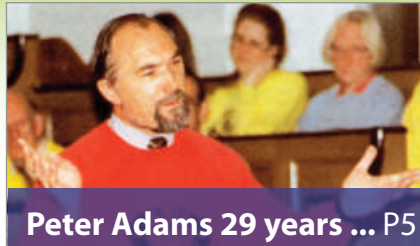




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Richard Scott, TFM's new Lead Evangelist, writes.....

Each year in November, Heather and I attend the Mission Worship Conference weekend in Eastbourne. Our primary intention is to worship God through music produced by some of the best Christian bands in the UK and US. The songs soften our hearts and soften the cares of the world, bringing us into God's presence and allowing the words of the speaker to hit home – which they did. His theme, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever," is the central song in the Old Testament, turning up in 3 distinct phases of Israelite life: when all is well, when all is distinctly not well, and when all is becoming well again.

In each situation, the Israelites learnt to give God praise. Easy and natural, you might think in Phase 1, for example, when the Ark of the Covenant had been recovered or when the Philistines had been defeated. Less easy in Phase 2, when David is fleeing from his enemies or before God restores Job, but child's play in Phase 3, when Nehemiah has rebuilt the temple or at the end of time, when all tears are wiped away in Revelation 21.

But of course, the speaker had more to teach us. For it's tempting, in the good times, to forget to praise God. To assume that good things are ours by right and that as an all-powerful God, it's simply within His job description to



praise should always be our response

provide them! If that is the case, we're in danger of worshipping "stuff," whether ambition, career, material goods, family, whatever, rather than the God who provides them. Far better to turn to praise, for not only does this

complete our joy, it also robs "stuff" of its potential for idolatry. It's also wise to give him thanks and praise in the bad times. In tragedy, our lament reaches the Lord as an expression of faith. The Psalms often contain 2 elements, plea and praise. When we lift our eyes and our voices to God, similarly we express in Whom our hope lies. Essentially, we cry out: Lord you CAN do something and Lord you CARE. Just as the Father didn't abandon Jesus in the grave, nor will

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He abandon us. In our time of need, we are not alone.

Finally, of course, as Christians we know that suffering isn't the end of the story. That Friday may be here but Sunday's coming. That weeping will be followed by shouts of praise, for whatever situation we are in now isn't the end. He is making all things new, even death is not the final word and the end will be even better than the beginning in Eden. As I come towards the end of my first quarter year as TFM leader, I'm inspired to give thanks. So far, in general, times have been good. Getting to grips with the many facets involved in my new role has been hard work but fun and my prayer life has certainly been invigorated! But never must I, or any of us, assume that anything good that takes place is our right or our due. Neither must we take God for granted. Yes, in giving us good things He is being true to His nature, but praise should always be our response.

Since September, there have also been some less good times. A talk goes badly, a mission produces less fruit than we'd hoped for or the technicals (my home computer or Ipad on mission) malfunction. And the little hair that I have left is in further danger! But in addition to asking the Lord what he's

teaching me, the appropriate response again is praise, recognising what He CAN do, what He IS doing and that He CARES. God has His hand on the tiller – and as we seek His vision for TFM and open doors for the Word, it's already clear that in this new season, with its massive life change and attendant difficulties for me, His love endures and remains at work in our nation. He is restoring and reinvigorating all things. That includes TFM, me and you. One day, all knees will bow and all suffering will be over. And then as we give thanks to those integral to our own faith journeys, we also will experience the delight of those coming to faith through TFM-ers!

To God be the Glory and the praise forever and ever. Amen.



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UCCF Forum – 1st to 5th September 2014

Whilst praying about taking up my new role in April, I was convinced that the Lord wanted TFM to reach a younger audience. This was confirmed when, within 2 days of accepting the job, an invitation emerged to camp with the UCCF (Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship) leaders! David Baslington and I spent 4 days hosting a TFM stand in the conference, chatting extensively to students from up and down the UK about how we (as an organisation) might help their outreach to their friends on campus.

Alongside praying for an entrée into the student world, I also had a burden for Scotland – into which we've never yet had an invitation. So I was delighted that many Scottish universities were represented and had a sense that God was opening a new door for us to go through. But one practical

issue remained – how to get through to an established UCCF leadership that TFM might have something to offer them? Sure enough, God sorted that one, as leader Michael Green is a friend of TFM, having done missions with us. With his backing, where should the first weeks mission arise but in Edinburgh in January! Prayers here, please, for this is a test for me on behalf of TFM, with other invitations likely to follow if I don't mess it up!

