Miss Florrie Parker's autobiography and recorded by Rev Eric Stewart

*In 1939 Miss Hanna and I joined the Irish Evangelistic Band where we had fifteen very happy years. From the commencement of the work with IEB, God graciously set His seal to the preaching of the Gospel.*

On our second mission we had the hall erected in a gravel pit and God did great things for us. A gentleman, his wife and family were all saved. Many others turned to the Lord. We had some very gracious times as well as much opposition in Counties Cavan and Leitrim. Not far from Cavan town, we had our hall erected and caravan close by. I wakened in the middle of the night and heard what seemed like heavy rain beating on the caravan but when we looked out we saw that the hall was in flames. Miss Hanna was very brave and went along the road for help. The farmer, whose land we were on, came and we drew water from a little river nearby to quench the fire. We were afraid of the caravan catching fire but, quite suddenly, the wind changed and blew the flames the other way. It was the Lord's doing. However, the hall was badly damaged and we continued the mission in a large room in the farmhouse. A number of souls were

saved. At another place we were home late one Sunday evening when a crowd surrounded the caravan and kept shouting, "Come out, come out!" I must say we were a bit afraid and then I remembered we had a whistle which Miss Hanna blew. They all fled out of the field. They told someone the next day that those ladies in the caravan had a pact with



Miss Florrie Parker and Miss Jeannie Hanna

the Gardai. Of course we did not, but the whistle did the trick! We had a mission in a village in County Roscommon. A Christian man had a burden for the people around so he arranged to have meetings in a disused Church of Ireland church. Numbers were small but we had the joy of seeing three saved.

## Extract from a letter to IEB by the late Very Rev Dr William Fleming

*In March 1940 Bob Graham and Edmund Sandford came for a mission to a hall at Stonewall, Bailieborough where I came to trust Christ as Saviour. I enjoyed rich fellowship in the years which followed through the IEB prayer meeting in our home and much blessing through the Conventions in Clones, Monaghan, Enniskillen and Bundoran. I look back with great joy and thanksgiving to the faithful work of IEB. God has used the work of His servants to keep alive the witness to the evangelical Gospel of God's saving grace. Eternity alone will reveal the importance of the witness all over Ireland in bringing about the new day of opportunity which has now come.*



Friends at Bundoran Convention 1943

# IEB The Past in God's Service

## IEB in Enniskillen

IEB witness, through literature and the Mission Hall, has a long tradition in Enniskillen. The literature ministry had its beginnings during the last war when Rebe Firth, who lived in a terraced house in Belmore Street and became involved in the work of IEB, felt the leading of God to promote the sale of Christian literature. She began by putting some books in the window of her home. This developed into an IEB bookroom above Kelland's hardware store, before progressing to a ground floor shop at 39 Belmore Street, where it remained until 1987.

IEB Mission Hall work had its beginnings in the 1940s when Sunday night meetings were conducted in the town's YMCA Hall. In 1956 IEB began to look for a meeting hall of its own in Enniskillen. At the same time a building known as 'Ye Olde Coffee Van' went up for sale. Situated near the cattle market, this wooden structure originally on wheels, had been built by

Enniskillen churches to provide hot meals for farmers and cattlemen on fair days. IEB then purchased 'Ye Olde Coffee Van' for £1550 with the help of donations from friends. Sunday evening meetings and prayer meetings were held there on a regular basis. In 1987 'Ye Olde Coffee Van' was removed and a new permanent structure, comprising a bookshop and Mission Hall, was erected. Wesley Armstrong was the builder, with the support of the IEB Committee and many faithful friends, including Miss Lily Burns. After the hall was built, Wesley made arrangements for the Sunday evening meetings. He continued to do this faithfully until December 2006 when the meetings concluded.

On 23 March 2007 at a Fellowship Evening in Enniskillen we praised God for the past and present work of IEB. Gifts were presented to Wesley and Amy Armstrong in recognition of their dedicated service in Enniskillen. Gifts were also presented to Jim and Anna Dixon, Ken and Emily Stephenson, Francis and Marjorie Allett and Gayle Mathers who faithfully contributed to the work of the Mission Hall. In 2008 the building was renovated to extend the shop and include a prayer room. The prayer room which doubles up as the shop office is accessible from the outside. The refurbished shop was re-opened in October 2008, trading under the name of 'Real Life'.



## Fermanagh - A Touch of Revival By Denzil McIlfatrick

Following six years of war from 1939 to 1945 the IEB Committee concluded that an evangelical mission was needed. Rev William P Nicholson was available to come to Enniskillen for three weeks from 2-23 February 1947. The Committee was delighted when Rev Jenkins and the session of the Presbyterian Church offered the use of their church.

Three converts went as missionaries to Africa. IEB commenced Sunday evening after-church meetings in Enniskillen. These meetings attracted many people from all denominations. Souls were saved and many helped heavenward. It became known as the foremost inter-denominational meeting in the county and many missionary societies found support in this ministry.



Denzil and Marina

Despite the worst weather conditions on record the church was filled each evening with overflows to the adjacent hall. There was a tremendous sense of the presence of God with souls seeking the Lord each evening. By the end of the mission over 200 were counselled. This had a great impact spiritually, not only in Enniskillen, but in the County as well.

Ten years after the mission it was decided to have a special meeting of the converts. It was encouraging to see many still going on with the Lord. I decided to write to Mr Nicholson to share about this meeting.

Here is his reply

Dear Brother McIlfatrick, 1 March 1957  
Your good, heart-cheering letter received and read with interest. It filled my heart with gratitude to God for allowing me to be an instrument in His hands of leading you to Jesus Christ as Saviour. God bless you all and keep you from ever getting used to men going down to hell, but by all means, all the time, saving some. It is so easy these days to become lukewarm. There is no substitute for a spirit-baptised, sanctified experience if we are to live holy lives of victory and satisfaction and successful, soul-winning service. Keep nothing back from the LORD JESUS. Let Him have ALL, always. Jesus never fails, NEVER!  
Hallelujah! May you ever be a terrible nuisance to the devil and a delight to God.  
Maranatha! Hallelujah!  
Yours restfully busy, Wm P. Nicholson.  
*'He must increase, but I must decrease' (John 3.30).*

On Friday 21 February, I was sitting behind Mr Nicholson in the pulpit because of the packed church. He preached on 'My spirit shall not always strive with man' (Genesis 6:3). He focused on 'the unpardonable sin'. I came under deep conviction of sin. When the appeal was made I stood up and there was a tremendous release in my soul. Like Pilgrim at the cross 'the burden rolled away'. I was born again. After my conversion I became very much involved in the work of IEB. Many of the new converts became involved in various aspects of Christian work including churches, Mission Halls, prayer meetings, literature and open-air.

# IEB Days of Blessing

What a privilege to have spent some of my early years in Northern Ireland from 1940 to 1950.

Between Bible School and working at Mission headquarters in London, I was privileged to spend about two years with IEB which was very profitable and good training for the work of God in Brazil. My first job was to help Mr Willie Moore and Mr Allen Loney build two portable halls in Clones, near Mr Dixon's Ford garage. We then loaded them on our jeep and trailer and hauled them to sites in County Longford for Mrs Mollie Bell (née Whitten) and Mrs Cris Preston (née Martin) and to County Cavan for Miss Eileen Marshall and Miss Ida Gordon. These ladies faithfully preached the Gospel and won souls to Jesus. Our next job was to remodel the Old Coffee Shop in

Enniskillen for a Mission Hall and book store. At night we would travel with Mr Ernie Colvin or Mr Jack Kelland to speak in Mission Halls all over the country. These two businessmen were on the IEB Committee and were also local preachers who gave of their time and energy to preach the Gospel after a long day in their shops. I shall never forget Mr Kelland with tears in his eyes preaching on Mephibosheth. After this Mr Willie Moore and I went to Trillick, County Tyrone for a mission in his portable hall. This was a hard mission with low attendance and few visible results. Our next mission was in Cullion in Londonderry. We pitched our hall in a large field in beautiful countryside. Here we had quite good attendance and the Lord touched and changed many lives. One young man who came to the Lord went into the ministry.

Others emigrated to Australia and witnessed for the Lord there. After this, I joined Mr Allen Loney in the village of New Buildings. Allen was a good musician and a dedicated worker and attendance was very good. Souls were drawn to the Lord. Our next mission was in Bready. Attendance and interest were very good. Many lives were touched for eternity in this area.

