

news update tes

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supporting evangelism across the uk

Welcome to the Spring issue of news update, which once again brings you reports and information from a range of TES supported projects, together with a tribute to David Morgan. We hope you like this new format which has been used to cut production costs and is easier for mailing at the minimum rate.

Proclaim Trust Prison Project

In May 2007 Barry Woodward's autobiography, 'Once an Addict', was released and Proclaim Trust started the Prison Project which aims to distribute a free copy of this book to every prisoner in the UK.

'Once an Addict' is Barry's life story – It tells of his experiences

80,000 prisoners

as a heroin dealer, times spent in prisons and mental health units and ultimately of how he met Christ and his life was changed.



The Project is done in partnership with Prison Chaplains who take on the commitment to distribute these books to prisoners. Separately from the Prison Project Proclaim Trust follows

up these prisons with an offer of Barry visiting to speak to prisoners. Barry spoke in 23 prisons during 2008 and saw 479 prisoners respond to the gospel. Many have gone on to take part in prison Alpha courses.

In 2008 when the Trust first started to seek funding for this project there was an operational capacity, in 141 UK prisons, of 80,000 prisoners – this is now 94,000. To-date, with the help of a grant from TES, they have distributed over 25,000 copies of the book and are seeking to raise funds to distribute the other 69,000 books. Barry has had the

75% made a commitment to Christ

opportunity to visit/speak at the following prisons: Barlinnie; Channings Wood; Moorland; New Hall and Rye Hill.

Here are two quotes from prisoners' letters.

Serving 2 years for ABH.

'...I've just read your book "Once an Addict" in one afternoon...your



words of wisdom have re-ignited my faith and hope. Praise be to the almighty Father in heaven.'

'I have read your book, and I felt like this book really meant something to me...I'll read aloud the prayer in your book and also I'm going to pray for you.'

This is a quote sent from Rev. Sandie Hicks, Free Church Chaplain of Rye Hill and Dovegate:

'When Barry spoke you could have heard a pin drop and the results were amazing! Barry engaged with our men right from the start and took them on an incredible journey with humour and truth. He levelled with them in a way that the chaplains could never do... took them into a place of darkness and then out again to the bright sunshine of a new life in Jesus

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Sing Christmas Evangelistic Broadcast Project

2008 was a really encouraging year for the project because it was recognised in two broadcasting award schemes competing with national, regional and local programming across the UK.

It brings people together

The Sing Christmas broadcast carol service is all about taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to where people are in the community and helping churches to reach out to those beyond the church fringe. Here's what three people from churches said about Sing Christmas 2008: *'The principle of bringing church into the community is a brilliant one. It has literally opened a door into the local pub that otherwise wouldn't have been opened for us.'*

'Sing Christmas brings the meaning of Christmas into places where it has become lost. It brings people together who might not normally be together.'

'Thank you for a wonderful community event to bring Christ to our non-believing friends and neighbours. We had a great time at the Blue Bell Inn, and we are keen to do it again next year.'

The organisers know of 106 venues that joined in with the live broadcast on BBC Radio Leicester. Most were pubs or clubs (58%) or care/residential homes (27%) but there were also supermarkets, a canoe

club that put loudspeakers alongside the River Soar and invited family and friends along, and an apartment full of friends in France who took part via the internet.

Around 100 churches, either through Churches Together groups or individually, supported many of the venues as a community and mission opportunity. A new website was created which, working alongside BBC web coverage, enabled venues and churches to register online and download notes for venue leaders, posters, invitations, running order and song sheets.

Sing Christmas is organised by the Leicestershire Churches Media Trust (part of CHAD Media Trust) in partnership with BBC Radio Leicester and Churches Together in Leicestershire. They worked with the Midlands brewer Everards, which encouraged its pubs to be involved and welcome local church support.

bring Christ to our non-believing friends

The project was also supported by the Leicester Mercury with the winning school choirs in the paper's Sing for Your School competition taking part in Sing Christmas. Here are comments from local groups:

'It was much enjoyed by us at the Co-op – about 120 of all ages

gathered, with the store supplying refreshments.'