My hope is three-fold... 1) that I (and later others) may contribute to university missions as a C.U Guest (CUG) and 2) that young people in universities may join us on TFM missions in the future and 3) we may discover a young evangelist or two from within the university ranks.

Richard Scott



Roger writes...

There have been two major missions this last autumn and many other mission preparation and one-off events. The HOPE 14 mission in the Southam Deanery involved a team of Anglican churches split across 5 town and rural areas. Most of the main events were well attended and there were over 100 responses which was very positive.

“the wide diversity of churches”

Unfortunately just a couple of weeks before the mission, they decided that they did not require the full complement of the mission team which may have benefitted many of the local areas. However, we had a smaller team who served the areas and I spoke at most of the events. Alongside this we had a children’s evangelist, Graham Nunn, from the Church Army who visited many schools and led a successful Messy Church event.

The follow up was very mixed with some areas having some positive experiences and new Christians while some others had very little response which reflected some of the wide diversity of the churches involved even within the same Deanery.

“a tough one but a great delight to all”



Darby team

The mission in Darby Green near Camberley with David Culhane and team was a tough one but a great delight to all. We had around 40 responses across all events. David with the local EA team plus some locals had been doing some door to door visiting on a monthly basis which made contact with many in the area, some of whom came on the Alpha courses. The mission was as much for the church folk as for those in the area, and the team were used greatly in helping people connected with the church to fully commit to Christ and to find a living faith. The Alpha course has growing numbers and the feedback from the church has been very positive. A partnership has been formed with St Barnabas to carry on the monthly door to door theme with the local EA group, and have another long outreach weekend in April.

“a partnership ... to carry on the monthly door-to-door”

On the home front we have been in Seaford for just over a year and are enjoying life by the sea. We have also enjoyed seeing our new Granddaughter Annabelle over in Canada and back here in the UK. Jill is really enjoying her job as a Family Worker and seeing some people come through to faith, but is also facing a knee replacement operation in the New Year. I am looking forward to a good number of opportunities and missions during this coming year.



Roger enjoying his new home by the sea



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'Fling Wide the gates' Parish Mission Week

St George's Church Swallowbeck Lincoln
23rd to 30th November 2014

Over the past twenty years St George's Swallowbeck have invited TFM from time to time to be amongst us in mission, bringing the sharpened tools of personal witness and skill in evangelistic conversation to our needy neighbourhoods in South Lincoln. Each mission week has built on the last one: in February 2013 a TFM team visited half the parish door-to-door, training over twenty members of the congregation alongside them. 'Fling wide the gates' was to be another 'out-of-season' mission week this time in the season of Advent, with the aim of visiting the other, much needier part of the parish, inviting people to open their hearts and lives to Jesus and let the King come in. At the same time the church held a 24/7 prayer week: an unbroken chain of prayer day and night for the whole of the mission. The invitation to seek God's face was for the whole parish: we were flinging wide our own gates and declaring that God's Church is open for business - we have no intention of dying when our Lord is living!

Significant conversations took place on the doorsteps: the lonely were comforted, spiritual wanderers were presented with the true Way and people asked Christ into their lives. There is much follow up to be done and we look forward to doing it - we have a resident mission team in place that has been strengthened considerably over the years, not least as some have been on TFM missions in other places - Ulster, Kent, Cornwall and in other parts of Lincoln. A trio of art-loving ladies who came early to the Night of Colour and sat in the front row all received Christ and have joined follow-up Bible study groups. In 2015 we plan to start other discipleship groups so that as many as possible can discover the riches of Christ and become rooted and grounded in His love.

Ian Silk

Vicar, St George's Lincoln



"God's Church is open for business"

Post Script

One woman who came to the Saturday evening Hot Potato and Questions event at the last minute told privately of her granddaughter's severe post natal depression leading to the whole family having to take on shift work 24/7 to care for her and the new-born baby. We prayed, took the matter to the 24/7 prayer room and assured her of our continued prayers. Great grandma attended the church service on Sunday and telephoned from her granddaughter's home in Derby on the Monday to say her granddaughter had improved overnight and was 'on the mend'. She was talking to her baby and had also taken the baby out in the pram.