IEB has meant so much to me over the years. Who can forget the great preaching at Bundoran Convention and other conferences where many young lives have been challenged to surrender their 'all' to Jesus and go forth to do His will? It is so good to see that IEB still has a vision to see lost souls won to Christ and to see the open door for the sowing of the good seed.

**Roland Jennings**

## Mr Willie Moore's Ministry in IEB

In 1919 my father was converted at the age of sixteen at a mission in the Florencecourt area conducted by Miss Olive Coulter who was a young woman of about the same age, holding a mission on her own.

Her text that night was:

*'Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls' (Matthew 11:28-29).*

After being challenged in the meeting he went home, got down on his knees and gave his heart and life to the Lord Jesus.

A dramatic turning point came in his life in his forties after the sudden death of his sister which God used to challenge him about how he was living his life. He left the farm and his quarry business and gave his life to the service of the Lord. The first mission was in his local area, where Mr Bill McClintock and Mr Ernest Colvin were the evangelists and my father worked behind the scenes. It was reported that one hundred souls sought the Lord at that mission in Florencecourt. The IEB, under the leadership of Mr Frank Marshall, offered the perfect opportunities for him to serve the Lord. Many years were spent conducting missions in Fermanagh, Tyrone and Londonderry. During the summer months he found it difficult to invite working men to leave the hay field to come to a mission so he decided to go to the markets and hold open-air meetings.

## Pastor Bertie and Mrs Pat Johnston at Bundoran

In 1970 in Bundoran my Roman Catholic girlfriend, Pat, said, "Do you remember the night I took you to chapel? What about taking me to a Protestant Church?" Soon we spied a small church with a large poster announcing the Irish Evangelistic Band Annual Convention. We entered the church and listened as Rev Sidney Martin gave the address. The service ended and we left quickly. The first words Pat said on leaving were, "I have never been so near God in my life." Pat's only desire that night was to go home as the pub and the dance had lost its attraction. Then I thought of an uncle of mine who had often spoken to me of my need to prepare for eternity. I phoned him and he arranged to see me in the morning. He opened the Bible

and read 1 John, chapter 1, verse 7 to me. He knelt down and prayed that God would deliver me. With my head humbly bowed, I walked out into the farmyard where I trusted the Saviour. I was really 'born again'. Pat, who was twenty-four years steeped in the Roman Catholic belief and had heard the Gospel for the first time at the IEB

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## Rev Eric Moore, son of Mr Willie Moore



Mr Willie Moore, back row, second from right

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Rev Sidney Martin on right of picture

# Looking Back to Go Forward

For me, looking back brings me back to 1961.

Bible College Training Days were behind me and I was starting out on my life's work for God. I had joined the noble ranks of the Irish Evangelistic Band. I, along with the other evangelists, Committee members and Christians met in the IEB Hall in Enniskillen in preparation for the workers and evangelists going to their areas for the winter's work.

## Looking back we must ask, How did this Mission begin and how does it continue to this day?

It is eighty years old now, yet its message and purpose is still the same, bringing the love of Jesus to those who need it. The methods may have changed but the message is the same. This work started within the hearts of a group of farmers who lived between Clones and Smithborough in County Monaghan. One day these men were talking about the spiritual decline at that time. The suggestion was made that they should all pray about the matter. The vision emerged that God was leading them to reach out to their community and this would help their church life as well. With holy determination they continued to pray, to work and give of their goods to bring about change. Such a vision for ordinary people rolls on to this day. Did the founders of such a work ever think back then that thousands of Irish men and women would hear the Gospel message and follow the Saviour with lives transformed by the power of God? Apart from the hundreds of missions conducted down through the years, the message of the Saviour's love has been heard in every city, town, village and hamlet across Ireland.

Open-air meetings have reached many who otherwise

may not have heard. Thousands of tracts have been distributed, along with booklets and Bibles to hungry hearts. It is good to remind ourselves that God promised to bless His Word. My time in IEB commenced with two missions in the Irvinestown area. Leaving Fermanagh behind, I was advised of an opening in County Monaghan. This mission in Loughoona near Smithborough went on for twelve weeks. The people were ripe and expectant for God to move in their midst. Many souls found the Saviour. Many families experienced household salvation. Very often there were as many people outside the building as inside. I cannot remember a night when the hall was not full. The singing, music and preaching were taken over by the power of the Holy Spirit. That work continues to this day. Although I was there most of the time on my own I was ably supported by visits from other evangelists and clergy and by those who participated in song and testimony. Five years later when asked to conduct a six-week mission in Roslea, County Fermanagh, the spirit of the Loughoona Mission was still in evidence. God again, by His Spirit, melted hearts, and lives were given over to the Saviour. Some were to find their way into Christian work. As missions come and go, so the evangelist moves on, this time to the Castleblayney and Newtownhamilton areas where souls came to personal faith. Some months later, I moved to County Cavan and from there to work with the Presbyterian Church in Dublin and finally in Australia. Let us all look back, to enable us to look forward. There is a great day coming, when we will all see our record, when God's books are opened. **Rev Christy Irwin**

I was at that stage in my life. I wanted to know what God wanted me to do and where He wanted me to go. So far, all I could get was, "Wait on Me."



One morning, while praying, the letters I E B came into my mind. They sounded like the initial letters of something or other. I had not a clue what it would mean. Later that day when I had just about forgotten about the morning's revelation, I E B came into my head again! What does all this mean Lord? I don't understand. On the Saturday morning, I was at a prayer meeting in Lurgan.

The leader announced, "We are pleased to have a visitor with us this morning, Rev Bert Finlay, and he will be telling us of the work he is involved in." I nearly fell off my seat when he said he worked with IEB. I was told it stood for Irish Evangelistic Band, a group of Christians who brought the Gospel to the Republic of Ireland.

After the meeting was over, I introduced myself to Mr Finlay and told him what God had been saying to me.

A meeting was to be held that evening in Enniskillen. Mr Finlay said he would tell the Committee about meeting with me. I soon found out that they were pleased to hear of my interest in the work and would be happy for me to start with them for a three-month trial period. I will be ever thankful to them for giving me the chance. I worked with Vi Jones and our first mission was in Derrygonnelly. The Fermanagh folk are so friendly and the Christians were a great help. I thank the Lord for all He taught me through the lives of the leaders and will always be glad I was part of IEB. May the Lord continue to bless and use IEB for His honour and glory.

*Marie McCarroll*

## My name is Mabel Wauchope Lyttle

My parents, William and Gertie Wauchope, became Christians at an IEB mission in Donegal in 1958 which was led by Miss Ida Gordon and Miss Eileen Marshall. At the same mission my sister Dorothy Dale and my cousin Angela Wauchope's parents, James and Ida Wauchope were also saved. At the time I was five years old, the youngest of five children.

When the mission finished a prayer meeting was formed which was attended by my parents, Uncle James and Auntie Ida and the Lowry family from Churchminster. I attended this weekly until I was fourteen years old. It was only in my forties that I reflected on the huge impact it had on my life.

I had met the living God in those prayer times and I knew the world could not offer me anything better. My heart remains in mission and I have many opportunities to share Jesus wherever I meet people. I owe so much to Ida and Eileen and that IEB mission.



IEB Workers and Friends on Outreach in the 1950s

## Faithful with IEB in God's Service



**Mr Bert Finlay** joined the IEB in the early 1950s and accepted the responsibility of acting as its General Secretary. He and his wife, Doris, along with their family had recently returned from missionary work among the Toba Indians in South America. In so doing, he became one of a unique band of Christian workers whose work God blessed and who, through open-air, evangelistic missions and conferences, made a significant impact on the spiritual life of many throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. As workers together in 'the Band' they enjoyed a rich fellowship, shared in a deep loyalty and earned a lasting respect among the many wonderful Christian people who supported them in their work. Bert Finlay himself is remembered for his winsome personality, gracious manner and radiant countenance.

Even to this day there are many who testify to having been saved at one of the many missions he conducted. Perhaps his most significant contribution to the work of the Kingdom was his emphasis on the message of Holiness. Christian lives should be characterised by cleansing from sin, separation from the world, and being sanctified by God and filled with the Holy Spirit. These realities had been imprinted on his heart from his earliest days in Bible College and were to be an abiding motivation to the end of his days. When in 1967 he felt led to accept an invitation to engage in a pastoral ministry in a congregation in Portadown, the friendships formed and prayerful concerns instilled over the years in the IEB were still very precious to him, and would be so, right to the end of his life.

