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Key Events

**6th Early
Celebration,
Discovery
Church, The
Meeting Place –
Cefn Mawr**

**13th Miracles and
angry masses
Rob and Sally
Acts 19: 11 – 30
Martina and Tony
Visit CCW**



**20th Idolatry and
intellect rocked
Huw and Lesley
Acts 17:16 – 34**

**25th Shipwreck to
signs and
wonders.
Mark and Sarah
Acts 27:39 - 28:10**

*Don't forget to pray
for Sue in New
Zealand and Ali Fogg
in Myanmar*

Relay



*Welcome to the August edition of the
ChristChurch Relay magazine.*

Scripture Focus for August - Luke 10:16-20

16 "The one who listens to you, listens to me. The one who rejects you, rejects me. And rejecting me is the same as rejecting God, who sent me."

17 The seventy came back triumphant. "Master, even the demons danced to your tune!"

18-20 Jesus said, "I know. I saw Satan fall, a bolt of lightning out of the sky. See what I've given you? Safe passage as you walk on snakes and scorpions, and protection from every assault of the Enemy. No one can put a hand on you. All the same, the great triumph is not in your authority over evil, but in God's authority over you and presence with you. Not what you do for God but what God does for you—that's the agenda for rejoicing."

Several people asking about baptism – if you are interested then please speak to Gareth and we will arrange something over the summer



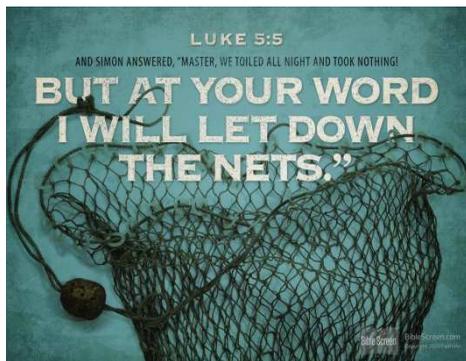
Leader's Log

Mission to Wales in Wrexham - A TRULY Miraculous Catch

Wow!! What a week of mission and what a fantastic response on the streets. God is so, so, good. Now begins the patient persevering work of committed and consistent follow up. I am so thrilled with how things have gone and all that God has done in us and through us. As we stepped out in faith and cast our nets on the other side we really did haul in a miraculous catch!! I have been in many mission or outreach events over the years but nothing comes remotely close to this in terms of impact, influence, inspiration and impression.

LUKE 5:4-7

When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch." Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets." It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.



Heading into the mission I was encouraging folk with a number of thoughts around the passage above in Luke's gospel – Acclimatisation, Acceleration, Activation and Abundance in this year of breakthrough. These are some thoughts around those themes as I reflect on the Mission.

Acclimatisation – we have seen heaven invading earth as heaven's culture has taken things to a different level. The presence of God has been so powerful in the soaking worship and also out on the streets. Healings followed as we stepped out in faith. The town's atmosphere changed as the Kingdom impacted. Wherever we went – town, village or country park – people responded to the prayer for salvation.

Acceleration – God has done in 10 days more than we have managed in a decade!! Indeed, one church testified of how they spent a year doing street evangelism yet only saw 10 people saved. In this mission that figure was more than doubled on the first day.

It has also been an absolute delight to see an acceleration of God at work in individuals. Healing, cleansing, strengthening as well as connecting with destiny and gifting.

Activation – Partnerships' have been strengthened and added to. Unity has gone deeper and wider. Spiritual gifts have deepened and it was amazing to see the result of prophetic evangelism. Where and when we deployed people in response to prophetic revelation there was incredible impact and response. Worship has been lifted and elevated.

Abundance – Over 400 responses to the prayer for salvation have been made in the regional training hub – Wrexham and Mold. A glut of follow up to now process fully. Please pray that the follow up would be effective and produce the desired result - disciples of Christ.

We have truly seen breakthrough in our evangelism and one of the prophetic words we must follow and apply is REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT. Evangelistic kingdom mission must have a regular rhythm in the life of the town church and it must become a lifestyle for us.