'We had a great time at the Beacon Inn, with slightly more present this year. It was great to see whole families attending to share in the singing and fun. It helped lift spirits in what has been a worrying and difficult time.'

'Sing Christmas brought back many memories for our residents at the New Wycliffe Home for the Blind. It was varied and fun. A lovely evening of celebration.'



The organisers say that 'the 2008 broadcast was probably our best to date with the carols performed by a wide range of musicians including a choir, Salvation Army band, folk group and school children. There were activities to join in with, short Bible readings, responsive prayers and a Christmas Thought from the Dean of Leicester Cathedral'.

The success of Sing Christmas is spreading with the West Country having its own event using the Leicestershire model and adapted resources. BBC Radio Devon, Cornwall and the Channel Islands ►

▶ linked together for this. In the Midlands there are discussions with BBC stations in Nottingham and Derby to create an East Midlands Sing Christmas, and BBC Radio Stoke may

get involved. National media coverage in Christianity magazine and Challenge newspaper has encouraged other areas to be interested including Shropshire and Gloucestershire.

If you would like to know more or to get your local radio station involved visit the website
www.singchristmas.org.uk

Wirral YFC

Martin Dickson, the Centre Director writes: *'Sarah (one of their youth workers) has started really well and a good number of young people have come to faith already and are now involved in church youth groups. As part of her role, she has been heavily involved with a core RE Y12 class in a boys school. These lads have*

young people have come to faith

pretty much been written off and many only come to the sessions because they receive EMA money if they attend.

Sarah, and a team of volunteers she has recruited, have been teaching sessions on many aspects of the Christian faith; God, the Gospel, ethics and morals, the

bible and science, etc. monthly for sometime now. It was incredibly difficult at first because the lads just didn't want to know but the team have seen a real breakthrough over the past month. I observed a review lesson recently during which each lads was asked to stand up and tell the rest of the class what they had learned.

Here is a fantastic précis of what one guy said which highlights a development that would not have occurred had it not been for the TES grant'.

He basically said: *'When all this started I was sure there was no God. I don't care what you all think but all these weeks have been like a jigsaw for me and it's all coming together now. Each little bit is starting to make sense. Now*

I believe there is a God and I have got evidence of this. My leg got got better by him - it was really hurt and the doctor said it would take two weeks to get better but we prayed and I was better the next day. I have changed my mind and all you [referring to his mates in the class] should do too'.

The team are now moving into a section of lessons around John 10.10 starting with some stuff about evil and how people are deceived and hurt before returning to finish strongly on the Gospel. They are expecting some good things to happen and would so value your prayers. Also giving thanks for what has already been achieved.

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Christ. He didn't pull any punches and the response was fantastic. From our two groups, nearly 75% made a commitment to Christ that afternoon.'

At the beginning of February 2009 Barry visited the 3 prisons on the Isle of Wight: Camphill, Parkhurst and Albany. This is what he reported:

'After speaking, there have been 32 decisions. Parkhurst is one of the toughest prisons in the UK. with 520 inmates - 300 of them lifers. The rest are all doing sentences over 4 years...one of the guys who responded is from Columbia and is doing 16 years for smuggling 18 kilos of heroin. Please pray for all those who have responded. They were all very sincere. The next step

is for them to make an application to see the Chaplain'

Barry already has bookings for over 25 prison visits during 2009. Please pray for him and his wife Tina, who acts as administrator for the Trust. Further information can be found on their website www.proclaimtrust.org

Mid Staffordshire Youth Net

Mid Staffs Youth Net (MSYN) was established in 2003 with the vision to *'repeatedly bring the good news of Jesus to young people in Stafford in a relevant and credible way'*. Their main areas of work are currently these:

FOCUS:
INTOtheMIX (ITM) is an initiative which brings together youth groups and youth clubs throughout Stafford and the surrounding area for events with an overtly Christian theme and message. ITM is also the project which seeks to build healthy consensus and understanding between Christian young people from all the church denominations in the Stafford area.

ARC:schools project is intended to give and maintain a Christian presence within local high schools through RE classes, PSHE classes and after school clubs. MSYN is represented, through ARC, on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for Staffordshire and runs the EVALUATE course within schools, which seeks to provide Sex and Relationship Education from a broadly Christian perspective. For each of these projects there is an increasing reliance on a range of media equipment that enables them to accomplish their remit.