**Rev Dr John Finlay, son of Mr Bert Finlay**

Left picture: Mr Bert Finlay on extreme left with Bundoran Convention guests. Right picture: Mr Finlay on extreme right at open-air in Bundoran.

### IEB in the Clogher Valley

The work of IEB was introduced to the Clogher Valley in 1968 by Mr Bob Graham and Mr Sam Johnston. A tent was erected in our field in September of that year and the brothers began a five-week mission. I had been a Christian from the age of eight but I had an experience of the Holy Ghost during the first week of the mission. This resulted in such freedom and deep joy in the Lord. The brothers moved on to Grogey and Fardness. A Prayer Band was formed in Clogher. I have been involved with IEB over the years as a member of the Committee which meets in my home. My prayer is that God would continue to bless the ministry of IEB in the years ahead.

**Olive Orr**

### God's Blessing in County Cavan

In December 1948 I was a student in Dublin, living a life far away from God. When I arrived home at Ballyhugh, Belturbet, County Cavan, I little expected to be confronted with the change that had taken place in my old home. I discovered that my sister, Muriel, had been attending a mission that had come to our area.

Rightaway she informed me about a great change that had come over her life and that this was the result of having been born again of the spirit of God. She told me that the mission, which lasted thirteen weeks, was being conducted by two ladies from the Irish Evangelistic Band, namely Miss Marshall and Miss Gordon.

Over the next few days, I watched Muriel very closely to see what was the nature of the change that had taken place. As a family, we had a connection with the Methodist Church but in actual fact, ours was a godless home. Muriel had been a very worldly young girl and I now saw clearly that whatever had happened to her was not superficial; it was truly deep, radical and comprehensive; there was all the evidence she had become a new creature. I noticed that she had already become a praying woman, both in the home and publicly in the meetings she was now attending. Being confronted with such new spiritual realities, I began to feel miserable and that I, too, was alienated from God by the godless life I was living. During my time in Dublin, I had on a few occasions been enlightened and awakened by the Holy Spirit to my need of repenting and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of my soul. But this time, I felt I could not ignore the convicting power of the Holy Spirit without involving my soul in great danger as to its eternal welfare.

So in that frame of mind I found myself, on the 29 December 1948 in that miserable looking portable hall, ready to exercise faith in the sacrificial death of Christ for the pardon of my sins and my adoption into the family of God. As I responded to an appeal and was being prayed for I felt the pardoning love of God being spread abroad in my heart. I found that a new and spiritual energy was implanted in my soul, which broke the power of evil habits and produced all the evidence that I was now a new creature. Old things passed away and new tastes and inclinations began to rule my heart. I remember clearly there was much preaching on the necessity of young converts entering into the experience of a clean heart. We were taught from God's Word that a person in the clear experience of conversion always prays for holiness of heart and life. We were reminded that we were 'chosen in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love'. It was impressed upon us as young converts that there was an instantaneous experience received by faith by which the child of God is cleansed from inbred sin, filled with the Holy Spirit and thus empowered for service. It was a joy to receive this truth and to experience its fruit in my walk with God.

Over the years, I have had to learn many times that salvation does not have an existence in us of itself, apart from the active presence of Christ working in us continually. We need every day to confirm and validate before God that 'we are not our own, that we are bought with a price' and that we are constantly under the influence of the all-cleansing blood and we are thus not only made clean but kept clean.

**Norman Woodhouse**

## Faithful with IEB in God's Service

In early 1961 an IEB mission was conducted by Miss Eileen Marshall and Miss Ida Gordon in a portable hall at Aghyaran near Castlederg.



Mrs Annie Hamilton and Samuel

God blessed His Word in that mission and quite a number of people trusted the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Following the mission Aghyaran

Prayer Band was started.

It was held weekly each Wednesday evening, alternate months being in the home of Mr William and Mrs Mary Hamilton, Carrycoughan, and the home of Mr James and Mrs Annie Hamilton and Mr Samuel Hamilton at Maghernageeragh. Many IEB friends visited and spoke in these prayer meetings. Mr Bert Finlay loved to visit in those early days. The Prayer Band continued for quite a number of years.

Many of the members of the Prayer Band are now with the Lord. Two of the founding members were called Home in July 2016. Mr Samuel Hamilton and his sister-in-law Annie went to be with the Lord within two weeks of each other. Both were life-long supporters of IEB. Their godly lives and quiet witness were a blessing to many. They lived their lives to God's glory and were faithful in the place of prayer. They were interested in and faithfully supported many Missions. On behalf of IEB we express our heartfelt sympathy to all of the members of the Hamilton family.



Noel and Meta Turkington

Mr Noel Turkington went to be with the Lord on 23 August 2016 after a short illness. Early in life, Noel came to faith in the Lord Jesus as a result of attending a tent mission. He attended Bible College and then commenced as a full-time colporteur with the Presbyterian Church. He spent much time in the West of Ireland, sometimes using a

bicycle as a means of transport. After his marriage to Meta he had employment in the local area and together they established Lenaderg Christian Fellowship, near Banbridge. They had Sunday evening meetings and a Sunday School with over fifty children attending. They also took part in open-air meetings.

Noel and Meta joined IEB and spent long periods on door-to-door evangelism in the West of Ireland, sometimes using a small caravan for accommodation. In 1991, Meta went Home to be with the Lord and so once again Noel worked alone. In later years he continued in the Lord's work mainly in Counties Armagh and Down. Both Noel and Meta were totally committed to the Lord's work. Noel spoke in many meetings and both were stalwarts in prayer. They never sought the limelight but always desired the Lord's will in all aspects of their work. Many Christians today can testify to the teaching and encouragement they received at Lenaderg Mission Hall. Noel and Meta Turkington could be described as Giants in the Lord's work. Eternity itself will reveal the results of their ministry. We give all the praise, glory and adoration to their Saviour Jesus Christ.

Roy Leckey

### IEB YOUTH MOVEMENT

This article is my personal reflection on how I saw and understood the IEB Youth Movement which was a special time in my life.

Forty years later and having had time to reflect and evaluate, I have concluded that there are certain strategic and life-changing experiences that so re-direct people's lives, pointing them to the purposes of God. The Youth Movement was such 'a life-changing experience' that God clearly used.

Firstly, there was a distinct moving of the Holy Spirit in the lives of many young people.

Secondly, with all movements of the Holy Spirit, God raises up a leader or leaders with a distinct understanding of the present spiritual needs and the contributing factors that cause such needs. That person was Miss Vera Smith who captured the spirit of the moment.

Vera understood the needs of the young and identified the moving of the Spirit in their lives. Her knowledge of the need, burden and the sharpness of developing vision led to the beginning of the Loft, the Cleft and the Coffee Bean. At these venues young people met to clearly hear the Gospel communicated in terms with which they could identify and to which they could commit. Over the years many young people came to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and set out on life's journey to follow Christ. Some ended up in Bible Colleges, became missionaries, ministers, pastors and Christian workers. Some are deacons, elders, leaders and are still actively involved in the work of the Kingdom.

Thirdly, I am indebted to God for making such a movement available for so many. It has been an important foundation in the ministries that many of us still carry out today.

I thank God for every remembrance of those precious years - the worship, the witness and the countless weekends away, serving God together as a large group of young believers. We appreciated the fun, the fellowship, the space to share our hearts' challenges, be open, be helped, be cared for and above all get the sort of spiritual leadership that every believer needs. I thank God for His care, for His servant Vera Smith, for the young people with whom we had the privilege of sharing our lives and for the future that through this movement opened up doors that we could never have imagined. We are indebted to IEB leadership in general and in particular to Miss Vera Smith for being willing to take courageous steps of faith for the sake of those who had real and specific spiritual needs. History has proven that it was the right step to take and we rejoice and give all the glory to God.

A reflection by Rev Bobby Loney

## Tributes to Very Special People in the IEB Family



**Mr John Herron** from Ballyclare was called Home in June, aged just fifty-six. After training and working with The Faith Mission, John and his wife Grace were missionaries at the OMS camp in Spain, 'Pena de Horeb', leading both the outreach and day to day running of the camp from 1992 to 1997. Once back in Northern Ireland, John continued in the Lord's work,

both with the Mission and with his local fellowship, Straid Congregational Church. Over many years, at the joint IEB/OMS Croagh Patrick outreach, John was responsible for the safety of the team members and he played an active role in witnessing to the many climbers he met there. We express our sincere sympathy to his wife Grace, daughters Rachel and Hannah, mother Phoebe, brother Andrew, sisters Ann, Roberta and June, and the family circle, also to Grace's parents, John and Ella Holmes, and their wider family.

