

Light House...

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"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil 4:4-7

They say time flies when you are having fun or maybe time just flies. I have just realized that the 20th April 2010 was the end of my first year in the Mission and looking back over the year we have so much to be thankful for. God has so richly blessed us over the last year and he continues to bless us every day in the Mission at the Light House. I would also like to thank each and everyone for you continued prayer and support for us all in the Mission at the Light House. My praise and thanks goes out to all the volunteers who offer



up their time and gifts to serve at the drop-in. I would also like to say thank you very much to the team from Grass Valley Crossroads Church, California – Leslie Lockhart and Kirk Joyce with the Dublin Speak Out team who came to serve with us over Easter weekend – Kirk and Michelle Kettinger and the team from Roberts Wesleyan College, New York.

We are currently busy with some maintenance work in the kitchen and dining area in order to improve the overall service and dining experience. We hope to have the floor tiled, cooker replaced, dishwasher installed with work surfaces changed to stainless steel.

Please continue to pray for us as we continue work on this and we are thankful for the support and blessings we have already received for this. Please note, however, that this is not part of the redevelopment project but necessary work that has to be done in the interim to comply with health & food safety regulations. For more information on this please feel free to contact me by e-mail at: rocheanne@dcmlive.ie or visit the Light House page on Facebook for updates and pictures.

Please continue to pray for Marco and Thaddeus as they are becoming more and more committed to living their lives through the guidance of Christ and to follow in his ways. Please pray for the many new guests that we are welcoming to the drop-in each evening.

Please also remember that even though we may not know you personally or we have not met you yet, you and your families are always in our prayers and we praise and thank God all the time for your prayers and support.

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Seeing the reality of Christ in the lives of a leader sometimes spoke more to them than all the songs, testimonies and teaching. In these humble American ladies, the mothers clearly saw something that their children have been seeing for a long time.

Jesus just shone through Sonda and her team. They very naturally poured out the love of God through their humour, kindness, love and servant attitude.

A lot of the mothers have trusted in the Lord and the first night was a great time of worship and blessing. Sonda shared about THE LAMB throughout the Bible, clearly showing the unity of the Bible and God's answer to our great problem of sin in Christ. Bethany, the youngest team member, testified and greatly challenged the ten mothers with her struggles with drug and alcohol abuse and how the Lord had wonderfully delivered her.

On the second evening another five mothers attended. Once again they were all greatly blessed. This time team member, Nancy, spoke of great difficulties in her life and how amazingly, through an exquisite quilt designed by her mother and passed down to her at just the time she needed it, God had clearly spoken to her and proved he loved her. All of us were moved as we could see that God is in control. He had set in motion events decades in the past to answer a cry to him from a person's heart.

Not forgetting the three men of God on the team who greatly blessed the Ballyer Boys, we praise the Lord for Women of God from Grass Valley.



Special and Urgent needs...

We are grateful to all those who have sent items of practical use to the work. We have immediate need for the following:-

- men's jackets, socks, underwear, coats and shoes
- sports equipment for camp
- Lego, school stationery i.e. copies, pens
- concrete mixer
- sleeping bags and blankets

If you can help with any of the above items, please contact the Mission office at Dublin 6775548 or 8728110.

Mission Statement

It is our mission to relate the love of God in word and deed to the unrelated of our city, lead the willing to a saving knowledge of God's grace, nurture the obedient as disciple making disciples into a local Fellowship and maintain our efforts to the highest available standards.

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First Focus...

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."
Matt 28:18-20

Jesus is about to ascend into heaven; his physical, earthly ministry is at an end; he has taught his disciples all things and now sends them out with the ongoing mission of teaching those things to others. They are to go to all nations which is rather a tall order for just eleven men and yet the commission is based on a very powerful premise, i.e. that all power in heaven and earth is in the hands of the sender.

In Acts ch1, Luke records that Jesus commands his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. They would receive power and would be his witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria and

unto the uttermost part of the earth. In first century Palestine, Ireland was the uttermost part of the earth. The witnesses reached our shores over 1500 years ago. We are the fulfilment of the words of Christ which have been proven true. By his power those eleven men have filled a tall order.

In today's increasingly secular Irish society, the church is no longer witness to the in and up. The method of church growth that saw generations of our people come into church buildings to be lead up to God, is no longer effective. The accelerated rate of decline is breathtaking in just one generation. If the Church is to stem this loss, consideration needs to be given to the idea of being the witness of the down and out. Witness once again of the God who came down to reconcile and sends out to declare his teaching.