Praise the Lord!



REFLECTIONS ON 29 YEARS WITH TFM

Peter Adams, who helped found TFM with Daniel Cozens in 1986, has finally fully retired from TFM. After taking retirement from full time ministry in 2006 Peter continued to support TFM in the role of part time Evangelist Emeritus until September last year. Following on from Peter's account of how he met Daniel in our October 2014 enewsletter, here Peter recalls some of the highlights of his 29 years with TFM.

Little did I know it, but the first sermon I preached as a curate in 1968 was prophetic for myself, "Do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry" (2 Timothy 4v5b RSV). That had always been my desire, but to be on the road seventeen years later with Daniel Cozens was not even in my dreams.

In my earlier enewsletter, I spoke of how Daniel and I had met and the wonderful mission he led for me in my three parishes of Marks Tey, Aldham and Little Tey in 1983 when seventy-five people gave their lives to Christ. In thanksgiving, at the end of the mission, kneeling down in my study, Daniel prayed, "Lord Jesus, teach me how to be a fisher of men, for I really, really want to know how to do it". I was stunned, flabbergasted and deeply impressed at the humility of the man. This is the secret of being an evangelist, I thought.

Subsequently, Daniel asked if I would prepare a mission for him the following year in Leamington Spa and to be the team leader. For me, this was a great honour and a steep learning curve. While we were there he told me that although Roger Morgan had helped him with missions, he was now looking for a full-time partner because the work was growing. I replied that if it became financially possible he might think of me because I would be interested. He said, "I am already thinking of you!" The following year, 1985, I left parish work and joined Daniel as his Minister of Missions.

When it comes to being "thrown in at the deep end", the first mission I was to prepare was at Woking where the man who had set up Mission England for Billy Graham was on the staff – the Revd Gavin Reid! What can I, a man from three village parishes, teach this congregation about evangelism was my fearful question? Gavin's astonishing reply was, "They know nothing at all about evangelism. Treat them as beginners!" So I did. I devised a six-session training course on the Acts of the Apostles, and they lapped it up. This eventually became published as, "Keys to Mission".

"Do the work of an evangelist"

Following this there were town missions in Sevenoaks, Chelmsford, Stowmarket and Colchester, with the Chelmsford and Colchester ones being held in 1000-seater marquees. Hundreds of people responded to the Gospel that Daniel preached every night, and what a joy it was to see them come forward for counselling. The majority usually



came from the back of the marquee that Daniel termed "sinners corner!"

The most momentous and radical change to mission came in 1991 with The Walk of 1000 Men, north to south down the Pennine Way, 272 miles. After days of prayer and fasting, Daniel had heard God say, "Get the men out". Hundreds of men came to conferences at Cottenham in Cambridgeshire and at Skipton in Yorkshire and, as prayed for, exactly £10,000 was given. So it was on, and long may they continue.

On the second walk in Cornwall in 1993 women joined us as Walk Associates and we have had the privilege of training about 5000 men and women in personal evangelism over the years, as well as training many in preaching and in leading – a considerable number of whom have gone onto ordination and full-time mission work. One theological student at a training weekend said, "Although I have been to lots of evangelism training, this is the only one where they send you into pubs on Friday night, and out on the doors on Saturday afternoon! This has revolutionised me". My reflection is, out of God's gracious mercy this will take some equalling.

In 1994 John Hibberd joined us as the new Minister of Missions and I became Associate Evangelist, and developed Hot Potatoes as an effective way of reaching out. According to John's wife, Sue, his main fault is that he is "ferociously efficient"! Without distorting the training, John has electronically transformed and modernised the methodology; and then along with him, and Gordon Barker, we have had the pleasure of setting up The Society of Contemporary Evangelists - a wonderful legacy of seventy evangelists and mission preparers. Evangelist Roger Murphy also joined the staff.

