

Sharing the Vision

of reaching children
with the Gospel in
England, Scotland and Wales

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Britain - A Mission with God's vision for children

Producing disciple making disciples through CEF ministries

Coming from a non-Christian home, Church and Christianity had no relevance to me. I remember seeing little old ladies wearing hats passing my street in South Leeds each Sunday morning and thinking church was for them or for weddings and funerals. I was a very normal young boy who enjoyed playing with friends and spending time with different relatives who lived across the city.

However, at the age of 10 my family moved house. The move was about a mile away in South Leeds, but to me felt like a different city as I changed school and made a new circle of friends. Some of these new friends went along each week to a Good News Club that was held in the local Evangelical Church. I joined them and enjoyed the opportunity to play games and be off the streets for an hour each week. After a time of games in the Church hall, we left for a side room where songs were sung, Bible verses were taught, a story told and a quiz enjoyed.

If it was raining or cold, my friends and I would happily stay. But on nice evenings, we would quickly find a way to leave or be 'kicked out'.

I remember several evenings where we wanted to cause as much disruption as possible, we would bang on the door and window of the Church and run to hide behind nearby bushes as the leaders came to see what was happening. We could be a real pain to them. But, as the weeks passed I came to see that they always welcomed us back and didn't hold any grudge towards us. This made a real impression on me. Coming from a home where discipline was quickly



administered and where kindness, love and affection were rarely shown, I was struck at the care the Good News Club leaders showed to us children.

I began to listen more to the stories that were told. One story in particular had an impact on me, called "Barney's Barrel" it was the story of a boy who had no family to love and care for him who lived in a barrel. He sold newspapers to make money but upon stumbling across a

gospel meeting in a church found people who loved and cared for him. He heard of Jesus and His love and became a Christian before falling ill and witnessing from his death bed to the hospital staff. I could see that the kindness the leaders showed to me was because of Jesus. I could also see that it was possible to know heaven to be real and a place I could enjoy if I were trusting in Jesus as my Saviour.

As I sang the songs, the words began to teach me much: "A,B,C,D,E,F,G Jesus died for you and me"; "For His Word teaches me that His love reaches me everywhere"; "But I said NO, there's Jesus here - just see what He offers me. Down here my sins forgiven, up there a home in heaven, praise God that's the way for me!"

I knew that I had sinned and needed to be forgiven by Jesus. Still aged 10, I prayed and asked Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour. I attended the Sunday School each week and found a new Christian family who cared for and loved me. My family for many years thought I was going through a phase and would eventually leave Church.

God has been good and has kept me for all these years. From the age of 15 I began to help at the Good News Club and later took on the leadership of the club. I now lead a Christian charity that runs residential camps for young people (Yorkshire Camps) and am as passionate as ever about sharing the good news of Jesus with boys and girls.

Andy Peace, Director of Yorkshire Camps

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My family moved to Washington, Tyne and Wear when I was a teenager and it was through a friend that I began attending a local church and came to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. There was something winsome and attractive about the people in the congregation that I knew was lacking in my own life, and so it was through their example that I came to faith. The congregation was a church plant and alongside the congregation was the outreach work done by CEF in the North East, this meant that I was soon volunteering in Good News Clubs and Good News Camp alongside Paul and Alleyn Wilson.



As I reflect on these past experiences I see how important they were in providing me with a knowledge and enthusiasm for the Bible.

In 1989 I was accepted to study at Birmingham Bible Institute and graduated in 1992, following which was called to serve Scunthorpe Congregational Church where I was minister until 2000. During this time I was part time local training co-ordinator with the Congregational Federation.

Scunthorpe Congregational Church was a town centre site with a small congregation, so after some time the church took the decision to sell their building a relocate to a new building on the edge of town – which has subsequently been

developed into new housing. In 2000 I moved to Southam, Warwickshire to be minister at Southam Congregational Church. During this time I was involved in a local church community project which included a Single Regeneration Project and the SureStart Children's Centre. In 2008 I left to join the Council for World Mission (CWM) where I am still employed as Mission Secretary responsible for the European member churches, supporting them in developing their mission and delivering CWM's mission education programme.

The Council for World Mission is a partnership of churches in mission, currently with 32 member churches in 40 countries. The Council comes

from the London Mission Society, Commonwealth Missionary Society and Presbyterian Board of Missions. It now works as a partnership of churches committed to global sharing of resources, people and insights to enable mission locally. This passion for equipping the local congregation for mission is something close to my own heart and finds its beginnings in my time in Washington with a small local congregation and the mission with Child Evangelism Fellowship. I remain grateful to God and his people for these opportunities and beginnings.

*Rev Wayne Hawkins,
Council for World Mission.*

Joy follows the Storm

*“Every good gift
and every perfect gift
is from above.”*

James 1:17

After our baby David passed away in 2016 we thought we couldn't experience that kind of love anymore.

The Lord was good to us and grant us the joy of having another baby.

The pregnancy was filled with joy, wonder, uncertainty and also fears.

We're so very happy to share with you the news that our little baby girl, Emma Grace, was born on the 26th of March at 2:10am, weighting 2930 grams.

We're thankful to God for her life and for the joy she's bringing to our family.

Andy is so happy to be a big brother to his little sister.

Family, friends and church have been really supportive and joined us in our happiness.

Emma is looking really similar to her brothers, but we can see she has her own uniqueness. She's developing really well and each day explores the world around her.

We pray that we'll be worthy of continuing to raise her big brother and her in the ways of the Lord!

Please do join us in thanking the Lord for this good and perfect gift He has given us!