Until MSYN received the grant from TES, the equipment that they used was borrowed from multiple sources and was often unreliable and coming to the end of its life. However, since purchasing the new equipment, they have been able to provide young people with an altogether different quality of event at ITM. This is allowing them to provide a forum for young people

Christian perspective

to become the generation who are reaching out to their peers with the good news of Jesus and has provided some training for young people to take more of a leading role at MSYN events. Additionally this creates opportunities for some young people to take the knowledge they have gained back to their own churches and be catalysts for change and development there too.

Here are some of things they hope to achieve with the new equipment in the future:

- help young people maintain the highest quality in their inter-church events.
- create an atmosphere where young people are confidently bringing their friends along.
- empower young people to speak relevantly, with their words and lives, of the reality of Jesus.
- continue offering high quality, relevant and exciting Christian youth work/events for all young people in the Stafford region.
- continue building a young generation of evangelists who reach out to their friends and peers in ways they appreciate and connect with.



Jam Club (Jesus and Me)

This project is the initiative of Dr Nagy Iskander in the East Kilbride area of Glasgow. Prior to Christmas they were given, rent free, the use of an empty shop in the local shopping centre. In the shop, manned by Christian volunteers, they put on a very successful Christmas Exhibition, which was visited by many shoppers. About 1,000 copies of the *'Why Jesus' booklet, and a similar number of 'From Creation to Bethlehem'*, were given away. The shop had very good coverage in the local press with headlines such as *'Exhibition offers shoppers chance to contemplate meaning of Christmas'*.

After Christmas the town centre management team agreed to give the group the

shop for an indefinite period without charge, for which they praise the Lord. With this extended opportunity for outreach they proceeded to put on an Easter Exhibition, which proved to be equally successful. Over 400 children participated in a competition to design an

Easter message

Easter card based on what they had learnt in the exhibition. This too had good local press coverage under the headline 'Shop selling the Easter message'. In addition a CD-Rom of the Easter story was produced and sent to all the schools in South Lanarkshire.

The shop is currently open every Saturday, but they plan to have it open daily during



the summer holidays and will be putting together another exhibition at Christmas. A CD-Rom of the Christmas story will be produced in quantity and given away free.

Give thanks for this on-going opportunity for the Gospel in the 'market-place', for the local council's generous co-operation (the Easter exhibition was opened by the deputy leader of South Lanarkshire Council) and for the plans for Christmas 2009.

Viz-a-Viz

Viz-a-Viz is a multifaceted national evangelistic ministry whose objective is to make the most of the opportunities that God provides for the Gospel to be heard. In the past TES has support one of their joint ministries - Arise - but during last year made a grant towards their general evangelistic work. Their Director of Ministries is Mike Simmonds who gave us this update.



'Teams have been very active over the autumn. The band "Taste" has been working in

schools in Grantham and Scotland, reaching many thousands of young people with the Gospel. "Envizage Theatre Company" also performed in schools and churches in Scotland, plus Ipswich, Camberley, Aldershot and Kilburn.

One highlight was the weekend spent on a "More to Life" mission with a church on the south coast. Presenting the Gospel between

spreading the Gospel

course of a meal, an event for senior citizens and at an evangelistic service all enabled this church to impact a whole range of people from their community. A number of people responded positively during the weekend'.

Training is an important aspect of Viz-a-Viz's ministry and a 12 week 'More to Life Evangelism Training Course' has impacted the lives of 16 potential evangelists. Mike says *'Discovering a passion and confidence in evangelism has opened up all kinds of opportunities for those on the course to pursue'.*

Much of the cost of resources provided by Viz-a-Viz Ministries are met by those who invite them to partner with them in spreading the Gospel. However, a grant from TES enabled the team to prepare, produce new materials, and cover