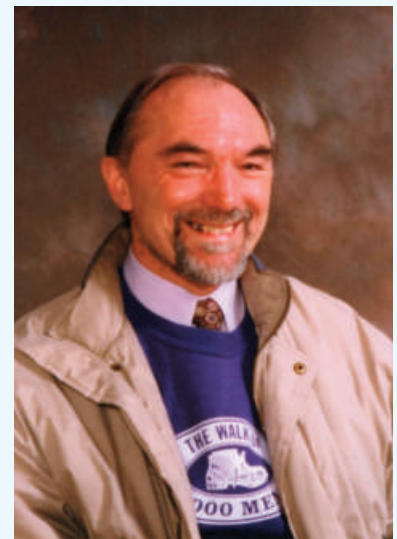
As you will know, John has moved on, Richard Scott has replaced him as lead evangelist, Daniel has retired and so have I. Yet, as prophesied, and with great joy, we still, "Do the work of the evangelist, and so fulfil our ministry" These are just some of my appreciative reflections of the last 29 years.

Peter

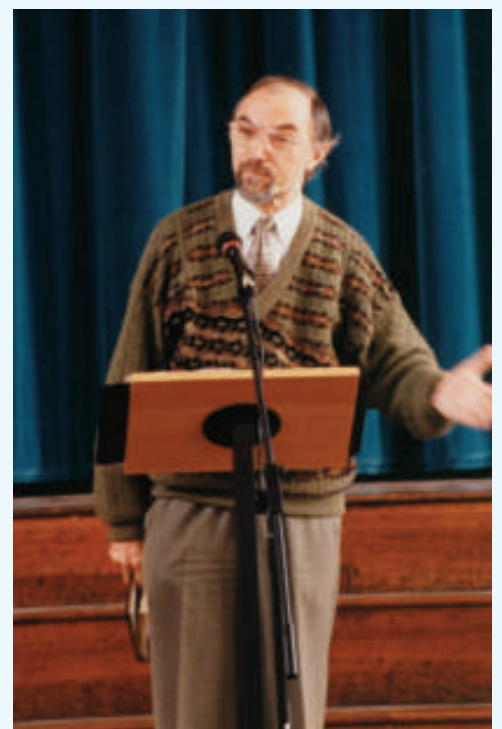


PETER ADAMS:





29 YEARS WITH TFM...





**21st ~ 28th
September 2014**

on sea

Southend Mission

20th to 28th September

My first mission as TFM leader. Getting involved part-way through the preparation for this Anglican Deanery mission wasn't ideal, but the obvious trepidation and reluctance within the local leadership was gradually replaced by a sense of excitement – what would God do? Twenty five TFM-ers were placed within 4 teams, with George Martin leading an additional very exclusive team of two, working in the Royals shopping centre. This proved a very fruitful place to question the public, with several commitments, including for me personally (on the morning I joined George and Maureen) an 18 year old student and a 40 year man struggling terribly with an issue for which he needed God's forgiveness. I might add that a third man, in his early thirties, was gobsmacked (or should it be God-smacked) on looking at our questionnaire, when he discovered that we asked about death. He'd been lying awake at night; pondering what would happen to his young children should he die – leading to another fruitful conversation.

Joining other teams on occasion, some of my personal highlights included being the first preacher at a regular evening for the homeless, when addicts began to pray for each other and at a youth club for teenagers. Another high-

light was seeing 16 people within Christchurch respond to our challenge to go with us on the doors. That maybe a record, and my joy was later matched when I learnt that one church which applied too late for a TFM team, did without us admirably in terms of events and door knocking. As a result of what he saw, the soon to retire Area Dean, Stephen Burdett, reported to being much invigorated for his last year of active ministry.

Learning points:

- 1) All bar one of the 16 Christchurch members who did door to door with us enjoyed and valued the experience. Let's continue to challenge locals in this way: there comes a point when you cannot grow as a Christian, unless you open your mouth for God.
- 2) We were sadly shocked to meet several Christian leaders who weren't sure of the basics, not least assurance of salvation. Some of our most important work is done with Christians, not just the unsaved.
- 3) With many faiths represented in Southend, it became clear that an extended section on apologetics (defending our faith and being aware of alternative world views) must be prominent within the revamped TFM training.

Richard Scott



Daniel writes...

My dear Prayer Partners,

I send you my greetings and the hope of peace in this New Year.

PEACE

"If we have not quiet in our minds, outward comfort will do no more for us than a golden slipper on a gouty foot."

So said John Bunyan.

Peace within, even for a Christian, is not sometimes as easy to obtain as once it was. This became my experience in retirement - not all the time - but there were adjustments that had to be made. Gone was the frantic itinerary (in which I enjoyed peace), then there were health issues, a readjustment of identity and, most of all, missing the massive fellowship by being 'out there' amongst vibrant Christians. However, I'm glad to report that peace returned some time ago.



