

PRAYER LETTER



COMMUNICATING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS



HOPE MONAGHAN

In the past month, we have had to close our Hope centre due to the government restrictions of COVID-19, however our mission does not stop. We took our *Storehouse Foodbank* on the road, using the Crown Jesus van to support so many during this time by delivering groceries and offering practical support.



Josh and Claire making foodbank deliveries.

The biggest concern for many was being financially able to keep going and there have also been a number of families who have been experiencing domestic abuse. We are looking forward to reconnecting with them when restrictions are lifted.

We would like to say a huge thank you for the support we've received so far. For the food donations, financial donations, and most importantly for your prayers. We will continue to share the love of Jesus through food parcels, the written Word and offering prayer support through our phone line. In the midst of all, we will endeavor to make Jesus known and share the hope that can be found in Him. Thank you for your continued support and please pray for the homes we have visited.

WELCOME

Dear praying friends,
More than ever before, we value your prayers in this unusual season. We are deeply thankful for each of you and for your support. Over a period of 7 weeks, we cancelled 208 events including school assemblies and church outreach projects. Our methods have changed but not our mission. With new social media resources, we reached over 90,000 people in the Easter weekend alone, and with testimonies and evangelism training all going online over the next few days, we need your prayers.

In 1999, we heard these words from Revelations 3:11 *'Hold on to what you now have, that no man may take your crown.'*

Today these words take on a different meaning, our context has changed as a result of COVID-19 and now the emphasis in my spirit shifts from the word 'CROWN' to the words 'HOLD ON'.

This is my prayer for each of you as you read this prayer letter.

'Father God, thank you for your Word, the Word that brings peace and eternal life, the Word that points us towards a crown of righteousness in heaven. Help us to HOLD ON. Father, in this moment when everything that can be shaken is being shaken, we thank you for your Word, which remains the unchanging anchor in the storm. Father God, it is my prayer this day that every prayer partner, whatever their circumstances and situation, will HOLD ON. I pray that they will not grow weary, that your HOLY SPIRIT will bring life, healing, protection, hope and abundant life. Glorify Jesus through them!'

In Jesus name, Amen. - Mitch

ACADEMY

We thank God for our Academy team this year. They have served and grown in so many ways and we couldn't do what we do without them! Please pray for the team, that they would finish well and also as they plan for their next steps after their internship.

We are currently advertising for next year's programme and so please pray that we would get the right team for what lies ahead.



ONLINE PRAYER

Each weekday morning since lockdown, Mitch and Amanda lead a prayer time online from 7:30am via *Facebook*, *Periscope* and *Instagram live*.

Hundreds of people are not only watching each day but engaging with prayer requests and messages of encouragement.

One person made contact to thank us for answered prayer, as his mother's health has improved. Another message came from a young girl who was struggling during lockdown, but is now using the prayer times to give her focus for the day and to pursue God in a deeper way. Additionally her father came across it on *Twitter* and now the whole family watch it together.

SHINE

This year's SHINE project was a tremendous success. With the project already running in Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, we were delighted to welcome Ireland on board as school groups from across these nations signed up to be part of this initiative. Our theme was *FEARLESS* and once again we provided video resources and support, helping groups to live out their faith in a school context. Each school ran their own *SHINE* event such as leading assemblies, sharing testimonies, special 'bring a friend' SU meetings etc. With around 150 schools involved, we thank God for the impact and lives reached through SHINE. Plans are well under way for next year and please pray for the team as they pull the resources together and seek to reach into more schools with the Good News of Jesus.



The UK and Ireland SHINE team.

KLASS KIDS

The Klass Kids team have enjoyed visiting many different schools this past academic year. Our puppet assembly production this year entitled *'The King, The Crown and The Promise'* aimed at helping children discover the promise of the One True King. Initially looking to the Davidic Covenant, the children went on an adventure to find that the greatest king was neither King David nor King Solomon. Rather, the greatest, one true King is Jesus Christ.

Our 'Klass Kids Explorers' after-school programme ran one afternoon a week for five weeks. This original programme explored topics that children face today, such as identity, purpose and the question of 'why Jesus?'. We found that children enjoyed themselves, engaged well with the programme and had many great questions as a result.



'Klass Kids Explorers' in action..

'Play Your Part' was a new and exciting music themed programme this academic year. The team spent a full day with a school exploring faith, teamwork and friendship through an interactive assembly and workshops. This programme offered schools an assembly production equally as engaging and interactive as our famous puppets and great reports came from the schools.

Please pray for all the children and teachers that have interacted with our team over these past months; pray that they would grasp the Good News of Jesus and that lives would be transformed as a result.

Please also continue to pray for the Klass Kids team as we seek to develop new programmes. Pray that we would know God's guidance and wisdom as decisions are made and plans come together.

IWAY

Our youth department has been so encouraged by this year's school visits. As well as taking our 3 week series *'The Gospel According to Youtube'* around SU groups, and delivering various RE lessons, we have had the opportunity to work with seven schools and their partnering Churches for our Iway events. We thank you for your continued prayers as we have been out and about with such a busy schedule. The latest Iway event was in Lisburn as part of the wider 10,000 lives project, and we got the opportunity to engage with the 5 secondary schools through their individual SU groups, lunch time events, assemblies & after-school specials. Unfortunately the Friday night event itself has had to be postponed, however we have been greatly encouraged by feedback from each school that God was very much at work, and are determined and excited to revisit the delivery of this event in the next school year.



Mountain Bike Champion, Colin Ross, was a special guest in the Lisburn schools.



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