



Discovering Biblical Truth and how to apply it

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“Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”

Acts Ch15Vs18

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I suppose we are now all used with Frequently Asked Questions on websites that we visit or even instruction booklets for appliances that we own. It's that place we can read answers to the most prominent, widely asked and misunderstood questions. For this particular issue of our prayer letter we thought we would pose some of the most asked questions that we have heard over the past year of ministry, and even a little bit beyond.



AT THIS STAGE OF LOCKDOWN ARE CHILDREN NOT FED UP WITH SCREEN TIME?

This is probably a misunderstood question and the question comes from a place of naivety. Have children locked away their mobile phones and games consoles? That's a definite no. Children and teenagers are still using their devices as much as ever, for their personal use, there is no sign of this slowing down. Many have taken to the internet to live stream games on "Twitch", "Vlogging on YouTube" and creating MEMES to share via social media. But certainly they are getting fed up with education at home requiring self-motivation to learn; self-study is a poor substitute for teaching. Therefore, when it comes to content creation for online ministry it needs to be short, focused and give value to the viewer; we are still competing for their time.

WHY SHOULD I SUBSCRIBE TO YOUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL?

The simple answer is, to encourage growth. YouTube has a global user count of over 2.5 billion people; that's gives a massive global potential reach. Behind the engine of YouTube there are some very clever algorithms which promote content to other users in an end screen; do you ever wonder why those videos seem appealing to you personally? The more times people view, subscribe, like, comment and share a piece of our content then YouTube will begin to put more of our videos on suggested viewing lists. Also once we reach 100 subscribers we can create a custom URL making our channel easier to find and promote.

HOW CAN I FIND YOUR ONLINE CONTENT? All the content we create is uploaded to our YouTube channel. In the YouTube search bar type "DISCOVER TRUTH CEF" we should be top of the search ranks. You will know you have found the correct channel if it has our branding beside it; the open bible with the cross at the centre; you can see the logo at the top of this newsletter. Over the past six months we have been recording and uploading 2 videos per week; one as an assembly talk and another for discipleship. We aim to keep this channel active for the foreseeable future as YouTube opens a window to the world.

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WHAT DO YOU DO AS A LOCAL CEF WORKER? There is a common misconception, possibly due to the name of the mission, that we ought to be spending all our time in evangelism; although that is the heartbeat of the mission. The role and desire of a local worker is to facilitate individuals and churches to conduct children's ministry within their sphere of influence. We don't want to do the work of 100 people; we want 100 people to do the work. Our desire is to cast the vision of child evangelism so others become spiritually burdened for the children and are compelled to take the Gospel to them through rain, hail or snow. We want to be able to supply materials that can be used to facilitate this inside and outside of the church as well as offer training on how those materials can be used effectively.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE SUMMER? This is probably one of the most difficult questions we have been asked over the past few weeks. The summer plans still seem a very long way off because no-one really knows definitively what's going to happen. We can plan ministry but some of it may or may not happen depending on restrictions. We have been planning camp as if it's going ahead asking our leaders to save the date and attempting to book the school as our venue. But because of the unpredictability of the situation it looks more and more likely that camp will go online for another year in some form. We would also like to plan with a few churches to attempt training courses to get their leaders "fired up" for October and the potential recommencement of Sunday Schools and Children's meetings. If your church would like a refresher course over the summer whether via Zoom or in person just drop us a line. We also hope to attempt some 5Day Clubs outdoors for the end of the summer. We'll put them in the diary and if the weather is viable we will run socially distanced 5Day Clubs in a number of areas.

CAN I GIVE TO A PROJECT? Over the past year we have personally purchased a lot of recording equipment. It has become clear that our laptop is not good enough for intensive video editing. We hope to upgrade to a new laptop at the cost of approx £600. If you would like to give toward this mark your gift Co.Armagh Recording fund.

Your Support

Four times per year we have a small team who offer up their time to visit dozens of homes to collect world globes. Every penny that is dropped into those little boxes is used for the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship. We have noticed that those boxes are quite flimsy and we are replacing large quantities of them every year. Perhaps you would consider requesting a standing order form and giving your donation each month, or each quarter, via bank transfer. It's a simple process and only requires a basic form to be filled in and returned to ourselves. Maybe you would consider starting to give in this way. Standing order forms can be requested by email or give us a call.

Perhaps you cannot commit to giving on a monthly basis, but maybe you would consider a one-time gift made payable to "Child Evangelism Fellowship" marked for Co.Armagh, and sent to the National Office.

Yours in His Service

Gareth, Lindsay & James Gwynne

HOW CAN I HELP FINANCE YOUR MINISTRY? Over the past year the mission has not escaped the effects of COVID. Expenses have increased and world globes have proved to be difficult or impossible to collect regularly. Therefore the best and easiest way to support the area work is via standing orders. These don't need to be large amounts, just whatever you feel you can give on a monthly basis. Would you prayerfully consider helping to bridge the financial gap of £800 per month that we are currently experiencing? No amount is too small when given to the Lord.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Pray for the biggest change within the mission right now is that all local workers must become employed by Child Evangelism Fellowship. This puts an extra financial strain upon the area to the value of approx £800. Pray that the Lord would meet this shortfall monthly.

Pray for the summer plans as they begin to be solidified. Some HBC's and 5DC's will be planned as normal; pray for God to give wisdom and peace as decisions are made.

Praise God we have almost reached our milestone of 100 YouTube subscribers. We set this goal for September 2021 but we are almost there and it's only March.

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