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Malt Cross Project

Since 2005 Tom Slater has been the Evangelistic Outreach Worker & Chaplain to Pubs & Clubs in Nottingham. He has developed significant links specifically within the creative community at the heart of the city's night-time economy. Many of these individuals are musicians, promoters and artists who organise and produce the events forming the backbone of the nightlife. His work has many similarities with workplace chaplaincy within this sub-culture. The intention is to 'be there' for people and offer support and conversation at the level individuals are comfortable with. Many conversations of a deeper spiritual nature are common. Much of this work takes place within the Malt Cross (Centre) where he is based, but also in other venues across the city. One example of this outreach is the mission within a local Arts venue which

Evangelistic opportunities

is an artist's collective, gallery, café-bar, performance venue and 'mecca' for alternative people and those interested in New Age spiritualities. Joined by a volunteer they are committed to visiting

the venue every week, and building relationships with the intention of evangelism. Since January 2009 they have already made contact with seven people; including one individual who they have had deep and very significant

creative Christians

conversations with about their spiritual experiences and search for God. Plans are developing for an exhibition or installation in the venue to announce God's Kingdom in a format this people-group can more easily connect with, to accelerate the work there.

A new Christian, who was formerly a doorman at a number of Nottingham's Nightclubs, is being mentored and supported by Tom and others in the Malt Cross team, as he finds housing and work they meet to pray and discuss life issues. Tom is also actively visiting and taking part in 'Open Mic' nights in other city bars, to develop more evangelistic opportunities. This takes place with another volunteer and other Christians.

Malt Cross has links with CMS and the national



'Blah...Network', which holds events discussing issues arising from mission in contemporary society. The Nottingham branch of this network has

been developed by Tom, with events and online networking gathering Christians

search for God

from diverse streams and denominations. This initiative has been a real catalyst to mission in Nottingham, helping people to link up, learn from each other and partner in mission.

A group for creative Christians has also been facilitated, set up for and by Christians wanting to engage missionally in the Arts. This group is going well, meeting monthly and planning 'alternative worship' events to invite people to, and learning how to, engage in mission within their contexts.

Please pray for Tom and the work of Malt Cross. For more information visit www.maltcross.com

Viz-a-Viz

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some of the other costs that are not otherwise met.

TES is pleased to support this exciting developing ministry.

In the coming months they will be building on the success of their 'More to Life' DVD (almost 100,000 sold to-date), with the production of a 'More to Christmas' DVD, featuring

six stories of people whose lives have been impacted by Christ, with a link to Christmas. For more information about this and their work in general visit www.vizaviz.org

David Morgan – A Man of Grace

23rd July 1950 – 3rd February 2009

A personal tribute by TES Vice-President Ron Spillards



Last Autumn I chaired an area-wide rally of Baptists in South East Wales at which the guest speaker was a distinguished preacher, who had in recent ministry held a highly responsible position in the South West of England.

'You must have known my good friend David Morgan, I exclaimed'. 'Ah yes, David, a man of grace' was his reply. He then related to me an incident from David's distinguished ministry that aptly illustrated the graciousness that characterised David's life.

Those of us who were privileged to know David over many years can, with gratitude to God, forever remember him as a humble man of God and a distinguished evangelist. We remember his remarkable gift of communicating Christ and His Gospel in a friendly and winsome manner, both in one-to-one conversation and clear, easy-to-listen-to preaching, that was highlighted by personal anecdotes and experiences.

In addition, I remember David as a great family man; as compassionate and caring; a good listener; friendly, affable, welcoming, mischievous, energetic, fun-loving, with a great sense of humour. He was a dependable, trustworthy and humble colleague; highly professional, prudent and well organised; well liked and respected; a very gifted and skilful evangelist and strategist. David was an encourager, motivator and promoter of others; a committed and disciplined evangelist. He was an effortless conversationalist in his personal witness for Christ; a brilliant communicator; an unashamed disciple of Christ and a great enthusiast for the Gospel.

Throughout many years of distinguished service for the Lord, David graced the ranks of TES – first as Staff Evangelist and Training officer, then latterly as Assistant Director and finally National Director. In addition, he also served with distinction in the ranks of Open Air Campaigners (OAC), the Movement for World Evangelization (MWE) and until December 2008 the South West Baptist Association. During this time he offered support, help and encouragement to

countless Christians and non-Christians, as well as to many, many churches, ministers and fellow evangelists.

