



Joel's Prayer Journal

Autumn 2011

Summer Praises

It is exciting to witness the Lord's hand at work in the lives of children and young people. The Word of God transforms lives!

Working in youth ministry is such a privilege as you see young people understanding biblical truths for the first time. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him by teaching and discipling young people.

In preparation for Holiday Bible Club at Ballee Baptist this year, I enlisted 16 young people from the church to help with advertising the club in two of our local primary schools. It was great to see them serving the Lord. They did a fantastic job with those assemblies and during HBC!

I served my fifth year on the Portballintrae CSSM team for two weeks on the North Coast of N. Ireland. I work with the 8-11s. As

secret agents, we took on the mission of discovering more about God by looking at some of His names which we find in the Bible.

I then launched into our two weeks of Word of Life camps. We run four camps. Teen and junior camps in the Lake District and in Devon. This was my first summer as the Camp Director. I praise the Lord for granting me wisdom and strength. He provided a great team to work with. We praise the Lord for the 3 girls who trusted Jesus as Saviour during those two weeks.

I returned to Wallyford again this summer to assist the team there with their outreach to the teenagers of the village. We used facebook as an illustration throughout the week for explaining Gospel truths.

My final two weeks of summer ministry were spent

with Dublin Christian Mission. The first week was a family camp. I worked primarily with the teenage guys, sharing simple biblical truths. It was a blessing to watch God work in their lives. The second week was for 15-18s. I enjoyed being able to challenge the young men I was working with a little more. These young people struggle to apply God's truth. They have a head knowledge but we need to pray that God would help them to understand what it really means to have a daily relationship with Him.



Guys in my tent at DCM

Word of Life European Directors' Conference

I had the privilege of joining the European field directors at their conference in Paris. It was an energizing week. We heard reports from each field director as to what God is doing through Word of Life in each of their countries. It is exciting to see how God is

using WOL to His glory!

Our speaker, Pastor John Bouquet from Ohio, was challenging us from the life of Elijah, the prophet of boldness. I was challenged by the importance of prayer in ministry. It needs to be a greater part of my ministry.

God laid it on my heart to make prayer a priority. So this week I went to pray with the principals of some of the local schools to pray for them, their staff and the needs of the young people. We must be a people of prayer!



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Praise Points:

- An extremely blessed and fruitful summer of ministry
- For the 3 girls who trusted the Lord Jesus as Saviour during our two weeks of Word of Life camps
- The opportunity to work alongside the staff at Dublin Christian Mission
- All the young people whose lives were transformed this summer by God's Word

Prayer Points:

- That those young people who made commitments this summer would see them through
- Wisdom as we lay foundations for the ministry of Word of Life here in Northern Ireland
- Opportunities to build new contacts with churches here in N. Ireland
- That I would have purpose in my passion and passion in my purpose

Purpose & Passion

At the Directors' Conference, Kris Stout, the Vice President for Int'l Ministries challenged us to have "passion in our purpose and purpose in our passion". The purpose of WOL is to "Reach Youth with the Gospel of Christ". I thank God for the passion which He has given me to do that. We seek to reach these young people through local churches. We understand that evangelism needs to be from, as well as channel into, the local church. So we run evangelistic events like Superteams, a fun, high-activity, team event. Ballee Baptist will host one on October 15. We run Holiday Bible Clubs and youth missions. I am also involved in schools ministry—taking morning assemblies, helping with weekly clubs and speaking at Christian Union (CU) meetings.

My passion is discipleship—teaching people to grow in Christ. So how can I have purpose in my passion? I seek out opportunities to disciple young men. Through our Associate Staff Advancement Programme I have the privilege of discipling some young men using our correspondence course. Some of those guys are coming to stay with me for a weekend of discipleship—time in the Word of God and fellowship with the people of God. Discipleship is a key part of WOLUK's ministry as we seek to help young men and women grow in their faith.

Blessing from the Word

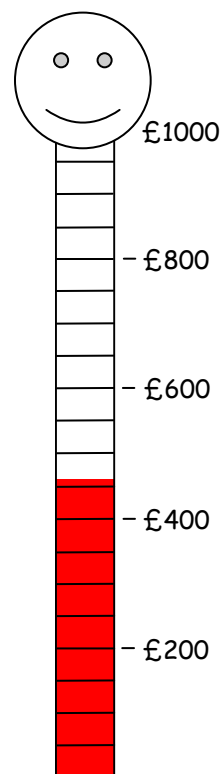
This morning, I was reading Psalm 136 which tells us of how God demonstrated His enduring, eternal, endless love for His people by delivering them from bondage and sustaining, protecting and providing for them as they journeyed to the Promised Land. Similarly, I can praise the Lord for how He demonstrated His enduring, eternal, endless love for me by delivering me out of my bondage to sin and for how He sustains, protects and provides for me each day. God's faithfulness is constant throughout time because He is unchanging.

Raising Support

Thank you for your prayers as I trust in the Lord to provide. I praise the Lord for one new monthly supporter! This brings me up to 45.5% of my initial monthly target.

I thank God for those of you who have given gifts. If you would like, One Time Gifts can be Gift Aided, so please ask me for the form.

If God has put the ministry of Word of Life on your heart and you would like to partner with me in the ministry then please get in touch with me or the Word of Life office.



Autumn Diary Highlights

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| Weekly | SU @ Camphill PS & Hope Club @ Harryville PS |
| Oct 14-16 | Speaking at Slemish College Senior SU Weekend |
| Oct 15 | Superteams @ Ballee Baptist |
| Oct 21-23 | WOL Associate Staff Training Weekend, Liverpool |



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