THE ATMOSPHERE HAS SHIFTED, THE LANDSCAPE HAS CHANGED.



We will be repeating the Mission and Healing Café's at regular intervals and the encouragement is that as many of us as is possible get involved. Watch out for the dates & clear those diaries!!

Let's go fishing with Jesus again!!!

Love and prayers,
Blessings,

GARETH ∞

George mentioned figures for Church giving at the congregational meeting, here are further details. "As I write, total donations since the 1st April (which includes £2.33 Bank Interest) = £18,936.91. During the same period, the following wide and varied causes have been supported :-

Cause	Grant	Cause	Grant
C.A.P.	£120.00	New Wine Cymru	£150.00
Compassion UK	£100.00	Russ & Lesley Howell	£1,304.00
Dynamic	£200.00	Salvation Army (Food Bank)	£50.00
Evangelical Alliance	£60.00	Salvation Army (WFTR)	£40.00
FI (General)	£400.00	Street Pastors	£150.00
FI (Summer Camps)	£733.12	The Bible Society	£150.00
Gweini	£30.00	The Turning Point	£150.00
Hungary (General)	£665.50	UK Youth Camps	£213.12
Hungary (School Visit)	£921.88	Urban Saints	£100.00
Icthus (Martina Best)	£240.00	YWAM	£180.00
Just Across	£82.50	Total	£6237.62
Nepal Sagaol	£197.50		

A big thank you from Joe Jones

"If it's not too late, can you thank everyone at church in the relay mag for prayers to help me pass my exam in Psychology. I passed, grade 2, 71%. Natasha also passed too"

thank
You



We would like to send congratulations to Frank and Val's daughter Susannah on her marriage to Matt.

Also congratulations to Mark and Sarah, Imogen and Rowan on the birth of Clara.



Here is a picture from the FI youth camp. Tabara Limitless Camp in Sinteu, Romania: An extraordinary camp!



Mission to Wales July

There are lots of numbers we can give you but some of them are:-

Between 22 and 50 people at the training each day.

There were over 12 churches involved – not including the churches that came over to Wrexham from the Mold hub!

In Wrexham we prayed the prayer of salvation with 344 people. Lots of others were prayed for and there were several healing. Altogether with Mold it was over 400!

During the evening celebrations an offering was taken and a total of £470 was donated. This will be passed onto the Turning Team.

We would like to give you all a massive thank you for your support and prayers and want to let you know we will be arranging to do it again in the autumn.

Here are some testimonies from those who went out on mission

Katia Butterworth - Me and Adam missed the first few days of the mission due to being on holiday with the family, but when we came back, the atmosphere was different, it felt hopeful and joyful in Wrexham, very peaceful. Being encouraged by people's testimonies in Church, we got very excited to get involved.

The days of the mission consisted of worship "soaking" time, message, mini training and evangelism on the streets. We were given little script cards and material to give out to people, before going on the streets. After the evangelism, we came back to church to share what had happened.

"Soaking" time was amazing, those few hours felt like few minutes and were so filled with God...it was awesome to worship together, many Christians united as one body, worshipping the Lord in Spirit and in truth. It was so encouraging to see so many people on their knees seeking God and being desperate for more of the Holy Spirit. Many wonderful things happened in those worship times.

After the worship and hearing encouraging mini-sermons from the speakers, we would go through the script together and make sure everyone knows what to do, do a bit of

role-playing, and get into pairs/groups to go out.

Going out was the challenging part, we had to ask God for boldness and overcome fear, make a step in faith and speak to people. Many people have responded positively and prayed the prayer of salvation, some negatively...most got prayed for and many got healed. God did so many amazing things through His children and brought so many lost and broken people closer to Him and home to Him! It was so encouraging to hear and share what He has done through His church!

Every day was different, God called us all to go to different places in Wrexham and speak to different people. Wherever we went, God was with us, leading us, and His presence was so overwhelmingly beautiful.

