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# Dear Friends,

I feel blessed beyond measure as the Lord opens up new opportunities for me and guides me as I prepare for weekly clubs. I am blessed to have been able to complete CEF training in Preschool learners, participating in a weekly online course with CEF Ireland.

# **Toddler Group**

Whilst taking the course, I have started a Toddler Group at my home church, Penuel Baptist Chapel, Roch. Although some weeks there is only one toddler and mum present, it is a blessing to spend quality time teaching about God's creation and singing simple action songs about the love of Jesus.

## **Good News Club**

The Good News Club has welcomed new children recently. This lively group loves singing and it is a joy to hear some praying to God. We are currently exploring the life of the patriarchs. I had to smile when one young boy exclaimed, "Will he never learn!" as Jacob showed favouritism towards Joseph. He also reminded us there'll be no favourites in heaven! May we all continue to learn each day, drawing closer to God and becoming more like our Saviour.

# A Visitor from the Middle East

It was a time of blessing to host a CEF worker from the Middle East. The children loved finding out about her faith and her culture. We shared a traditional Middle Eastern meal together, which the children prepared.

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## **PRAYER & PRAISE**

- Our awesome God has answered prayers and saved a young soul at an outreach event at my home church.
- Please pray for the growth of my Toddler Group at my home church.
- Please pray for the challenges facing today's youth, as they search for meaning to life may this be found in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for continued guidance as I prepare for weekly clubs, that the children and youth are nurtured in the gospel.
- Please pray that people will see the difference living a Christian life can make, as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Tea Party for all our children's groups and their families.



### **Hope for Ukraine**

When the war in Ukraine began to unfold, our Youth were keen to find a way of raising funds for the CEF Hope for Ukraine project. They organised a sponsored walk for all our children and youth groups, collectively walking 500 miles. We finished with a walk on our local beach. Families and neighbours joined in. We were absolutely delighted to raise £600, which was used to send gospel rucksacks to Ukrainian children, including those who are now refugees in other countries. Praise God!



#### **Youth Club**

The Youth Group at my home church is growing from strength to strength. Having taught the Wordless Book, we are now focusing on life's big questions. In a chaotic, fallen world, there are many challenges facing today's children and youth, especially with identity. The media encourages them to question who they are, and normalises behaviour which is unbiblical. Please pray for these youngsters that they may turn more and more to scripture, holding firm to the truths learnt in memory verses taught through the Wordless Book.

As well as teaching the Youth each week, we share fellowship in other activities, building a long-standing relationship with them as we go on a faith journey with them, and also strengthening the relationships they have with each other.

Much fun was had when we took them bowling and for a meal. We also shared a lovely Easter meal together at my parent's home.



## **PRAYER & PRAISE**

- Praise God for guiding me through the Preschool course as well as attending the Children's Ministry course in Dublin.
- Pray for an opportunity to run a CEF Equip course in the Autumn, either in person, or online with churches in Wales.
- Please pray for the challenges facing today's youth, as they search for meaning to life may this be found in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I would value your prayers as I face some health issues. Please pray that the hydrotherapy and physio sessions I am having will strengthen my leg bones and spine, avoiding the need for surgery.

### SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY

Thank you so very much to those of you who have felt led to support me not only in your prayers, but with a financial gift. This goes towards spreading the gospel to children in South Wales.

Each CEF worker looks to the Lord for provision. Your gift, no matter how small, makes a huge difference.

If you would like to make a financial gift, please mark your gift clearly for Megan Stone, using the following bank details:

> The Royal Bank of Scotland Account Number: 00205518 Sort Code: 83-45-00

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#### **Training & Conference**

In April I was blessed to meet CEF Britain staff and volunteers in person for the first time, having only met them on Zoom before. We attended the Spring conference in Northampton, with Bible teaching in Daniel, seminars from Urban Saints about the importance of accessible, inclusive clubs, an update from the European IT Department and a lovely time of fellowship with one another.

As a lone-worker having opportunities to meet others in the CEF family is so valuable. God has been gracious in enabling me to attend a CEF conference in Dublin at the weekend. It was wonderful to meet teachers and fellow students who I've known from training on Zoom. It was great to experience,



excellent ministry teaching, including using puppetry in children's ministry and how to reach teens in a post-Covid world. I look forward to opportunities to implement this teaching.

I have also been encouraged being asked to take part in an online CEF Equip foundational course, leading one of the sessions. I was a participant on one of the first Equip cohorts, so to be leading one of the sessions was a privilege.

#### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Our children's groups and their families have all been invited to a Tea Party in the marquee at my home church. Just under 50 have accepted the invite! It's going to be exciting, celebrating the life of a monarch who is a living example of the Christian faith. Each family will be given a Christian book about her life, thanks to the continued generosity of your kind donations.



Thank you so much for your support and encouragement. May you know God's presence and blessings.

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