**Miss Ethel McConnell** from Kilkeel was a gracious Christian lady who was called Home in January. She spent her life serving her Lord in many practical ways. She had a great heart for overseas Missions and prayed much for the work of God. We express our sincere sympathy to her niece Joy, nephews Dermot and Mark and the family circle.

**Miss Jane Keys** went to be with the Lord on 6 March. She was a faithful member of Clogher Prayer Band. Sadly, her brother **John** passed away two weeks later on 21 March. John, with his wife Hilary, helped with the Fellowship Evenings in Clogher. To John's wife Hilary and the whole family we extend our deepest sympathy.

**Mrs Peggy Stevenson** from Dungannon was a godly Christian lady who was called Home in March. She lived her life to God's glory and her kindness touched many lives. She loved to have fellowship with other Christians and was faithful in the place of prayer. She was interested in the work of many Missions and faithfully supported the ministry of IEB. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her sons Samuel and Stuart, daughters Elizabeth and Margaret and the wider family circle.

**Mrs Wilhelmina (Mina) Monahan** from Castleblayney went to be with the Lord in March. With her husband, **David**, who was called Home in July 2012, they both loved the Lord, were interested in the work of IEB and attended Castleblayney Fellowship Evening. To her sons Graham and Steven, daughter Caroline and the family circle we express our sincere sympathy.

**Mrs Betty Halferty** from Lisburn loved her Lord and was called Home in March. Her godly life and quiet witness were a blessing to many. Betty had a great interest in many Missions and was a faithful supporter of IEB. We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughters Dorothy Lawrence, Margaret and Joyce Belshaw and the whole family.

**Mr James Mathers** from Strabane was a most gracious gentleman who went to be with the Lord in March. He had a deep Christian faith and prayed much for those involved in the work of God in many places. He was interested in IEB outreach and faithfully supported the work. To his sons John and Junior, daughters Avril Gallagher and Laura Love and the wider family circle we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

**Mr David Hull** from Portadown was a highly respected Christian gentleman who faithfully supported the work of IEB and went to be with the Lord in April. His godly, consistent Christian witness was an example to everyone and influenced many people for the Master. David worked for years in the Methodist Home Mission Department distributing Christian books and Bibles to people's homes. These were his motor-biking days! Latterly he operated five shops and stalls at fairs and markets. David loved meeting people in everyday situations and sharing the Good News of his Lord and Saviour. In March 2008, David received the gift of Maundy money from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of his Christian work. To his wife Ethel, sons Jonathan and Stephen and the family circle we express our deepest sympathy.

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**Mr John Ellis** from Banbridge loved his Lord and was called Home in April. He was very interested in the work of many Missions and prayed faithfully for the extension of God's Kingdom. We express our sincere sympathy to his daughters Ruth Stirrat and Heather Dobbin and the family circle.

**Mrs Caroline Totten** from Tandragee loved her Lord and was called Home in May. She prayed consistently for the work of God and was a great supporter of many Missions including IEB. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her husband Cecil, brother John Henry Minish, sister Maureen Kernaghan and the wider family circle.

**Mrs Margaret Clingen** from Lisnaskea loved the Lord and went to be with Him in May. She had a great interest in the work of God and prayed faithfully for the extension of God's Kingdom in many places. To her husband Addison, sons Richard and Barrie, daughters Jill and Joanne and the family circle we express our sincere sympathy.

**Mrs Nuala Higgins** from Skreen in County Sligo was a highly esteemed lady who was faithful in her support of IEB and went to be with the Lord in June. 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 extend our deepest sympathy to her sons Gary and Philip Higgins and to Matthew Brennan and the whole family.

**Rev Barry Mander** from Portadown was an example to everyone of a true servant of Christ and went to be with the Lord in June. He was a highly esteemed gentleman who was a dedicated pastor to people in the Independent Methodist Church in Portadown. He was faithful in the place of prayer and was committed to taking the Gospel to people in many places. Only eternity will reveal what was accomplished through his faithful witness and ministry. To his wife Muriel, sons Mark and Peter, sister Mrs Lesley Lewis and the wider family circle we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

**Mrs Muriel McAlister** from Loughgall loved her family and was called Home in June within seven weeks of celebrating her hundredth birthday. She had a quiet faith and trust in God and had a prayerful interest in IEB. We express our sincere sympathy to her son Noel, daughter-in-law Hilary, daughter Gladys, son-in-law Cecil and the family circle.

**Mr Richard Edward Cregan** (better known to most people as Dick) was saved at a mission in Newmills Presbyterian Church in his late teens, where he was confronted with the question 'Are you sure of heaven?' He knew that God was clearly speaking to him. This led him to realise that the suffering of Jesus on the cross was for him and he accepted Jesus as his Saviour and Lord. From this point on he resolved to follow Christ. In 1957 he married Grace Livingston. Richard was a pharmacist and owned Cregan's Chemist in Portadown. He served his Lord faithfully for many years in various roles in Knocknamuckley Parish Church. He had a keen interest and passion for mission reflected in the many missionary organisations he supported both financially and with prayer. Richard passed into the presence of His Lord on 1 July 2016. We express our deepest sympathy to Grace, nephews, nieces and the family circle.

**Mrs Margaret Keogh** from Thurles was devoted to her family and passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord in July, aged ninety. She loved to have family and friends to read the Bible and pray with her. The assurance that she is at Home with the Lord takes the sting out of death. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her sons Dick and Denis, daughters Mary and Margo and the wider family circle.

**Miss Bernadette McHenry** from Moville in County Donegal loved her Lord and went to be with Him in August. She attended IEB Gospel Evenings in Moville and always appreciated visits from team members. To her brothers Hugh, Lawrence, Charles and John, sisters Sarah, Ann, Patricia, Mary, Geraldine and Fiona and the family circle we express our sincere sympathy.

**'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints' (Psalm 116:15).**

## Postal Distribution

*'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved' (Jeremiah 8:20).*

This may well be the cry of multitudes of men, women and children in the Republic of Ireland who are living in spiritual darkness. Our vision is to reach these precious needy souls with the Gospel.

### Project ROI

To distribute the *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets to homes in every county, parish, city, town, village and rural area in the Republic of Ireland.

### Partnership

We invite you to partner with us in this project.

**£100 or 120 Euro will pay for the cost of printing and postage of 1000**

***Hope in a Troubled World* booklets.**

### Reaching out from Tipperary

*'But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth' (Psalm 86:15).*

### Main Aspects of our Ministry

Cherith Gospel Outreach Trust was established for the sole purpose of proclaiming the Gospel to precious needy souls who are living in spiritual darkness - to tell them of a God who is full of compassion and who is ready to forgive sinners.

### Something to Consider

*"God only knows what He would do with a few men who cared only for Him. He would save thousands and astonish the universe. O God, make us all alike--all for Thee." (General Booth, founder of The Salvation Army)*

What a challenge to us, as Christian workers, as we consider the plight of countless men, women and children who have yet to hear of the One who became a substitute and sin-bearer for all who will repent of their sins and put their faith in Him. With this in mind, some booklets and tracts containing the Gospel message were written.

## Gospel Outreach In the West

*'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart' (Proverbs 3:5a).*

### Praise Evenings

We have enjoyed rich times of blessing in the Manorhamilton and Ballyshannon

Praise Evenings. Our attendances have been encouraging, especially in Ballyshannon where local Christians have supported us. The Ballyshannon Praise Evenings have celebrated their first anniversary and we give glory to God. The Lord's presence has been evidenced and we thank all who uphold us in prayer. The ministry in testimony and song has been blessed and Mr John Hayes has given challenging messages from God's Word in Ballyshannon. There has been a variety of speakers, including myself, at Manorhamilton.



John Johnston

For the past number of years, outreach teams have used the booklets and tracts as they laboured in Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Roscommon, Mayo and Tipperary. Large quantities of literature have been distributed each year at Saint Patrick's Day parades in various parts of the country and also during the Croagh Patrick Pilgrimages. *No Longer Hoping* has been distributed by IEB through the Postal Service to homes in every county in the Republic of Ireland and is currently being distributed in Northern Ireland by OMS.