I remember David with great affection and with the highest regard – a man of God, filled with Christ's grace. He loved the Lord and humbly delighted in sharing Him with others.

Our prayers and deepest sympathy continue for David's wife Jennie and all the family following this time of enormous and irreplaceable loss of a husband, father and grandfather.

'Enoch walked with God, then he was no more because God took him away' Genesis 5:24

'And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words'
1 Thess. 4:18

David passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord at 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd February 2009. A well-attended service of thanksgiving for his life and ministry was held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Falmouth, on Friday 13th February 2009.

Love Cornwall

Background and Vision

In 2006 a group of 5 people spent time in prayer together. They felt convicted that God was calling them to pour the resources they had into one particular county for one month - all became convinced that that county should be Cornwall.

Love Cornwall 2006 was a very hastily constructed mission, but even with very little resources and limited time, an executive team was formed, who managed to organise a stream of events where around

Unity

10,000 people were reached with the gospel. Half were reached on the streets while around 5,000 of all ages were reached in 17 meetings in 8 different schools, 22 special church services and church-based activities for adults, plus a variety of training sessions, men's meetings, meetings for women and others designed for youth and children. There were open air meetings, street drama and music groups drawing crowds in 10 towns.



Over 100 made decisions to follow Christ and hundreds more received prayer.

After the success of Love Cornwall 06 the leadership agreed that preparations should be made in 2007 for a repeat in 2008 - this was linked into the Hope 08 initiative. The vision for Love Cornwall 08 was to see Churches across the county uniting to transform their communities through word and deed. Three streams of activities were planned: county-wide/centrally organised events; town/area-wide events, organised by churches working together and localised, individual church events. Unity had always been an important factor in the work of Love Cornwall.

Vision sharing

With such a far reaching vision it would never be possible for any one organisation to

Christians got together

reach the whole county. The desire was to 'give the vision away' and by the end of 2007 around 150 church leaders had expressed their desire to be involved in 2008.

Individual Churches

Monitoring all the activities was impossible and at times

they would speak to Christians who would enthuse about the things their church had done, coffee mornings, litter picks, dinner events and village fetes. Many activities focussed on the church serving their



communities. One non-Christian lady enthused that the whole village had turned out to see what was going on and that she was pleasantly surprised to encounter local Christians willing to serve the community without any agenda.

Town-Wide Events

Many church leaders came together for the first time to hear about Love Cornwall and were so enthused that they formed a committee on the spot to organise town wide events for 2008. A prime example is the north Cornish town of Bude. Historically it had a thriving 'Churches Together' group, but sadly nothing had been done town-wide for years. However, 15 church and lay leaders came together to communicate ►

► the vision of Love Cornwall and are continuing to work together. A number of smaller events took place through the year and a family fun day was also organized. Love Cornwall provided a band, a stage truck and all the associated sound equipment, sound engineers and an evangelistic speaker. A handful of people committed their lives to the Lord as a result and many sought prayer.

Another notable example is the town of Liskeard. A 'party in the park' festival was organised for the late summer with Love Cornwall facilitating some of the logistics. Around 500 people visited the festival over the three days, dozens of people made first time commitments and many people experienced physical healing.

Other towns that worked together to do something

Churches worked together

under the banner of Love Cornwall include St Ives, St Austell, Truro, Falmouth, Newquay and Launceston.

County wide events

While the emphasis was on 'giving the vision away' it was recognised that 2008 was a unique opportunity for Cornwall, which has often been considered too small to attract well known speakers and bands. However, as an organization, they were able

to arrange attractive events which would have been impossible for individual churches or town groups. The aims of these events were to ...put on professional, relevant events which people would feel confident bringing their non-Christian friends to ...encourage, equip and train Christians in regards to evangelism ...show Cornish Christians that they were not forgotten by the church north of the Tamar ...provide a focus for the years activities.

At the beginning of the year around 400 Christians came together from all over the county to worship and pray in the most iconic Christian building in Cornwall - Truro Cathedral. Many commenting that it was the first truly ecumenical event of its kind.



In February Mike Pilavachi was in Falmouth where he spoke to 500 people in an evangelistic event - 30 young people made a first time commitments and many more prayed prayers of recommitment. All were later followed up.