I was very blessed with the new people I've met, new friendships and ideas that were born during the mission. I really miss going out on the streets with the churches and doing evangelism like that every day, I hope we will make it happen again and make it a regular thing! The challenge now, for us all as individuals hidden in Christ, is to make evangelism a lifestyle.

We had an amazing worship celebration in the end of the mission, many people were really touched by God and stepped up wanting to be involved in Wrexham evangelism in the future. It was great seeing people dancing to "Build Your Kingdom here", rejoicing in God!

Now people are busy doing follow ups with those who gave their lives to Jesus and wanted to know more about Jesus. It is hard work, so please pray for God's leadership and guidance in the follow ups.

So many things happened in those 9 days, more than I can put into words right now. Jesus is amazing! God's Kingdom come, God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Alan Knight - Of all the privileges I had of leading people to The Lord, my favourite is a guy who was feeding pigeons with what could have been his last breadstick! As I walked up to him and told him God loved him and had a plan for his life, he burst into tears. As we talked further he told me he had just had a major family row which resulted in him being thrown out of the family home.

He was now homeless with two large bags containing his clothes. He told me he was now going to commit suicide! We talked further and he gave his life to Jesus and allowed me to pray for the suicidal thoughts to go. After more tears he said he no longer wanted to end his life and told me I had saved his life. WOW! What a privilege. We had a long hug.

I now have the honour of following up with him. He has been texting me, telling me he has found a room in Wrexham and is settling in. His latest text asked me if we could meet up. Guess what my answer was!

Reflections on Hospital Chaplaincy and the Turning. Ffion Mari Wells

A very long time ago (or so it seems!) I was convinced God wanted me to evangelise to one and all and bring them to faith. Why not? I knew how blessed I was and wanted to share this amazing Good News. Well, God obviously had other ideas and I found myself learning to listen to myself, others and to God.

Years followed when I shared this skill with others and was lead personally into hospital chaplaincy. I have been at the Maelor now for 17 years. The nature of chaplaincy has changed radically in these years. Initially as we were dispatched to various wards we could approach any patient. Nowadays, we can (generally) only approach patients if we receive a request from the patient themselves or from a relative, friend or vicar for example. This is a real sadness. It means that I now have no, or very little opportunity, to evangelise. Admittedly in the early days that freedom did get me in some hilarious situations but that's a tale for another time and another place!

Suffice it to say that I was and still am blessed by having the privilege to come alongside all sorts of people and to be allowed to listen and empathise with them, pray with them and share communion with them. I have also been prayed for and sung over by patients!

And the blessing of prayer leads me to "the Turning"..... the 10 days of evangelism I was privileged to be part of..... finally! Nearly 20 years down the line God gave me this opportunity.

Again there are many experiences I could share but I feel that I'd just like to focus on my overall learning curve during that time.

It was an immense privilege God had undoubtedly prepared hearts, so many people had prayed for Wrexham over the years and we had the joy of doing a little reaping. The hour spent soaking in the spirit each morning prepared us so well, as did the wise teaching. And when we stepped out the Holy Spirit gave us courage.

Was it easy? Yes and no. On some days getting myself to Chester Street was like ploughing through treacle. At other times I was sure I wasn't worthy or in the right place to do this work. But I persevered and was blessed and felt very different once I stepped into the church.

What perhaps was the most amazing for me was that so often the very first person I approached was already a Christian and promised to pray for us during that next hour. What an encouragement!

And now the work of follow up starts....where wisdom, patience and perseverance will I think be so important. At the end of the day all is in God's hands. But we must trust and obey and to Him be the Glory.