### Overseas

*No Longer Hoping* is currently available in English, Irish, French, Spanish, Polish and Portuguese, and has been used to bring the Gospel to people in countries including Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, Burkina Faso, Benin Republic, Ivory Coast, Togo, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Gambia, Sierra Leone,

The Summer Praise Evening held in The Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran was very encouraging when approximately twenty people attended. Earlier we attended the local nursing home and were well received. I spoke on 'Trusting in the Lord' to approximately fifteen residents and the Gospel singing was much appreciated.

### Outreach Work

During June I continued with door-to-door work in the Manorhamilton and Lurganboy areas. Approximately 200 homes were visited using the *Ever Wonder? Be Sure* booklet and many meaningful conversations ensued. Pray that lives will come to know the Saviour. July saw me at Croagh Patrick. I was privileged to have many meaningful conversations. Two, in particular, stand out. One was with a gentleman climbing the mountain in his bare feet at 4am and another, again in his

## Project Republic of Ireland

### Prayerful and Practical support is needed

Please pray with us for the resources needed to pay for the printing and postage costs of this project.

**The Printer** is ready to print the 1.79 million copies of *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets needed for the project.

**The Postal Service** (An Post) is ready to distribute the booklets.

**The People of Ireland** are ready to receive the booklets. This is evident by their response to the distribution of *No Longer Hoping*.

**May we, the people of God, be ready TO DO WHAT WE CAN, TO REACH AS MANY AS WE CAN, AS SOON AS WE CAN.**



Poland, France, Spain and the Philippines. Our book entitled *New Life in Luke* has been translated into the Hindi language and is currently being proof-read. The book will initially be printed and distributed in India.

### Web Site

In an effort to proclaim the Gospel even further afield, Cherith trustees have recently set up a new Web Site, [www.cherithgospel.org](http://www.cherithgospel.org). We

spent time preparing our booklets and tracts for inclusion on the site. There are currently over thirty items online and we plan, as the Lord enables, to add to these in the coming days. We see this as a great opportunity to make the Gospel even more accessible to many precious souls who have yet to be reached with the Good News.

### Prayer Point

That the Holy Spirit will speak to the hearts of many who read the booklets and tracts and browse the Cherith Web Site.

### Dick and Mary Keogh

bare feet at 4pm. Pray that these dear people may read the literature and find Christ as their Saviour. I have known much encouragement as I continue the door-to-door work in Cavan. I have used *Ever Wonder? Be Sure* along with a bookmark promoting the Cavan Christian Bookshop. Gospels of John and DVDs entitled *Another Look at the Titanic* have also been distributed. Pray that many may be spoken to through this literature.

### Call Backs

I have been very encouraged as I have done call-back visitation. One gentleman asked me, "How can I become a Christian?" Pray that he will come to faith in Jesus Christ. Friendships have been made and I have used a variety of literature including *No Longer Hoping*, *Our Daily Bread* and copies of *The Gospel of John*.

### Prayer Points

For on-going door-to-door work in Pettigo and Rossnowlagh.  
Follow-up work in Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Manorhamilton, Cavan.  
Forthcoming distribution work of the 2017 calendars.  
For the work in Cavan Christian Bookshop and the surrounding area.

# Touching Lives in Real Life

In the Bookshop it is our desire to touch lives in order to reach people for Jesus Christ and to build others up in their relationship with Him. It is our prayer that many will reach out to Him.

## Ladies' Meetings

We are grateful for opportunities we have had to speak at MU and PW meetings. We trust that sharing our experience of God's grace in our lives and making available a bookstall will have helped and encouraged others.

## Author Signing

On Saturday 12 March we were delighted to have Jack Strahan sign copies of his new book, *Bethlehem to Bethany*. He is a retired surgeon who worked for many years in the Erne Hospital and it was an opportunity for some of his former work colleagues to catch up with him and purchase a signed copy of his book. The book is enriched by the author's knowledge, based on many visits to Israel, but also describes a spiritual journey with meditations on the person and work of the Lord Jesus.



*'As many as touched Him were made whole' (Mark 6:56b).*

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## Sunday Schools

It is a privilege to supply Sunday school prizes and teaching material to churches in the hope that many young lives will be touched.

## Conversation

Our ministry is not just about what we sell but the opportunities we have to listen to and share with those we encounter. Sometimes we have significant conversations revealing spiritual needs. It is a real privilege to help where we can, and lift the person and the need to the Lord in prayer.

## Facebook

We can touch lives through social media as we display product on our Facebook site and provide a window into the shop.

## Fellowship Evening

We thank God for the prayerful support and presence of all those who attended our Fellowship Evening in April. Your contribution in this way is a vital part of the work as your prayers and encouragement help us to touch lives for the Master.

## Praise and Thanks

The Lord's faithfulness.  
For good health and strength.  
Good conversations.  
For Sunday School children.  
Summer visitors.

## Prayer Points

Effective use of the new computer system.  
Sufficient staff coverage.  
Interest in our Facebook page.  
Greater use of the shop.  
More opportunities to take bookstalls out.

33 team members

3 Gospel Evenings

4440 homes visited and booklets distributed

3 Care Centre Meetings

We were privileged to have the IEB team with us. Three Gospel Evenings were held in Rossnakill, Milford and Rathmullan and were attended by both sections of the community. We were blessed with lovely Christian music by Alan and Graham Murphy, Neil Shaw and Donal Gallagher. Vincent Brown, Ricky Henry and John Mulhern shared messages from the Word of God with us. We pray for the Holy Spirit to move in this area and that many souls will be swept into the Kingdom of God.

## Bert and Marie Anderson

We were privileged to have a part in the 2016 Fanad outreach. Ian and I visited the area between Milford and Carrigart. The invitations and leaflets were readily accepted on almost all occasions. We had some good conversations. One man had been viewing and listening to programmes on television and gave evidence of real faith. It was encouraging to find people receptive to the Scriptures. Samuel and I visited in Milford town and some housing estates where we were well received. We thank God for the opportunity to identify with this Gospel outreach. May God give the increase.

## Joe and Margaret Kerr

## Fanad Outreach 24 May-8 June 2016

*The Lord said unto the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled' (Luke 14:23).*

The weather was glorious as we visited many homes in the rural areas of Ramelton and Milford with invitations to the Gospel Evenings. Please pray that the Lord Jesus would speak to those needy people by His Holy Spirit through the Gospel leaflet, *Hope when You are Hurting*.

## Jim and Dorothy Malseed

We considered it a privilege to be part of the team when literature and invitations were received without hesitation by many people whom we met at their homes. We pray that God will bless all who read the literature and we trust the encouraging number of people who attended the meetings were challenged.

## Samuel and Caryl Anderson

We visited three care centres where residents appreciated our visits and participated in the singing. The Gospel message in Word and song was well received and helpful to those who listened.

## Graham Murphy

We thank God for good conversations with spiritual questions asked and prayer requested. Our prayer is that God will give us opportunities to build on these relationships. We pray that the Word of God will not return unto Him void but will penetrate hearts and change lives. We are indebted to team members who travelled long distances to join us in this great ministry of reaching people in rural and urban areas with the Gospel. We are always grateful to local ministers, pastors and Christians who faithfully support us in our outreach.

## Eric and Olive Borland

## Prayer Points

That people would realise their need of salvation.  
That opportunities to witness at homes, literature distributed and messages in Word and song will be used as links in the chain to lead people to Christ.



# Partnership in the Gospel in Cavan Christian Bookshop

Welcome to Cavan Christian Bookshop, 22a Bridge Street, Cavan Tel: 049 4361418 (from Rol) 00 353 49 4361418 (from NI)



'Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:11,12).

## Staff

Over the past six years voluntary workers have shared the responsibility of staffing the shop each day. We are indebted to each one of them. We would like to thank them for their sacrifice of time and for using their gifts. We thank God for the past months as all of the devoted volunteers have been working very hard to bring the Word of God to more people as they come into the Bookshop. We are grateful to Henry Jordan for his commitment in overseeing the work and taking bookstalls to many events, and to Alice Irwin for drawing up the staff rotas very efficiently. We thank John Johnston for bringing stock from Real Life. We appreciate the partnership with the staff in Real Life especially in sourcing customer requests. We thank Letitia Moffitt for her role in organising events and helping with stock.

Bibles books children's books  
biographies CDs DVDs gifts and cards  
Something for all ages



Mr Paddy Jackson is one of our regular visitors and is a longstanding friend of the Bookshop.