The second truth was manifested to me through an illustration that I read in a book by a Roman Catholic priest, Father McNutt. He talks about the 'Hen prayer', and having kept chickens for many years, I understood exactly what he meant. I have found this method of prayer to be extremely helpful and I have shared it with many friends who have found the same. When a chicken goes 'broody' (i.e. when she's sitting on a clutch of eggs), leave her alone! The incubation period is 21 days but do not move her and, most especially, do not handle the eggs. The application is

quite clear - when you have a particular care or anxiety, or a situation that worries you, place those 'eggs' under God for a specific time and ask God, as it were, to hatch this prayer. I would emphasise - don't repeat it during the incubation period - this only amounts to rehearsing worry. LEAVE the issue with God.

Finally, if you have neglected what we call your 'Quiet time' - get back to it. Read the Word, carefully and slowly and say your prayers.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not rely upon your own insight, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths, so shall your barns be filled with plenty and your vats burst with new wine." Prov. 3:5

Yours with affection and gratitude,

Daniel

God's answer to fear is Love

You may be experiencing a troubled heart, you may declare, as I did to myself, "I have lost my peace." Eventually two truths came to my aid; firstly, from 1 John 4.18 - there is not fear in love but perfect love casts out fear. God's answer to fear is not faith, determination or any other suggestion; God's answer to fear is Love - "Perfect love casts out fear." Anyone could fill an any-sized book on God's love but it's precisely that which filled our hearts when we first knew the Lord - overflowing love. So it is today, the daily realisation of God's love is that which lifts us and gives us peace. I assure you that peace can return, abundantly, but there may be decisions we have to make and the coming to terms with what we can and cannot do.



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Richard Scott took on the role of lead evangelist for TFM in September. Here Richard describes just a few of the things he has been doing recently and is looking forward to in the coming months:

'God has opened many doors for me over the past few years, not least following my skirmishes with the General Medical Council and cancer. These events are linked to my work within TFM, for example ...

- Advertising my 2 books at various Christian Resources Exhibitions around the country led to an invitation to speak in Fairlight & Pett on August 31st. A working lunch followed, as a result of which Roger will be leading a mission there in 2015. The CRE also led to my speaking at a men's breakfast in Aldershot in October.
- I remain linked to Christian Concern and spoke at the Wilberforce Academy, their training event for young Christian professionals in October.
- The Full Gospel Business Men's association invited me to speak at an evening supper in Norwich in October, with another event planned for me in N. Norwich in April 2016.
- As a consequence of meeting another vicar at the Detling Summer Conference, I have been involved in an ALPHA course in Lydd, near Dungeness.
- I remain a trustee of the Maasai Evangelistic Association (MEA UK). We met in November, with Ian Silk's church (St. George's, Lincoln) hoping to send a team in 2015 to Maasailand. TFM have also been invited to contribute an evangelistic team in January 2016. If you would like to be considered for this team, please contact David Baslington in the office.'



Mission Training Update

Everyone who comes on a mission with TFM has to be trained. After this initial training we have relied upon practical experience gained on missions. However we have become aware that this model needs to be revised slightly and we are currently investigating how to do this.

It is likely that we will be setting up re-fresher/update training sessions for those wishing to continue coming on mission. It is so important that we present a credible and relevant approach to evangelism in today's ever changing society.

Details will be publicised as soon as they are available.

Future Mission Opportunities

Will you come and serve on a mission in 2015?

There are a number of outreach ventures being discussed and planned for. However at the moment there are two missions which require team members.

2015

Congleton - Cheshire

Dates: 2 - 10 May 2015 Leader: Richard Scott

Camberley/Frimley - Hampshire

Dates: 1 - 9 May 2015 Leader: David Culhane & Roger Murphy

If you interested in applying to join either of these, please get in touch with the Coton office.

Teams will be chosen from those applying once the exact needs of the missions are known.

2016

Kenya/Tanzania

Dates and details are still to be agreed. However we do plan to be in E Africa in 2016 working with Pastor David Kereto. Please let us know if you are interested.



