



Megan Stone Reaching Children & Young people in Wales with the gospel

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Dear Friend,

God has placed on my heart His love for children to be saved. I am reminded of Paul's letter to the Romans in which he writes, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?" It thrills my heart to know that you share in our Lord's special regard for children as you support my calling.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP COURSE

I am blessed and excited to say that on Friday, I completed my CEF Children's Ministry Leadership Course (CMLC), which was followed by a graduation service that evening. God has been gracious and I give Him all the honour and praise.



Children's Ministry Leadership Course, Class of 2022

I have been studying with students across Europe in beautiful Kilkeel, on the coast of Newry, Northern Ireland. Seaview Camp and Conference Centre became my home for six weeks and I woke up to stunning views of the Mourn Mountains. Each day started with 7:00 a.m. morning devotions. It was been such a blessing to have this time set aside and to grow in my personal relationship with the Lord.

The students were from many different backgrounds and it was great to learn how God had been working in each of our lives to bring us together at CMLC 2022. I have made wonderful friends for life.



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In particular my roommate, Letitia, was a huge encouragement to me. We would start and end each day with a prayer time together and it was amazing to see God answering so many prayers over our time together.

Teaching, Learning and Growing

One of my favourite assignments was to teach fellow students a skill of my choice. I chose to show how Bible journalling could be used as a useful tool for scripture memorisation. Learning memory verses is a key part of teaching children and youth, and Bible journaling is an engaging, interactive way of teaching this.

There were many modules during the course that were helpful, but the one that had a great impact was 'The Victorious Life'. During one of the hardest weeks for me personally, I sat through teaching which challenged, encouraged and equipped me to keep going and live a life for Christ. We considered how our walk with the Lord not only had an impact on our ministry, but our daily lives as God's people. The other students and I continue to discuss these classes and encourage one another in living the 'victorious life'.'



CMLC students celebrating 'The Victorious Life with our teacher, Andrew.

Hands-on experience in Belfast! It was a privilege to spend a busy practical week in South Belfast with Local CEF Worker, Emma Gordon.



During the week I attended Good News Clubs, a youth club and other meetings. I have learnt so much and am eager to develop my teaching and share what I have learnt as I return to Wales. I thank God for Emma and the opportunity to spend the week with her.

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Sharing Jesus, Light of the World

Before moving to Northern Ireland to complete CMLC, one of the highlights of the term were the Light Parties which were held to celebrate Jesus, Light of the World. We were delighted to be joined by children on holiday as well as local children who joined us. We are fewer in number at the moment in our weekly GNC. In today's social climate, where every penny counts, for some parents, it is easier for their children to travel home from school on a bus, rather than come to GNC. For others, when one leaves, their friends also leave. I long to share the gospel with more children. Please pray for this.



Good News Club Light Party

PRAYER & PRAISE

December 9th: Praise God that all the students on the CMLC course have graduated. How awesome is our God! Pray that God would continue to guide us in our ministries.

December 13th: Please pray for a blessed evening of fellowship at our Youth Club Christmas Dinner.

December 16th: Please pray that I can share the good news of Immanuel, God with Us, with an increased number of children at our Christmas Party.

December 17th: Please pray that villagers will attend the Community Carol Service at the local village hall, organised by my home church. As the true meaning of Christmas is shared in singing, may hearts be stirred to know the Lord Jesus.

Join me in thanking God for His provision. My prayer for the New Year is from Proverbs 4:25, " Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you."

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At the weekly Youth Club, the young people continue to explore life's big questions as they open their Bibles to discover God's Word. We held a wonderful social night at my home, making pizza, playing music and games. We also had a great Light Party where deep questions were asked after watching a video of light overcoming darkness. We had fun with glow sticks, dancing, singing and enjoying party food.



Youth Club Neon Party Video Calling from Kilkeel

During CMLC, I was able to have short video calls during the youth meetings. I am so excited to be seeing the young people as we celebrate Christmas this evening, when we will share fellowship together as we have Christmas Dinner. Please pray for the young people that they would realise the true meaning of Christmas.



New Year, New Good News Club

God willing, in the New Year, I am praying that I will be able to help organise another Good News Club in a small church. Please keep this in your prayers, that the Lord would open this door and more children will be reached with the gospel in Pembrokeshire.

Thank you for your continued prayer support and encouragement. Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

> Every blessing, Megan

I am so thankful for your prayers. As you partner with me in serving the Lord, whether in prayer or with a financial gift, I am reminded of James' declaration that, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." It is wonderful to experience the joy there is in knowing God's grace as we serve one another, together (1 Peter 4:10).

During this Advent time of reflection and preparation for Christmas, I thank God for each one of you and pray you have a blessed Christmas, praising God for the birth of our Saviour, Immanuel, God with us.

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