Dear praying friends,  
Thank you for your continued prayers and interest. God has been faithful over the summer months. We were involved in the Ballinamallard Holiness meetings in July which were a blessing to those who attended. We also had a good outreach in Dublin in late July. Please pray for P. who wants to serve the Lord.



The work in Scotland continues with regular visitation of Christians and unbelievers. Pray for our legal difficulties which have been an immense burden recently as we seek to recover the mission centre and properties. Thalia is keeping well but, with six little ones to look after, she would value prayer. Wesley has scheduled three trips to Scotland in September and October 2016.

**Wesley and Thalia Mitchell, Glenwarren, Shanmullagh, Ballinamallard, BT94 2EY Mobile: 07764165235**

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

All who faithfully pray for our work.  
Ministers and pastors who support us in our outreach.  
Those who contribute generously to our work.  
Our faithful team members.

For all who help in administration and preparation of literature.  
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.*

## Sales

June was a good month for sales as more

churches than normal ordered their Sunday School prizes and we praise God for their custom. A difference was noticed in July as sales dropped slightly but that gave us time to plan the Bookshop outreach events such as the Virginia Show and the Ploughing Championships. A team led by Andrew McCausland took part in outreach at the Ploughing Championships and a report will be in our next issue (DV). In September we regained sales from Sunday Schools as they ordered their teaching materials for another season of teaching the Word of God.

## Events

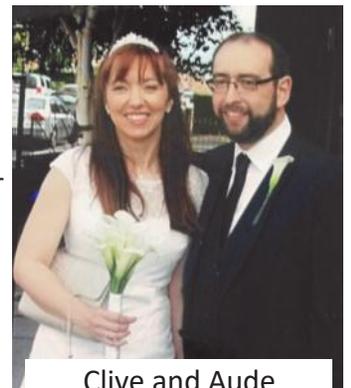
Our Gospel Evening in Cloverhill on 9 September was attended by a great crowd of people. Musicians and singers used their talents and gifts to the glory of God. It was a very enjoyable evening and Henry and the staff express their thanks to all who contributed so generously to the work of the Bookshop. We were pleased to learn that in October we will be hosting Dr Klaus-Dieter John who will share the miraculous story of Diospi Suyana hospital in Peru. We are also very excited as we will welcome Mr George Conn on 1 November.

George will give a talk about the life and times of John Deere in the Cavan Crystal Hotel (DV).

## Staff News

We congratulate our long-serving staff member, Mr Clive Deering, who was married on 27 August to Aude. We wish them a lifetime of happiness and may God's blessing be upon them throughout their journey together.

We thank God for His hand of healing for staff members who have been ill and we are pleased that they are back with us. Others are still unwell and we would ask you to pray for God's healing for them. We would like to thank you for your constant prayers and ask you to continue to pray for us.



Clive and Aude

## Leon McDermott

### Prayer Points

That through the witness of the Bookshop the Word of God will be shared with more people.  
For the planned events and the bookstalls in the autumn and winter.  
For health and strength for all of our staff.

# Achill Outreach 16-23 July 2016

16 team members 2 Gospel Evenings  
975 homes visited and booklets distributed  
10 Young People's Bible Clubs  
3 Care Centre Meetings



## Keel Clubs

Another year has passed and we rejoice as we reflect on the indescribable goodness of God to our team and to every child and adult He brought across our path in the Keel Clubs. Surely we can say without fear of contradiction that the Lord God we serve is able. As we laid our thoughts and plans before God in prayer, we asked Him to make them His plans and to shape our service to His glory. Keel Clubs 2016 began on Monday 18 July and to say we were excited would be an understatement. Our team of nine people consisted of those who served at Keel Clubs during the previous two years and those for whom it was their first time on the island. We give thanks to God for His hand at work in drawing the team together and extend special thanks to Amy, our team member and sports coach for her willingness to join with us again this year. We rested content in the knowledge that we were all of one accord in the Gospel and it was our sole desire to be in Keel serving Almighty God.

As we glanced towards the sand dunes that first morning of the week-long clubs, having expectantly set out the sports equipment, we saw them coming! Familiar faces calling our names and new children and young people too, all making their way to join us for the first club. Our hearts were overwhelmed as we renewed

friendships and welcomed newcomers. Alongside this we had the privilege of getting to know parents and family members, building good friendships and opening communication lines with them. This was the beginning of a wonderful week reaching children and families for Christ and teaching them the Word of God. We count it the greatest privilege to have the opportunity to explain God's love, mercy and grace to children and invite them to trust Jesus as their personal Saviour. Salvation is of the Lord. Last year we held morning sports clubs, whereas this year we took a step of faith and extended the sports activities into the afternoon as well, with a designated time for sharing the Bible message, the memory verses (1 Corinthians 15:3,4), singing choruses and enjoying the Bible quiz. Attendance was excellent at both clubs every day, even on Thursday when we saw the first rain of the week (lots of it!). God makes no mistakes, and as we held the clubs that day in Keel Community Centre, the children and young people were able to practise for the special time of praise and sharing with family and friends later that evening. The Evening for Parents and Friends was such an encouragement and verification of God's

hand at work. As the children sang the choruses they had learned and said the memory verses without even one mistake, those present were noticeably moved. The missionary story of *Mary Jones and Her Bible* was shared with everyone present. We thank God for how He spoke to hearts through this message and to one young girl in particular who showed a great interest in what she heard. Such was her enthusiasm that she retold the story to her Dad when she went home that night and next day her father came to the beach to ask where he could buy the story of *Mary Jones and Her Bible*. Having answered his question, we were also delighted to be able to give this young girl a DVD of the story. Please pray that God will continue to speak into her heart and life as well as to her family. We saw God's hand at work over and over again throughout the week. To Him be all the glory.

**Sandra Cowan, Thomas Hanna,  
Matthew McFadden, Sarah McFadden,  
Norman McFadden, Hazel McFadden,  
Jacqueline Porter,  
Joan Watts, Amy Wethers**



We had the privilege of returning to Achill the same week as the group were having children's clubs on Keel beach. On Sunday they kindly invited the team for dinner, enabling us to renew fellowship and pray. It is always a joy to meet up with John and Tony and to join with the folk in Calvary Mission in Westport. Over the week we visited three care centres and we were warmly welcomed. We called at many homes distributing Dick Keogh's Saint Patrick booklets and invitations to two Gospel Evenings.

## Maurice and Gretta Patterson

I had an enjoyable time in Achill visiting homes in Dooagh, Pollagh and Keel. The highlight for me was when the children who attended the beach clubs repeated the memory verse and sang the choruses which they learned on the beach at an evening in Keel Community Hall in front of parents, grandparents and our team. It was an honour to be involved in this work of bringing the Gospel to these lovely people. It was a great delight to meet a gentleman who returned a reply slip requesting a large print New Testament and Psalms for his aunt. He said she was thrilled to receive it and was able to read verses that were special to her.

**Philip Hawe**



We covered the Corraun Peninsula for the third summer distributing Gospel booklets and invitations to two Gospel Evenings. We had very good conversations with people and feel we are being accepted more as they get to know us. It was interesting to meet people from other countries who were on holiday. We met local people whom we have got to know over the years since we started going to Achill.

## Jack and Alice Irwin

### Prayer Points

That God will continue to speak to the young people and family members who attended the Bible Clubs.

That God will work in the lives of people who read the literature and draw them to Himself.

# Croagh Patrick 30-31 July 2016

We had an excellent outreach at Croagh Patrick. The weather was good and because of this many people stopped to talk and had meaningful conversations with team members. Some people talked for twenty minutes and one man said he would seriously consider what had been discussed. Thank God for everyone who took home a booklet, *Saint Patrick and the Cry of the Irish*. David Elwood drove the van and, with the help of Mervyn Camlin and Ian Megarry, they did an excellent job.

## Bob and Christina Bell

It was a wonderful privilege and yet a tremendous responsibility to be part of the IEB/OMS/MFM outreach on 'Reek Sunday'. The team met on Saturday evening at Lough Lannagh Village for orientation, fellowship and prayer. There was a lovely time of worship and praise, a short message from God's Word and a very sincere time of prayer when God was very present. There was a great desire to receive children's literature. What a joy to get good Gospel literature into the hands of the children of Ireland. The outreach team with all age groups worked in unity one with another. There were many divine appointments. It is our hearts' desire and earnest prayer to God that many dear folk will come to know the Saviour.