Sally's Diary: Saturday July 7th 2017

I took Rhianna and Micah to Chester Street Baptist Church for 10am. They were very excited and went straight to the second row (most people sit at the back!). They were also nervous, and so was I, really scared actually. Half of me wanted to go back home and not do this, half of me dreaded the thought that sometime in the future someone would say "Where were you when all those people got saved in Wrexham?" and my answer might be "I wasn't involved. I was too scared." How pathetic that would sound! How rubbish would I feel! So, with not entirely the right motivation, I was there making myself join in. Yinka shared a brief talk and then we were led in worship. The kids mainly played with their friends. I mainly stood there with tears streaming down my face. In fact, I was crying before the worship even started. It's how the Holy Spirit often works in me. The tears mean different things at different times. Today I'd describe it as a cleansing. At 10am I felt full of

sin, not a good enough Christian to be out on the streets telling people about Jesus, not a good enough parent to be letting my kids do it, too far from God to be any good at this, too full of fear. By 11am I felt peaceful, forgiven, accepted by God to go out and do what he'd asked us to do, not because of anything I'd done but because of who He is. I felt confident that I was obeying Him. The leaders went around praying and prophecying over people. I admit to feeling a bit disappointed that we seemed to be moving on but no one had prayed for me. Lindy went to pray with Jean who graciously pointed her in my direction first. Lindy told me that God was showing her my children are a tidal wave for Jesus, and that I can't manage them and should just ride the wave with joy. This filled me with peace about my children. Yinka then went through the training of what we were to do. At midday we got into our groups and went out onto the High Street. Yinka came with me, the kids and Andrew as it was our first time. He said he'd help Rhianna do it once then he'd leave us to it. I presumed he'd take her to an older lady for some reason, but he stopped a group of teenage boys and asked them if they would listen to Rhianna and they agreed. They were from South Africa and were singing at the Eisteddfod in Llangollen. She read through the script, one boy said he thought he was going to heaven because he hadn't done anything bad and he helped people. The other six weren't sure. When she asked them if they would like to say the prayer they all said yes, Yinka stepped in and reminded them that they didn't have to say it, they needed to think about it and decide if they really wanted to. A couple of them took off their caps in respect and all seven of them said the prayer and took the gospel home with them. Yinka then left us to it! Rhianna had just led seven people to Jesus, I was slightly stunned, and so pleased that she had had that experience. Reflecting on it now I wish I'd been happier for the boys and talked to them more but I think we were all just so nervous about following the script and doing the right thing that it all happened so quickly! The four of us walked around for a while, to be honest, all a bit too nervous to approach anyone. We saw a lady sitting on a bench texting and decided to approach her, Micah went through the script and she was happy to be prayed for but didn't want to take it any further. I spoke to a couple with a baby and prayed for them. Andrew spoke to a man who didn't want to hear anything. We then bumped into Yinka again and he took Micah to chat to a family, Micah went through the script with the man who had a six-day old baby in the pram. The Mum wandered off to look after the two young girls. The man said he wanted to say the prayer which he did and when Micah said "If you really meant this ..." the man said a firm "Yes!" We then had to go back to the church, I felt like I was just getting into it and wanted to stay out then! We went back to the church and heard lots of amazing testimonies, ate our lunch and then went to see *Dispicable Me 3* at the cinema! So, my children between them led eight people to Jesus that day, they had been really unsure all week and flitted between wanting to and not. I always said to them that they didn't have to if they didn't want to, and even as we were walking out of the church Micah changed his mind – but then once he had said the script once he was eager to do it again! Their only motivation was to see more people come to Jesus and God blessed them by allowing them to see that. I am happy to ride their wave! I hope they remember the experience for the rest of their lives and it gives them the confidence to know God and make him known.

ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

	6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
		communion	Offering	communion
Setting Up	Gareth	Gareth	Richard	Rob
PA	-	Eth, Colin	Rob, Adrian	Eth, Colin
IT	Frank	Huw?	Dan?	Rob
Music Group	Elizabeth	Lesley, Genni	John	Adam
Celebration Leader	Gareth	Rob	Lesley & Huw	Mark & Sarah
Speaker	Gareth	Rob	Lesley & Huw	Mark & Sarah
Prayer Team	Frank & Val	Sue & Alan	Paul & Gill	Frank & Elaine
Tea	Marilyn, Charlie, Lucy	Andrew, Elizabeth, Myra	Campbell, Glenys, Angela	John, Ffion, Mandy
No Junior Church – all age Explore Together celebration				

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