

Greetings to you from West Cork on this much milder, very spring like day. Just recently I have been looking at Psalm 78 and its teachings. It's quite a long psalm of 72 verses.

*"Psalm 78 is the longest of the historical psalms. Its lesson is that history must not repeat itself. The people must never again be unbelieving." (James Montgomery Boice)*

Now don't worry I am not going to go through all of this Psalm. When you get some time, take the time to read it. I would like to focus a little on the earlier verses of this Psalm.

*Psalm 78:7 So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.*

The word "HOPE" seems to pop up a lot in chats with different people.

"Hope the weather clears up." "Hope there won't be a queue at the supermarket." "Hope they have what I am looking for in the shop." "Hope we will soon be out of our 5km lock down."

"Hope the schools will reopen soon." "Hope the vaccine will soon arrive." And so the word hope goes on.

As we look at ministry and try to push forward with ministry, our prayer and hope is that many will turn to the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. That many will set their HOPE in the Lord.

We had a number of Zoom classes before Christmas and we were hoping that they would be well received. We were delighted to receive a number of emails from schools and teachers being so appreciative of them.

One clip from an email -

"This is just a quick email to say thank you so much for being with us on Zoom yesterday. It was so lovely to see and hear you! The children were delighted and I have to say that I really enjoyed your talk - the message has stayed with me and I'm very grateful."



The children were delighted to receive their calendars when we were able to visit the schools just before Christmas. It was lovely to have had the opportunity to chat in the windows and get to renew contact with teachers and pupils. Our prayer is that the verses will encourage the children to set their hope in God. For the foreseeable future we will be teaching on Zoom.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ireland plan to have an online Easter club. We have been taking some time to contact churches with this information. Please pray that many from different counties will watch this club. Please encourage your children or grandchildren to watch.





We have been in touch with a number of churches in different counties promoting an online Teaching Children Effectively course and it has been such

an encouragement to see folk from Portlaoise in Co Laois, folk from Carlow and one from Co Tipperary. As a result of having more time for promotion of CEF ministries we have the opportunity to conduct 3 Saturday morning sessions with a group from a Church in Galway. Our prayer is that these times will be an encouragement and a challenge to reach out to others in their areas so that many more children will have the opportunity to set their hope in God.

This Psalm is encouraging people - you and me -not to repeat the mistakes of the past and not to hold the truth to ourselves but to pass it on.

It's been a great joy for us to have the time to pass on information about CEF ministries to so many churches in many different counties. It's our prayer when restrictions ease, that Psalm 78:4 will be a deeper burden on all our hearts.

V4 We will not hide these truths from our children;  
we will tell the next generation  
about the glorious deeds of the LORD,  
about his power and his mighty wonders.



Summer 2021 is not easy to plan - one day you think, "maybe we can do this," and then another twist comes in with Covid. Many, many children would love to see residential camps up and going again and we had a lovely email from a parent recently.

Hi Denise and Stan,

Just wanted to take a minute to thank you for your work.

Our daughters took part in a camp organised by you over 1 1/2 years ago. They still mention it very often. They have wonderful memories - it was their first and only one retreat without us and it meant a lot to them. They still recall situations, jokes, fun as well as what they learnt.

It doesn't look like the camp will be running this year again - but if by any chance it would, would you mind to keep our email address to keep us informed please?

Thank you very much for contributing to wonderful memories for our children.

When emails like this come in, yes they are an encouragement but also a deeper burden pulls at the heart strings. How we long that the Lord will call many folk from different counties to reach out to the children of Ireland. Please pray with us that the Lord will call more workers into this wonderful ministry so that we will not hide His word from the next generation so that they can set their hope in God.

We are both well and notching up more birthdays than we would like. Denise has had a special birthday which we will celebrate when restrictions ease. Perhaps she gets to stay a year younger for another year. We have found the 5 kilometre lock down difficult some days more than others. We miss getting to see Matt & Adele and the children as much as would like. Thank you for your faithfulness to us in your sacrificial giving and prayers - for this we thank the Lord each day. Pray with us that the Lord will encourage others to stand with us in prayer and supporting us as we look to the Lord for each day. Thank you again for your interest, love and care.



Blessings,

*Stan & Denise*  
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