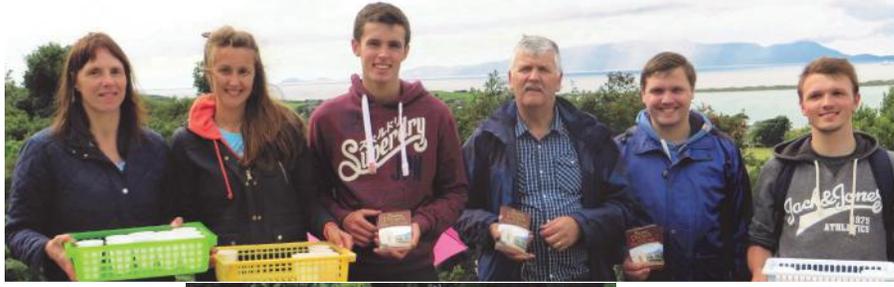
## Donald Coulter OMS Ireland

The children's literature was a massive hit and I trust that the children are active in doing the activities and learning Gospel truths as they do so. I think this is an area to target as people are so keen to gain resources for their kids. I enjoyed the sense of fun, accommodation, food and fellowship. It is great to see different organisations and people meeting together with one purpose. The burden for Ireland was clear during the time of prayer. I would love to gather together more young people for the weekend in the future and this is something I hope to raise awareness of during the year.

## Ross Coulter

We had a good number of folks lending us a hand which meant that the load was not left to a few of us. We had good conversations with pilgrims, but our main task was to give out as many of the Saint Patrick booklets as possible. These were well received and some people asked for more. We distributed many children's books and they went down very well.

## Reuben and Carol Kirkland



## Prayer Points

That the Holy Spirit will speak to these people and that they will trust in Jesus and not in a system.

That the Bibles and booklets will be read and many would come to faith in the Lord.

For permission to use the driveway to park the van and put up the stand next year (DV).

We set off on the climb in ideal weather conditions - a clear, mild, dry day, and saw amazing views from the mountain. There was a steady stream of people and some climbing in bare feet. We saw a helicopter mountain rescue when someone had a heart attack. Many people prayed as they climbed. After the climb we distributed many welcome cups of juice which were all gratefully received and well earned, together with the Saint Patrick booklet which we pray will have an impact on people's lives.

## Keith and Esther Warwick

46 team members  
4450 booklets distributed  
5400 cups of juice and tea distributed

It was wonderful to see the pilgrims accepting the booklets. We know they really appreciated the

juice. There was a lot of literature distributed from the stand, especially calendars and children's books. What a joy it is to know these books are going into homes all over Ireland and even further away. We pray that these books will be read and that God will speak to many hearts.

## Trevor and Hazel Johnston

Many pilgrims seemed to have developed a habit of doing the climb and seeing it as a physical challenge rather than deeply spiritual. Most of the good conversations came in the afternoon. Pray for an accountant who engaged in spiritual conversation and quoted Scripture twice without knowing the verse and chapter. Some would like to stay in ignorance rather than be alerted to their spiritual danger.

## Hillas Williams

*'Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me' (Psalm 27:7).*

Six members of the Woods family, two of my family, a friend and I took part in the outreach. To look up at the mountain and see a steady stream of pilgrims going up and down and realise that thousands had gone home with a booklet which points them to Christ was a great blessing. We sensed a great openness among the pilgrims and had very engaging conversations with six individuals who were concerned to know assurance of their sins forgiven. We pray that God will continue to speak to these individuals through the Gospel literature and will bring them to a position of trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Joseph Crozier

George Laverty and I arrived at Lough Lannagh in Castlebar at 4pm. After a lovely meal, we were given helpful information regarding the outreach. After an early start on Sunday we made our way to Croagh Patrick where people were already making their way up the mountain. We distributed literature and juice and engaged in some conversations. The pilgrims were friendly and appreciated the refreshments. It is our prayer that many will put their trust in Jesus and find eternal life.

## Albert Foster

## Tipperary 27 June-1 July 2016

**10 team members**  
**2000 homes visited and booklets distributed**

Our main aim was to leave Gospel literature in as many HOMES as possible and if, during the course of the week, God enabled us to place this literature into the HANDS of the people, then that was to be regarded as an extra blessing, a 'bonus'.

We took this approach because it is often the case that, during and after door-to-door outreach, team members can become discouraged. Either there is a lack of response or many people are not at home when they call and therefore they have no personal contact.



### Prayer Point

That the Lord will be pleased to prosper His Gospel outreach.

So we reminded ourselves before we set out that the Gospel of Christ 'is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth' (Romans 1:16) and that 'the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword' (Hebrews 4:12).

God has promised: 'So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it' (Isaiah 55:11).

So with this encouragement from God's Word we, God's people, went out each day praying that God would establish His Word in the HEARTS of the people of Thurles, Templemore, Borrisoleigh and Killenaule.

**Michael and Lesley Quinn**  
**Thurles Baptist Church**

## Belmullet 23-30 July 2016

**8 team members**  
**2 Gospel Evenings**  
**1525 homes visited and booklets distributed**  
**4 Care Centre Meetings**

It was a blessing and encouragement to be part of a team of eight people who worked on outreach. We enjoyed good fellowship as we planned and prayed together each morning. It was good to visit around the doors with invites to the Gospel Evenings and Dick Keogh's new Saint Patrick booklet. Most of the homes in the town and on the peninsula were visited and contact renewed with people from previous visits. The Gospel Evenings were held in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel and Eachleim Heritage Centre and we had fifteen local people attending. It was good to have Neil Shaw to sing at these evenings and Ian, one of our team members, helped with the music. The Wheelchair Centre, Ti Aire Care Centre and the Community Hospital were also visited and we shared the Gospel in Word and song.

**Robert and Sharon Swanton**

*'The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad' (Psalm 126:3).*



Staff at the Wheelchair Centre were very interested in our work and inquired about other counties in Ireland where we would be singing. The day visitors and staff really enjoyed singing with us. We were welcomed warmly at the Community Hospital by residents and staff who participated in the singing and heard God's Word. At the Gospel Evenings people really became involved with the music and listened to the Gospel message. Pray that people will respond to the Gospel and receive salvation.

**Neil Shaw**

My Romanian friend, Daniel Enescu, and I were blessed as we distributed Dick Keogh's booklet, *Saint Patrick and the Cry of the Irish*, and invitations to Gospel Evenings. We covered a good area in Belmullet town and in the Eachleim area. Daniel did the most, with his young legs!

I was also privileged to present the Gospel message in a local care centre and to testify to God's grace in my life at the meeting in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel.

**Andy Lovell**

### Prayer Points

That God would continue to speak to the people who heard the Gospel and received the literature.

That they would accept His gift of eternal life.

That God will guide about future outreach in Belmullet.

## Westport 30-31 July 2016

**5 team members**  
**720 booklets distributed**

*'Bearing precious seed' (Psalm 126:6).*

Norman Quinn, David Henry, Steven Ballantine, Valerie Wilson and I were members of the Westport team. On Saturday, after a time of devotion, the team set up a table of Christian literature outside the Good News 4 U Bookshop at the Octagon in the centre of Westport. This was manned from mid-morning to mid-afternoon and Saint Patrick booklets were distributed to passers-by. Valerie and I delivered 200 booklets to houses in the Quay Road and Quayside areas of the town.

Steven, David and I travelled from Tyrone and assisted Harry at the book table, the Square and around the block. On Sunday morning we attended the Westport Calvary Church where Paudge spoke. We attended Croagh Patrick and distributed the booklet, *Saint Patrick and the Cry of the Irish*, in the whole coastal village of Louisburg.

To ease travel we took an extra day, enjoyed our picnics by the coast and had a good night's sleep before travelling home.

This outreach was new to some of us. Nevertheless, we had good conversations and booklets were well received by the majority of people.

**Norman Quinn**

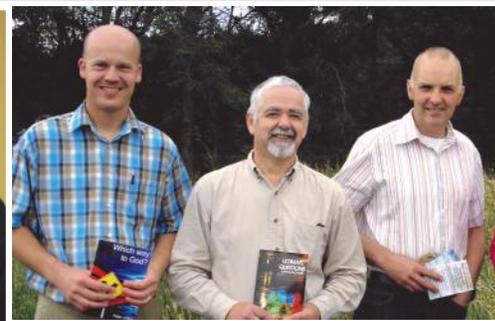
### Prayer Points

That lives will be transformed through reading the literature distributed.