Still the commission stands, still the Spirit empowers, still the power is effective and still the church prevails against the gates of hell.

After 182 years we face a task unfinished but we face it in a time of change and challenge which offers us great opportunity to teach whatsoever he has commanded us.

Thank you for standing on our behalf;

EVENTS dv. for your prayers and information

DCM Council Meeting
18 August 3:30pm
5 & 6 Chancery Place.

Junior Leader Camp Training
16th - 18th June

Camp set up 19th June

Camp begins 20th June

for your prayers for those we work with and for us as we press on with the task of **Declaring Christ to the Multitude.**



Billy Swann
Director.

We must Praise God for...

- his unlimited blessings and generosity
- all the dedicated volunteers in Just ASK this year
- everyone attending the Mum's monthly mornings in Drimnagh
- everyone who feels called to serve and serves in the Light House
- the increase in numbers and deepening of faith at Choose Life Club
- the fantastic response to sponsor children and families this summer for camp
- those who have heard God's word in the Light House and have decided to follow him
- so many volunteer teams and individuals planning to attend camp and summer project
- teenagers signing up as leaders and junior leaders for Mission Camps and camps further afield
- all the volunteers and teams that have made the Light House and Youth Work possible this year.

Monday

Pray for the teenagers attending camps as volunteer leaders. It is a big transition from being a camper on holiday to being a responsible member of the team. Pray for their influence on those who are younger but look up to them as role models. Pray for Danielle and Joel joining us for three months as summer staff. They attend club and junior leader training and have progressed to this point.

Tuesday

Please pray for the all the volunteers at the Light House (new and old), that they will be strengthened in their faith, servitude and growth through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit as changes occur and we get busier every day.

Wednesday

For the Summer Project organised by Linda, a Christian woman in Drimnagh. Pray she will have the help and encouragement she needs to run this week of activity. Pray too she would have many opportunities to explain her faith to those that attend.

Another Year...

Declan Keenan, Markets Area, Youth & Community Worker

We are just coming to the end of another school year with the Just ASK Club and it seems as if the year has gone faster than ever. This year we have been blessed with volunteers who have been faithful and steady. We had a few of our own young people have their college placement with the programme and we are very grateful to them for that. We gave four 10 to 12 year olds an opportunity to start and run a business, (tuck shop), to learn all about stock control, tax, profit and loss. They learnt quickly as they got to share in the profits!

Our first big event was October when we put on a party for the children and their parents on Halloween night. It was full of happy children as well as grateful parents.

At Christmas we had a full house for a 'Carols Evening', with a visit from a red suited man much to the children's delight.



At Easter we had a camp at Ovoca Manor which the children loved followed by a prize giving with the local education committee. Now in its second year this event developed from our idea that it would be beneficial for the schools to reward success among the children in non-academic areas. It was amazing to have 50 children from seven schools receiving recognition where normally they are overlooked. We had a very favourable article in the Irish Law Gazette entitled, "Mission of Mercy" giving us an outsiders view on our work.

We have again seen growth in the number of young people supported through the Just ASK programme. It has been a real blessing to see so many of our children grow in self worth and esteem throughout the year as they have felt loved and supported, encouraged and valued. Thank you to everyone who has laboured with us this year through volunteering, financial support, passing on all the pens pencils copies and such. Thank you for your prayers and goodwill for this project.

Spotlight Focus

In this edition we focus on...

Teams... Teams... Teams...

You may get the impression that to come on a mission's team you need to come in the summer, be aged 18 – 30, be really fit, have all encompassing skills and be able to answer every spiritual question that you might get asked. Not so. Well of course these things do help in certain situations but these aren't the only situations we need teams for. It has been a pleasure over the last couple of months, to work with several teams for various reasons.

The Grass Valley women's team in April were such a blessing to the women of the different Mission districts. These retirees and one younger mum had learnt how to give massages and manicures, prepared crafts and special food treats all to share with mothers in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh and

the Markets area. The idea was to pamper mothers and make them feel appreciated and special. In the middle of all the pampering and special events, the team were able to share how God had worked in their lives, through good times and bad, in tragic circumstances and rejoicing. The team also worked in the clubs and the homework club being blessed to see how much the young people had grown spiritually as well as physically over the past year.

