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Dear Friends,

Recently Heather and I were reading from the third chapter of Exodus. Moses was taking care of his father-in-law's sheep. As he was leading the sheep to find grass, God spoke to him in a miraculous way. Moses noticed that a bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. This left Moses puzzled and curious. As he approached the burning bush God spoke to him. God told him to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. But Moses made excuses why he couldn't do what God had asked him. Basically Moses was saying to God, "I can't do what you are asking me to do!" God encouraged him by saying "But I can and I will be with you, I will help you."

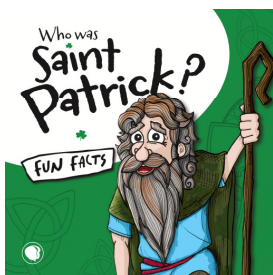
I wonder is God asking you to do something to help reach children and young people with the gospel? Has He been challenging you to teach in a Good News Club or Junior Youth Challenge? Perhaps last Christmas He wanted you to hold a one-off "Christmas Together Club?" Sadly like Moses you have been making excuses. Like Moses you are saying, "I can't, I just wouldn't be able to do it." God's Word hasn't changed. God wants you to know that He can help you to do what He is asking you to do and that He will be with you.

Heather and I could make the excuse and say that because we are shadowing David and Rosemary we have no time to teach the children directly. Praise God that we can. We are enjoying being able to teach twenty five keen and inquisitive children on a Thursday afternoon in Killowen Primary Good News Club. Many of these children have no church connection. What a privilege it is to teach them from God's Word. At present we are teaching a series of lessons from the Old Testament which focuses on the life of Elijah.

Sadly throughout Ireland there are still too many children who are not being taught from God's Word. Why? Because there is no-one taking the time to teach them. Praise God for the churches who do. Praise God for the clubs that are being taken by our workers and volunteers. But what about the children who are not being reached? Could you help? For C.E.F. to reach more children and young



people we need more full time workers and dedicated volunteers. Has God been challenging you to become involved in this ministry? Remember when He asks you to do a task, He will help you to accomplish it.



During the first half of March many of our C.E.F. workers will be handing out the new St. Patrick's booklet. This booklet was designed and produced by our very capable multimedia team. We are hoping that 1000s of these will be handed out around housing areas and at St. Patrick's Day parades. Would you be free and available to help them in this vital ministry?

Prayer is a ministry that every Christian can take part in. The work of C.E.F. depends on the prayers of God's people. Please do accept our grateful thanks for the time that you already spend praying for us as a couple and for the mission. Please do plan to join with us this month at one of the meetings that has been arranged during our Spring Week of Prayer, which takes place from March 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your area workers will be able to inform you about the meetings that have been arranged near to where you live. On St. Patrick's Day you can join us for a Zoom prayer meeting from 9.30 ~ 10.30am. The login details are as follows, meeting id 837 2369 3276 and passcode Luke10:2

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April C.E.F. of Ireland are planning a day of prayer and fasting. As part of that, our workers will be joining together in the National Office in Belfast, from 10.30 ~ 11.30am. If you are free you can join with us in person or via Zoom. Please contact us if you would like the login details.

Heather and I do really appreciate the concern that you have for us as we take on our new role. As we look ahead we do feel like Moses did. Thankfully our Heavenly Father reminds us that He will be with us. He will enable us to do what He has called us to do. We are very thankful for the time that David and Rosemary are giving to us. We are also thankful for their patience, as they have had to take time to show us so much. Please pray for them, that they will continue to be encouraged and that they will know God's leading as they look ahead to a new chapter in their lives.

Take care,  
David and Heather

	<p><b><u>National Prayer Texts</u></b></p> <p>Each week we send out National Prayer requests. If you would like to receive them please contact us.</p>	
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