March witnessed the first 'Space SW' event in Truro Methodist Church with the aim of seeing young people giving their lives to Jesus.

This was done using guest bands, singers, speakers, DJ's, dancers, celebrity guests, worship bands and special FX. Dozens of young people made commitments to Christ with over 30 young people giving their hearts to the Lord at a similar event in June.

In late April J John spoke to 200 Christian leaders following which one church leader said that he felt he had encountered Christ for the first time. J John returned later in the year to speak at other events and carol services, where 2,200 people heard the gospel and over 100 response packs were given away.

Many other events took place, but space does not permit them to be included. The organisers state *'the year was very successful in many different ways, and its status as a focus year motivated people in a unique way. It is an enormous encouragement that churches have worked together where unity was lacking and will continue to do so. Countless individuals came to faith - over the year at least 300 people made a first time commitment to Christ. Churches and individuals were encouraged to put evangelism back at the top of their agenda. We are excited that Love Cornwall acted as such a powerful catalyst in the county and our prayer is that the Lord will continue to use all that has begun during this year of mission'.*

TES was able to assist this project with a grant towards some of the youth events.

Linx Christian Youth Trust

Philip Eley is the youth worker within this project who TES has supported during the past year. Here is a brief report from Philip about some of his activities.

“I was warned when I started working for Linx not to expect things to happen quickly as,

Acts of Kindness

although Linx has a great relationship with the schools in Torbay, it is building my own personal links and relationships that could take months to develop. However, that has not been the case with lots happening very quickly.

My timetable at Paignton Community and Sports College (Ed. on the news recently re. swine flu) was quickly filled, and I am really

pleased with the range and variety of work I've been involved with. This includes running a lunch club and taking RE lessons, as well as some assemblies. In addition I have been helping some small groups through the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) Department, and have done a small amount of mentoring. I have introduced, developed and run, an Assertiveness Training for Boys group. Every Friday I am heavily involved with Fabulous Fridays – an attempt to free year 7 pupils from a rigid curriculum by allowing them the time and freedom to do project work. Thanks to Fabulous Fridays, I have taught all year 7's several times already and am continuing to teach them throughout the current

term. I have also persuaded the school to put up an 'Acts of Kindness' notice board



in a prominent position, to highlight and celebrate pupil's positive acts of kindness.

At Tower House my involvement has been in Citizenship and running a break and lunch club. I am now a well recognised figure in both schools, and hope that I have been able to positively impact the lives of the many young people I have met". Visit www.linxyouth.net for more information.

Hope on the Street

An important part of this ministry is a market stall in Leighton Buzzard, which is manned by evangelist Colin Johnson and volunteers. Just before Christmas one trader said *'I wish I had your faith'*.

Colin recalls that the same man had once said he would never be interested and that my poster was offensive because it said Jesus



had died for us and this was untrue!

Colin says *'One of the aims of the stall is to build relationships with the market traders. Many of them have been trading on this market for years and they know each other very well. I am now pleased to call several of the traders friends and we often have long talks about the meaning of life and the value of the Bible'*. Where possible he tries to link what he is doing with an activity organised by a local church so that people get to meet other Christians. One such activity is the live music event that he organises in a

local pub, just off the Market Square. He was recently pleased when two traders, man and wife, said they would come along to the next 'Hope in the Pub' event.

Another person who Colin had met on the stall some months ago said *'I am an atheist and you will have no hope convincing me'*. More recently he was asking about what we believed and had concerns about the war in Gaza and if religion caused these conflicts. Colin told us that, *'After a long talk he asked to have a Jesus video to take away'*.

Youth for Christ – Kate John

Kate is a national evangelist with YFC and for two years now TES has contributed towards her personal support. This is what she says about 2008: *'It was an amazing year in which time and again my team and I saw God's grace and faithfulness as each of us travelled the country meeting thousands of young people and doing our best to share the good news of the Gospel message in new and relevant ways'.*

Here is a brief overview of her work. Kate spoke at 23 youth events, gave 21 Gospel presentations and led one town-wide schools mission. With others she hosted 10 'Does God have

a MySpace?' shows, helped train 80 youth workers in evangelism and took part in the ECG community-mission conference with 1,500 people present. Additionally Kate was involved in evangelism in over 20 UK towns and can testify to over 5,000 young people hearing the Gospel.