The Grass Valley ladies also had three men in tow. Far from 18 – 30, the oldest man is a grandfather in his eighties!

Overlapping with the Californians was a team from Kells Presbyterian Church, Co. Antrim. No sermon preparation, no homiletics. This team blew in like a whirlwind, worked from early morning till late at night for two days and left just as



quickly. The result was repairs to the roof of Chancery Place, walls panelled and plastered, light fittings changed, heating system upgraded, windows changed and rooms painted. In all the repairs would have cost in the region of €15,000 but these men and women like all the volunteers give of themselves as unto the Lord.



In May, a team from the Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, New York visited the Mission working at the Light House, in the youth work and at the campsite. The idea of travelling for 20 hours and flying around the lava dust cloud to dig trenches and lift stones on the campsite was met with a, "Thank you. You're welcome," from one of the team members.

Ten college aged young people, travelling thousands of miles at their own expense

to give a hand in the life of the Mission, blessing people in the youth work and showing God's love to some of the most needy people of our city. It is also an experience that God uses to speak into the lives of the members of each team. It was such an encouragement to hear that the day after the whirlwind visit one of the members of that team gave his life to the Lord having been spoken to by the work he saw in the Mission.

Thursday

Please pray for next term in the Just ASK Club that we will have enough volunteers and resources to start the year off in October. We need six people per day, three days per week.

Friday

Pray for all the ladies touched by the loving ministry of the Grass Valley team. Praise God especially for Ballyfermot mothers, Cindy, Glynes Snr., Dorothy, Michelle and Cathy who have opened their homes for the Lord's work and for Theresa who has offered her home in the future.

Saturday

Pray for those thinking of applying for the Year Team Programme. This is a vital part of our work but as yet we have received no applications for 2010/11. Pray that the Lord would draw the people of his choice.

The Lord's Day

Pray as we start a new camp each week that those who attend would feel the love of God in a tangible way. Pray that many would be drawn to the Son for salvation.

We need all sorts of teams, at different times of the year, for different periods of time. If you or your group have a heart to serve then contact the Mission at office@dcmlive.ie or call +353 1 677 5548.



Growth...

Jennifer & Andrew Dawson, Drimnagh, Youth & Community Workers

We want to share about two groups excited and hoping to go to camp this summer.

Jennifer writes:-

Family Camp is always one of our favourite camps. It's great to get to know a whole family; to have fun with them; share the Lord with them as well as help them to look after them all.

For families come to camp, it takes getting to know parents during the year. We're always looking for things we can offer the parents so I was delighted when one of the Christian mums, Linda, was keen to have a mum's group. It was something we'd wanted to do but just needed the opening. The group started in February.

We've around ten mum's coming and one dad who pops in occasionally. It's a relaxing time with something to eat and plenty of tea. Last month we were blessed by the Californian team who did massage and manicures and

shared their 'God story'. Some mums also take the offer of prayer each morning.

Some of these mums come to camp already but there are new ones this year who are really keen to attend with their children.

Pray that their week away will be relaxing and blessed and that we will see more parents keen to come to know the Lord.

Andrew writes:-

In Choose Life Club, links have been made with a church in the city. Their young people and ours have

been attending each others' programmes. It is clear that the Lord is doing something among us. We hope this growth in numbers in the Club will translate to greater numbers going to Choose Life Camp.

The growth in this club has not just been in numbers but in faith. A high proportion of these teenagers are believers. This is something that excites us as we see teenagers making choices that put God first. This is reflected in the numbers who are choosing to go to



other camps to serve as leaders and junior leaders. Others are choosing to serve in other organisations and camps. This is a step outside their comfort zone. It is a great opportunity for growth in their faith and development in their character.

It is exciting to see what the Lord is doing with adults and young adults and we look forward to see how camp develops them. Join with us in praying that there will be a growth in faith and evidence of new faith through the summer's work.

Women of God...

Paddy Browne, Ballyfermot, Youth and Community Worker

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies". Pro 31:10

Praise God for the wonderful women of God who ministered so tenderly and lovingly to the women we work with in Ballyfermot. The Grass Valley

Women's team joined us for two weeks in April. They put on two nights for the ladies in Ballyfermot. Pampering each of them with nail manicures, excellent neck and back massages, goodies and most importantly, they shared their faith.

In the clubs, the children will often tell us that they saw something amazing in their leaders, something they found they desperately wanted to have.