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“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.”

1 Corinthians Ch9Vs14

LIVE OF THE GOSPEL!

For 19 years we have proved this truth - God remains faithful. Right now, times are testing! We have reduced our working hours and stopped claiming mileage expenses; but currently Child Evangelism Fellowship in Co. Armagh is struggling financially due to skyrocketing costs.

Back in 2020 we put out a post during COVID to say financially we are doing okay and if anyone needed to stop their financial support for a time, please don't be embarrassed to do so. In that same post I said I'd be sure to let you know if our situation changes - well now it has, and for the worse.

If you have ever benefited from our ministry, or the ministry of CEF then perhaps you could reconsider your position and offer a small monthly financial donation towards CEF Armagh.

Pride wants to stop me from including this message. But I'd rather swallow my pride than post a message saying that I'm looking for a new job.

If you're one of our current supporters and you've read this length, then "THANK YOU!" Thank you for your faithfulness to God, your giving is to Him, not us. We covet your prayers, and nothing more.

Door to door deliveries: If you've been around Child Evangelism Fellowship® for any length of time then you will be very familiar with many of the "CEF core ministries"; Good News Clubs, Youth Challenge, Camps and 5 Day Clubs etc. These are the bread-and-butter ministries of a local CEF worker and where we invest most of our time throughout the year, either conducting these ministries or else trying to get them established.

But there are many lesser-known jobs that falls as the responsibility of the local worker. Did you ever wonder how CEF literature gets into the hands of those using it? The local worker receives batch material orders from churches and individuals, then forwards them to National Office. Then like a delivery driver we collect the literature, collate it, distribute it and manage payments. In this regard we help to facilitate ministry across the County.

Dozens of **deliveries** get made every year, and thousands of miles get travelled so that the word of God can be shared with children in a church, or garden near you. We are grateful to all who use our high-quality materials to teach children the Bible and we are delighted to be able to put that into your hands personally.



Lurgan Junior High SU: Throughout the year we also get invited to speak at "one-off" meetings for teenagers and youth groups. Around Easter time we received an invitation to take the **Scripture Union** at Lurgan Junior High, this gives the freedom to speak biblically upon a topic that's relevant to teenagers. Taking the topic of "a faith that works" allowed us to talk about having victory over temptation."

Donacloney Primary School P7 Class: At times we also get to take school classes. This differs from a School Assembly, where you address the whole school body. In May we were invited into Donacloney Primary school to take a 45minute **workshop** on Anti-bullying and online safety, for the 28 children in P6/7. This is a spin off from our “Crossfire: Not Ashamed” program which we retired in June last year, but the message that we shared remains just as important. We spoke from James Ch3 on the “The danger of the tongue” and then gave an online gaming safety talk based upon our 40 years of knowledge gained from this industry.

A few days after the event Lindsay received this message from the parent of one of the P7’s “So, you and Gareth were in Donacloney Primary last week. My son was sitting in the front row. He was able to tell me everything you said and did, and he said you were both fantastic and lovely! He couldn’t believe it when I said I knew you guys.” Our sole purpose is to teach this current generation of children to trust the teaching of God’s word implicitly, let it be their guidebook and trust the saviour without reservation.

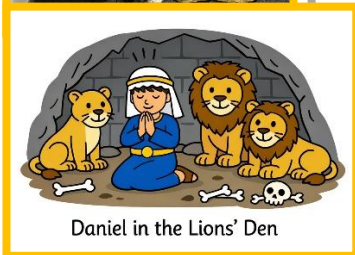
Church Speaking Engagements: For the past 3 years we have been delighted to help out with the Banbridge Independent Methodist Church Holiday Bible club. This has allowed us to get to know their volunteers and some of the children who attend. So, it was lovely to get an invitation to be their speaker for **children’s day** this year. This gave us an opportunity to share the gospel with many of their parents also.

Earlier this year we also got an invitation to Lurgan Church of the Nazarene to share a little bit about the ministry of CEF and **preach** in their morning service.

An opportunity also presented itself to speak to the children at Lurgan Baptist church as part of their morning service. If you need a **children’s speaker** or would like an update on our ministry, get in touch!



Campfest NI: From 1st- 3rd May Lindsay returned to Seaview camp centre for a very different kind of camp. **Campfest** is a weekend residential camp for families with children with Special Educational Needs. With being assigned the task of teaching the lesson on “Daniel in the den of lions” this meant spending days creating a sensory lesson. It was an interesting challenge creating a lesson with sounds, smells, touch and plenty of interaction for the children. It was certainly a new experience for Lindsay adjusting to a new teaching style but one she thoroughly enjoyed. It was a busy weekend with 9 families and 18 children/ young people in attendance. The children always enjoy hunt the leader with this year’s theme being animals. The Bible treasure times are always wonderful, pray on for the children that as they learned about God the great creator, God is the only real God, and God is the one to trust that those truths speak into their hearts, and many know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.



5 Day Clubs in School: We have never really put much focus, or time into running **5 Day Clubs in primary schools**, but this year we thought we would change that. With visits to Mountnorris, Hamiltonsbawn, Newtownhamilton and Derryhale we were able to maximise our time and reach many more children than we typically do when we go outdoors. Maybe we’ll add to this next year.



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Ministry Priorities:

- **Prayer:** “Without God we can do nothing”
- **Connection:** “Without help we can do little”
- **Training:** “Without training we become stale”
- **Evangelism:** “Without a vision people perish”
- **Rest:** “Without rest we are prone to exhaustion”

Gareth & Lindsay Gwynne