We invite you to continue praying for Kate and her co-worker, Paul Flavel, as they further develop the cutting-edge, innovative ministry of YFC. Building on the success of the 'Does God have a MySpace?' tours they plan from April to be touring youth centres, churches and other youth events with a new

multi-media presentation entitled 'The Icon', which will explore and develop the idea that, whether it is Jesus or not, everyone is following something. Taking that thought to its conclusion brought them to realise the hold that the media and consumerism has over each of us, not least, young people. To find out more about the tour and Kate's current work, visit www.yfc.co.uk



Word of Life Worcester

This ministry, led by Colin Dean, continues to present the Gospel to various groups and individual in the Worcester area and they are encouraged

openness to the Gospel

in these testing times to find a real openness to the Gospel. They are so glad to report that a younger couple, David & Fran, plan to join them in August. They have three young children, the eldest of whom they need to get settled in a

school. Their request: 'please pray the Lord will help David & Fran in all their arrangements as they take this enormous step of faith'. Colin's work in the gypsy camps is bringing encouragement. Here is one brief illustration: *'a gypsy mother rang asking for help for her troubled son, saying "He does believe in the Lord"'. We visited the camp that afternoon; sang joyfully, renewed friendships, shared difficulties and sorrows and sowed the good seed of the Gospel. On Good Friday we revisited the mother and the*

whole family gathered with us in their trailer. As they shared their difficulties we were able to freely speak of the Lord and pray with them. Men and women declared their faith in the Lord Jesus'. Colin also works on the streets and recounts this recent story: 'I met up with a Muslim friend in his thirties who has developed a distressing illness. There on the street I gently held his shoulder and prayed for him in the Name of the Lord Jesus. We thank God that we have since heard from him with good news of his health'.

Recent Grants: In March grants were given to Jeremy Bishopp, Phil Misselbrook, Big Ideas and Puppet Quest. Reports on these and other ministries that TES has supported will be included in the autumn issue of *news update*.

Show Jesus

Show Jesus has grown out of the annual Agricultural and County Shows that take place across Wales and the borders every year. A number of groups have been doing this work in the local area for many years, and a few years ago they joined together in order to share resources and experience – As a result ‘ShowJesus’ was born. In a culture where the majority of people do not attend a church, the ethos behind ‘ShowJesus’ is to take the Church out to where people are. The main aims of the organisation are Equipping, Empowering and Evangelising.

Equipping

‘ShowJesus’ has built up a wide selection of equipment including a marquee, a burger van style catering unit and a



Phil Davies (right) in conversation with a visitor to the tent

lorry, plus various other items needed to run outdoor events. The equipment is a resource to help to enable churches and groups of Christians to reach out in their local communities.

Empowering

‘ShowJesus’ seeks to work alongside churches and groups,

Good News of Jesus

encouraging individuals to get involved in personal evangelism.

Evangelising

‘ShowJesus’ exists to enable Christians to obey the great commission to *‘Go and make disciples of all nations’*.

Evangelists working with ‘ShowJesus’ include Mike Thomas, Martin Erwin, Phil

Davies and Steve Treseder. Activities at ‘ShowJesus’ events include story telling, gospel illustrations and the use of puppets

as well as free refreshments and a ‘friendship evangelism’ approach. Such events are also a great training ground in evangelism for young people, and we know a number of full time evangelists who we first met on an outreach at a show.

The running costs of ‘ShowJesus’ are considerable, yet without them many of the events would not be able to take place. A grant from TES contributed towards running costs, enabled them to purchase a generator and a Bluetooth communicator, which allows messages to be sent to young people and anyone else with a Bluetooth facility on their mobile phone. This is a modern and innovative means of reaching young people and has huge potential in making attractive the Good News of Jesus. It will be used extensively at events in 2009.

Please remember this imaginative ministry in your prayers. For up-to-date information and details of the events that they will be attending in 2009 go to: www.showjesus.org.uk

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