

Donaghy Family

Prayer Letter No.29, Easter '21

Online ministry can be awkward! It's difficult to tell who is watching the videos published. We have had the joy over the last year of Zoom Bible classes where the feedback is immediate and much more satisfying. We can see the children reacting and reflecting back what they have learnt – but what about the videos sent through the website into homes and schools and via churches? – only God knows, and we are constantly reminded of the words of Colossians 3:23, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”*

CEF's Easter Conference is online on the Saturday and Monday of Easter weekend. We would encourage you to listen and be blessed.

correcting, rebuking and instructing us how to serve Him through His Word and in prayer. A life worth living.

As I am writing this prayer letter it is one year since Helen's mother was seriously ill with coronavirus and through weeks of care and attention came back stronger than before the virus attacked. You may know friends and family that have also faced health issues and even bereavement this year. With lock-down these circumstances appear hugely more challenging for the families. On three occasions this year we have prepared and made plans for activities when things seemed possible only to have them changed, not to mention the family wedding plans last Summer (a story in itself!), but what we have learnt is that God doesn't change and His faithfulness in reaching families with His wonderful truth is assured.

We have had the joy of increasing our Zoom Bible classes by connecting with another church and supporting them in their ministry to children. It's a pleasure to meet new families. Brian hopes to get back to teaching God's Word in schools on Zoom in the next term after Easter.

Summer plans are going ahead but in a different manner. Surfing is something that will likely be a permissible activity as the lock-down restrictions ease. As the government allows, we hope to have the Surf Project join us for two weeks at Rossnowlagh beach for day camps with children and teenagers surfing, and being taught God's Word, in a safe manner. Exodus are planning to be part of our team, along with two ladies from O.M. (Operation Mobilisation). To work together for one purpose and as one under God's uniting love will be a wonderful experience this Summer.

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Brian has been working hard on making videos of Helen Roseveare's amazing life story for the week after Easter. It's not an easy life-story to tell to children and youth but possibly one that will speak of the realities of the past and present in this broken world. It is not fair to bring children to the knowledge of Christ without teaching of the daily sacrifice that is part and parcel of the Christian walk.



Christianity is not a bed of roses! It is living our messy lives with Christ by our side; loving, leading, forgiving,

Easter Conference Program

Saturday 03 April

10:00am - Bible Study - Scott Woodburn

11:30am - Seminar "Standing Firm in Dark Days" - David Cameron

7:00pm - Focus on Ireland - Missionary Challenge - Scott Woodburn

Monday 05 April

10:00am - Bible Study - Scott Woodburn

11:30am - Elective Seminars

- 'With No Apology' - John Kirkpatrick
- 'Contend' - Pete Wright

7:00pm - Focus on CEF Europe - Missionary Challenge - Scott Woodburn

Don't forget - You can also watch these later !
you'll find a link at www.cefireland.com

We will be enquiring for facilities in Sligo that we can use to safely run a technology Bible camp, and if restrictions allow, a day camp on the beach in Rosses Point in August.

Some teenagers are in touch with us more than others and we are taking these opportunities to encourage, support and use this time for these specific teens to build them up in faith. Our youth joined CEF's online Zoom with Dublin and Wexford Youth Challenge – of course along with the Bible teaching there was a bit of competition and happy to report that Sligo came out the victors !

What has impressed us most is the enthusiasm and dedication of the volunteer leaders and CEF committee. They have their own work and family life pressures but join with us unflinchingly to

He is risen !



encourage and bring hope to all who connect with us online. Our website may need a bit of updating for future events, but you can look through it to see what has been happening and the leaders involved – www.cefsligo.com.

Family News :

Helen here - I contracted the Covid-19 virus myself (one year exactly since my mum got it). On the first night with symptoms, after sending Brian and Jack safely away to a home that was Covid-proof I wrote letters to each member of the family not sure what God was going to allow to happen? I wasn't sure of the future but I knew where I was going to go if God decided to take me. I wanted my family to rejoice in the fact that my life was hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). As Paul said, *'For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain'* (Phil. 1:21) – this is the sure hope we want to proclaim. God decided He had more for me to do so I am thankfully still around. Brian and Jack are back and all safe and well.

Michael hopes to entertain families that will be on holiday in Cyprus from June to October – he is rehearsing online with singing in the house everyday. Fiona and Jacob hope to move to Cardiff in the next couple of months to continue their married lives. So far their married life has consisted of just the two of them in an apartment in Bath. They haven't complained!! Jack will be starting to go to school again after Easter until June – he won't be experiencing Junior Certificate exams but will have plenty of assessments to complete in class.

Thank you for your continued prayers and kindness,

Some Prayer Points :

- Your prayers for Zoom Bible classes / Youth Challenge / schools
– zoom fatigue is a real thing !!
- For guidance and insight as Videos are produced.
- For God to speak through His Word, and that all the glory goes to Him.

Yours in His Service, Brian & Helen
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