Team from a previous mission

From Witchcraft to Christ

Richard Scott writes: *"I have known David Kereto since working with him in Maasai land in 2002. Some years back, he'd told me his story, while warming himself at my fireside in Margate. But recently on mission in Lincoln, I was part of an audience transfixed by the lengthier account he gave of his early years. What we heard that night mightily encourages us to believe in a mighty, miraculous and merciful God."*

David was born into a line of witchdoctors. His grandfather had trained his polygamous father to follow him as village witchdoctor, and as the eldest son, his life path was mapped out. Within his training, he saw how his father dealt with the community problems brought to him and how even snakes could be called out to do his bidding. Highly respected locally, it was no surprise that David wanted more of the same, but one thing was in his favour. His friend, Daniel, was a Christian and badgered him to see things differently. Very reluctantly, David finally agreed to attend a Christian seminar as long as two conditions were met. He must sit at the back and no-one must know that the son of a witchdoctor was present.

It wasn't easy! On the long walk to town, evil spirits threatened him with death if he entered the building and with his background, he also feared being chased out by the Christians! Once inside, the battle continued to rage. Again told he was about to die, in his other ear he learnt that without God he'd be lost forever and though a sinner, God would receive him. Amidst the spiritual warfare, he had a decision to make and, sensing the power of God was silencing and overpowering the evil spirits, when the appeal was made he raised his hand. Those who knew him didn't believe it, but he heard Hallelujah being shouted as he was filled with peace from the Holy Spirit.

Walking home with Daniel, much filled his mind. How would his father react? Daniel told him not to fear, for God would protect him. The first person he met was his father. Telling him that his training was over, disbelief was followed by being given two weeks, then a month to change his mind. His serious intent, though, was clear when he refused to accompany his father to the river to pick out stones or to catch and burn snakes for the ashes used in witchcraft. Now his father had a problem. In Maasai culture, only the oldest son of a witchdoctor could inherit the mantle; if the younger son was trained, the father would lose his powers. At a meeting of elders, the decision was clear: David must be killed in order that the family line be continued.

Death was to take place through cursing and the application of charms. With his 10 brothers and sisters and 6 stepsisters surrounding him, David heard his father curse him to the sun. As

you go down, let David die so that when you rise tomorrow, he will be no more. David's mother started to cry and begged her husband to bless him instead, but he refused. But David told her, "let's put the two gods to the test." That night, he had much joy in his heart as he knew in whom he believed. Nevertheless, he woke five times overnight to check he was still alive!

"So now agree that my God is stronger than his god and tell the rest of the family"

The next morning, he went to his mother, asking her whether he was dead or dreaming? Then she remembered what he'd said the previous evening. "So now agree that my God is stronger than his god and tell the rest of the family." His father, though, was somewhat less overjoyed and raised his hand to kill him ...

*"As space is limited, I'd like to finish the first half of David's remarkable testimony in our next newsletter. Sometime ago, I considered writing his biography for a wider audience, but am very glad that a printer/publisher and member of Ian Silk's congregation in St. George's Church, Lincoln is already halfway through completing this work. Till next time ... **Richard**"*



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SCE Course weekend

24th to 26th October 2014

After some years in the doldrums, TFM's evangelism training course has come alive again. Originally conceived in early 2002 in response to an absolute dearth of evangelists being trained for ordination, the course was designed by Peter Adams and John Hibberd, endorsed by Daniel Cozens and given a new lease of life recently in Northern Ireland. A combination of three factors has led to this:

- 1) Roger Murphy's extensive connections in Ireland,
- 2) an evangelistic bishop in Down & Dromore Diocese and
- 3) New Wine Ireland needs a ready supply of evangelists for churches.

Currently, there are 15 Irish evangelists undertaking the course. Richard led a weekend on mission preparation and delivery in late October and was most impressed by the students' abilities. Indeed, in a single hour with the questionnaire during Saturday afternoon, one person immediately came to Christ. Unlike previous cohorts the students are being pushed hard to complete the course in 2 years.

The next intake is due to start in January 2015 and we hope that it will include students from both sides of the Irish Sea.

Society -

A fellowship of people
who support each other
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Contemporary -

Evangelism cannot stand still.
To engage with our culture,
we introduce students
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Evangelists -

"Evangelists trained by evangelists"
is our motto.

SCE is interwoven with our mission
work and staffed with people
who do evangelism,
not just talk about it.

If you would like to be considered for SCE training in 2015, please contact David Baslington at the TFM office ASAP.