With much love,

*Adrian, Monica,
Andy & Emma
Grace.*



Comings and goings behind the scenes

Stan passes on the baton

I was led to be involved with CEF of Britain through knowing of the work when working alongside 2 full time CEF Missionaries in our church. The then CEF National Secretary very kindly helped with advice on Video Work. When the position was advertised, my brother-in-law, a mature christian and manager of a well known christian bookshop, encouraged me to apply, and giving assurance that CEF was worth getting involved with.

I had previously taught teenagers and, for a time was a Trustee with Bible Centred Ministries i.e. BCM International (formally Bible Club Movement) which carried out similar Christian work.

It has been a privilege to work with those who love the Lord and have a burden for the souls of young people. I have enjoyed the various tasks and the Fellowship when working with, and praying with other personnel from many different churches. While the name of the charity is CEF of Britain, it through the use of the internet, is also an active part of the worldwide CEF international ministry. Within CEF, there is a love for children throughout the world and a vision and

hope for a CEF missionary in EVERY country in the world. With the devil opposing strongly in certain countries, it seems a very tall order, however we know God is able. Please pray that door will open in the toughest countries and that hearts will be softened, eventually opening to the Gospel.

I praise God for the way He provided the needs of CEF Britain, allowing I.T. and necessary software systems to be updated to meet the important government regulations efficiently. It was a wonderful time when we were able to move in to a lovely large bungalow, which was ideal for meeting the needs of the National Office.

I thank the National Board for allowing flexibility when my wife's health deteriorated, and 4 Care visits per day to our house became necessary. I had always imagined retiring at the age of 65 years, however have "overrun" by 1 year 4



months. I now have to urgently retire as my wife is in hospital for long term care and time is much more precious to us. Much thanks is due to my church who listened to my CEF reports on the work and supported practically and prayerfully. Our minister deserves great appreciation for his openness and help given over these 14 approx. years. I praise God for all who helped.

Stan Anderson - CEF National Office Administrator 2004-2018

Primrose receives the baton

Greetings to you all, my name is Primrose Tshawe, 31 years old, I am married to Lee-roy and we have a beautiful daughter and are expecting our second child in early August; a true gift from the Lord. I was born in Zimbabwe (once known as the bread basket of Africa) a country that I love dearly, this was when I came to know the Lord and accept him as my Lord and Saviour. The first time I heard about the Love of God was through the faithful work of a children's missionary worker who attended our boarding school every Friday afternoon to share about Jesus using interactive pop-up story boards and I believe that laid the foundation to my salvation at the age



of 14. Today 17 years on I am actively serving the Lord at Bournemouth Christian Church with my family. I

started working in the National Office in February 2018, having seen the hand of the Lord open the door for me to be in this position. I am thankful to be a worker in his vineyard through the work CEF is doing in Britain and I look forward to seeing the gospel spread into the hearts of boys and girls all over the world. My main responsibilities in the National Office are receipting, allocation of financial gifts for the workers, recording standing orders, paying invoices, gift aid submissions, responding to emails and other financial and administrative duties.

Primrose Tshawe, Finance and Office Administrator, CEF Britain

Passing on the Baton in Livingston

Chatting with a local pastor a couple weeks back and hearing his vision and passion for seeing the next generation reached, he emphatically told me, “The key to reaching the children is in the schools, Hannah!”

How true it is. Whereas Sunday schools are often drawing from the pools of their own congregations and community children’s clubs rely on attendance and promotion, the schools offer the unique opportunity for potential gospel access to every child in the community. We have seen the Lord use this open door in primary schools across Scotland through the SU groups. Each week during the school term, groups of children meet in a variety of primary schools across the country to learn more about God and what it looks like to follow Him. The Lord has further blessed this

Gospel, with the additional testimony to the teachers coming along as well. Any children interested can then attend the SU group in the autumn semester, allowing for further discipleship.

This year is transition year. Alleyn has



– we must be intentional in presenting the information in a way that is open and not seen to be proselytizing; we are still able to share openly with the children the truths of what Christians believe is God’s Word. They are challenged throughout the hour to reflect on what they hear and share their ideas about the story in ways appropriate to their age and development. It is always a great time had with the energy brought by the NI team and the enthusiasm of the children to participate. We are excited for how the Lord is going to use this week for His glory and to bring the knowledge of Him to children who may never darken the doors of a church building.

Going forward, my vision is to see this sort of outreach week in more schools in Edinburgh and the surrounding area. It is also my hope that more churches and individuals will see the need for child evangelism and the incredible opportunities at our fingertips that God has given us. As one school term comes to an end and we anticipate the beginning of another, I am praying the Lord gives us the connections needed for such a week to be proposed to head teachers in time for the 2019 school diary. There are over 900,000 children under the age of 14 in Scotland. An incredible task for any one individual or one church. Yet when God’s body comes together, we are able to accomplish great things through Him and for Him. Pray for the children in Scotland and for more opportunities in the schools. “At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:3a



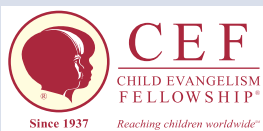
moved on to new ministries in Plymouth. I have had the exciting challenge of leading the team this year along with Sarah from NI who is finishing her time in University at St. Andrews this June. I had the privilege of being on the team in 2016, and Sarah has been a team member for 4 years now. It is amazing to see how the Lord’s work does not depend on our own

efforts, but in His timing and His way as He moves some on and brings others in.

ministry by allowing CEF to partner with them, specifically in two primary schools within Livingston. For 4 days in June, a team from Northern Ireland and Alleyn Wilson, the local CEF worker came together. to teach an hour programme for each year group in the two schools. This is over 500 children reached with the

The programme theme is Acts 3. The children will be exploring the story of Peter and John healing the lame man through drama, crafts, and discussion. Although in this day and age caution must be taken in how the lesson is taught

Hannah Cashman, Missionary Candidate to Scotland from USA.



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