For God's blessing upon Paudge Mulvihill and The Calvary Mission.



# Inishowen 8-29 August 2016



**35 team members**  
**7 Gospel Evenings**  
**8000 homes visited and**  
**booklets distributed**  
**4 Care Centre Meetings**  
**Fahan Presbyterian**  
**Church supporting IEB**  
**in Inishowen**



Individual members of the Inishowen Congregation of Fahan have been prayerfully and financially supporting IEB for some years. The Mission Plan of the church has as one of its goals: 'Dedicate a prayer meeting to IEB and church members to attend local IEB outreach events.' This year again the Inishowen outreach was brought before the Lord in prayer at the twice-monthly prayer meetings. It was lovely to have Joan and some of her team attend in person one of the Thursday evening prayer meetings. Some Fahan members distributed invitations door to door for the Inishowen 'Music and Friendship Evenings'. The invitations left at each house were accompanied by the excellent booklet, *Hope when You are Hurting*, by Dick Keogh. Most householders accepted the invitations readily with a small minority making it clear by saying for example, "No Jesus Christ in this house." We made fast progress when we travelled with up to five in a car. On other occasions one member would work alone. The weather was mainly fine although some invitations were distributed during heavy, driving rain. It is our prayer that the work of IEB will take place in fertile soil.

**James Lamberton**

At their homes people listened very well as we communicated something of the Word through the Gospel booklets. Home visits were made to previous

contacts, some of whom are very needy.

**Andy Lovell**

It was a joy to help in the outreach. The people I met were mostly open, friendly and graciously accepted the literature. I shared the Gospel message from John chapter three with a girl from Scotland who had never ever heard the Gospel. She was very interested and we have exchanged telephone numbers as we intend to stay in contact. The Gospel Evenings were well attended with unsaved young people as well as older in attendance. Graham Murphy, John Porter and Neil Shaw brought messages in song which were a blessing.

**Angela Wauchope**

Five of us from Moneymore visited Merville and Buncrana. Having visited these towns over a number of years we have built up good relationships with people. We distributed over 1200 invitations and Gospel leaflets. In Buncrana we were saddened when we called at the home of an alcoholic man, only to find that he had died. We spoke to him in the past and one can only trust that he read the various leaflets and accepted Jesus as his Saviour. Pray for a man who asked many questions about the Bible and who, we believe, is close to giving his life to Christ.

**Jim Davison**

It was a privilege to take part in the meetings. We thank God for those spoken to at their homes. We praise God for His people whose help we continue to receive, both prayerfully and practically. We do so as one unto the Lord. Praise God that we are still in the day of open doors (Revelation 3:20).

**John Mulhern**

Many doors and hearts were open in the area we visited. We give thanks to God for worthwhile conversations. Vincent Brown, Ricky Henry and John Mulhern brought challenging and encouraging messages from the Word of God.

**Eric and Olive Borland**

Bert Cupples and I distributed invitations in the Quigley's Point area. This was a familiar place as both of us had been here before. As usual, we were well received as we visited homes and we were delighted that six people who had no Bibles received New Testaments. This thrilled our hearts as the Word of God is now in six more homes. We are reminded that 'the Word of God is quick and powerful' (Hebrews 4:12) and also that 'God's Word shall not return unto Him void' (Isaiah 55:11). So it is with prayerful confidence we leave these people in God's hands.

**Hugh Wylie**

'Run the race to win the prize' was the theme in the Tul Na Ri when I spoke on 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Paul exhorts Christians to discipline their lives to win the imperishable prize in heaven. In the Malin Hotel my talk was entitled 'God is Love'. I reminded people of God's most important commandment to love Him and that love is patient and kind.

**Vincent Brown**

## Prayer Points

*That those who read the Gospel leaflets and attended the Gospel Evenings will hear the Word, receive it and bring forth fruit.*  
*That God will bless His Word as people are saved.*  
*That the Holy Spirit will speak to hearts.*

In this Eightieth Anniversary of the founding of IEB we praise God for the godly men and women who served Him faithfully with IEB in past years. We thank all who contributed articles and photographs for this magazine. We thank God for many volunteers who served with us in recent years. We appreciate the support of ministers, pastors and friends who have shared the burden of reaching the lost with the Gospel. Over this past summer local Christians in Fanad and Inishowen joined our teams and helped with the work. As we look prayerfully to God for the future of IEB we are very encouraged by your prayers and support in our outreach and mission programme.

**Joan McAlister**





**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OUTREACH 16/17**

**Achill/Belmullet 2016**  
 Saturday 12 to Saturday 26 November  
**Fanad County Donegal 2016**  
 Thursday 1 to Tuesday 13 December  
**Roscommon/Mayo/Leitrim 2016/17**  
 Tues 27 December to Sat 7 January  
**Achill/Belmullet 2017**  
 Saturday 18 to Saturday 25 March

**IEB/OMS OUTREACH REUNION EVENING**

Epworth Methodist Church, Portadown  
 Friday 10 February 2017 at 7.15pm  
 Speaker Rev Bobby Loney

**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY OUTREACH 2017**

Various Venues Friday 17 March

**WEST OF IRELAND CONVENTION 2017**

Sligo Presbyterian Church  
 Saturday 13 May at 8pm  
 and Sunday 14 May at 3.30 and 7pm  
 Guest Speaker  
 Rev Kyle Hanlon

**OUTREACH & MISSION SUMMER 2017**

**Fanad, Donegal** Tues 23 May to Thurs 8 June  
**Roscommon/Mayo** Sat 10 to Sat 17 June  
**Sligo/Leitrim** Tues 20 June to Fri 30 June  
**Tipperary** Sat 24 June to Sat 1 July  
**Achill** Sat 15 to Sat 22 July  
**Belmullet** Sat 22 to Sat 29 July  
**Westport** Fri 28 to Sun 30 July  
**Croagh Patrick** Sat 29 and Sun 30 July  
**Inishowen, Donegal** Sat 5 to Wed 30 Aug



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**Fellowship Evenings 2016/17**

**Strabane Thursday 13 October at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev Mark Shaw  
**Corick House Friday 14 October at 7pm**  
 Speaker Rev Dr John Finlay  
**Camagh Saturday 15 October at 8pm**  
 Speaker Mr Alan Bartley  
**Portadown Thursday 27 October at 8pm**  
 Speakers Mr Osmond Mulligan and Mr Norman Wilkinson  
**Kinnego Sabbath School Hall, Loughgall Saturday 4 February at 7.30pm**  
 Speaker Rev Jim Lyons  
**Banbridge Wednesday 8 February at 8pm in Banbridge Baptist Church**  
 Reports by Outreach Team Members  
 Speaker Mr Gilbert Beck  
**Derrycarne Sunday 12 February**  
 Speaker Rev Christy Irwin at 8.15pm  
**Castleblaney Sat 18 February at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev David Hagan  
**Ballinagh Friday 24 February at 8pm**  
 Speaker Mr Paul Johnston  
**Castleberg Thursday 2 March at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev John Beacom  
**Dromore Sunday 5 March at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev Duane Russell  
**Gibson's Hill, Lurgan Sunday 12 March**  
 Speaker Rev Malcolm Kingston at 3.30pm  
**Monaghan Friday 17 March at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev Raymond Moore  
**Drumcree, Portadown 3 April at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev Frank Gibson  
**Enniskillen Friday 7 April at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev Eric Moore  
**Clones Easter Monday 17 April at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev Daryl Edwards  
**Mavemacullen Saturday 22 April at 8pm**  
 Speaker Miss Elizabeth Conn  
**Desertmartin Sunday 23 April at 8pm**  
 Speaker Mr David Collins  
**Clogher Tuesday 16 May at 8pm**  
 Speaker Rev Alan Moore



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**TEAM OUTREACH AND MISSION INFORMATION SUMMER 2016**

Month	April	May/June	June/July	July	July	July	July	August	March to May	TOTALS
Location	Achill Belmullet	Fanad	Tipperary	Achill	Belmullet	Croagh Patrick	Westport	Inishowen	Other Areas	
Gospel Evenings		3		2	2			7		14
Children's Bible Clubs				10						10
Care Centre Meetings	6	3		3	4			4		20
Team Members	7	33	10	16	8	46	5	35	12	172
Homes visited and/or Booklets distributed	130	4440	2000	975	1525	4450	720	8000	2510	24 750
Tea/juice distributed						5400				5400