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Reading through the book of Ruth recently, I was struck by the beautifully succinct description of a rapid sequence of events. In Chapter 1, Naomi's husband and two sons die, leaving her with only her two childless Moabite daughters-in-law. Kissing them and thinking only of their welfare, she tries to send them back to their people. Orpah agrees and leaves the scene, but in verses 16 - 18 we read this: But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." When Naomi realised that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

We know this classic tale of loyalty well and delight in Ruth's reward - a second marriage and a child. But as I was recalling these verses during team time in Wallasey, last weekend, the difference between Orpah and Ruth came into stark perspective. I'd been talking to a middle-aged couple and an older lady at an acoustic music night. The couple had only been Christians for eighteen months. As we chatted between bands, they told me of struggles in their marriage and how God had sorted them out! They'd left the kids and gone away for the weekend. Without even seeking Him He'd woken them both in the middle of the night with a strong sense of His presence. Turning to Him instantly, they were so grateful and thirsty to know more about Christianity. Surveying them was easy and I was able to assure them of salvation through faith in Jesus.

Not so with the older woman. An amusing but somewhat acerbic Scouser, she identified herself as a believer but with her own views. Delivering these, but not interested in my response, she walked off, only reappearing at the end of the



evening. The bar maid, a lapsed Catholic, similarly felt that "everyone's entitled to their own views." Both of these ladies had tasted something of God, but neither was prepared to believe in and follow Him. They represented Orpah, whilst the couple were Ruth.

On missions, the gospel invariably elicits a response. Some will give everything to follow Jesus. Others will consider the evidence and walk away. Sadly, many people either dislike the reality of hell, and thus aren't prepared to commit to a God who is just as well as loving, whilst others simply prefer to make up their own spirituality. Remarkably, as I discovered in Lincoln, a female scientist who claimed only to believe in what she could see, plumped for reincarnation after death. The lack of evidence was deafening!

However our job is not to be either fazed or demoralised by negative responses. We are simply the messengers and as we preach the Good News, some will turn from darkness to light. Ruth came from Moab, Israel's enemy and having

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tasted Israel's God through marriage, she had every opportunity to walk away after a major life disappointment. However even though her life was utterly unpromising, she refused to return to her old way of life. And how God rewarded her, a forerunner of Jesus. Let's never tire in sharing what someone once shared with us. Another female scientist, this time a doctor in Wallasey, gave me this memorable one-liner : Jesus is like Blood Group O negative. As a doctor myself, I knew what she meant. O negative is the only blood that can be safely given to all people, the universal donor. Jesus likewise will never harm anyone. Let's share him with all.

Richard



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Darby Green Mission

16-19 April 2015

This follow up mini mission went really well with Roger, David Culhane and six of the original team having the opportunity to renew friendships and acquaintances. This partnership model works well especially as some of the local team members visit for regular monthly door to door outreach.

During the long weekend twenty five adults responded to Christ and are being followed up on an Alpha Course which started on 6 May. The quiz night in the pub was great with many conversations including a young couple with no church connection responding to the message and keen to follow it through. The young man said he wanted something worthwhile in his life and that what was said made sense.



On the doors one lady who did not want to do the survey, was invited and came to the ladies breakfast at a local café and gave her life to the Lord. Others were led to the Lord by the team too. Several choir members responded at a music evening.

It was also good to see some others who had responded in the mission week last October going on with the Lord and one lady who was suffering with addictions has been totally transformed. She looked like a different person – which of course she is! Many others received prayers for healing and wholeness.

Cumbria Initiative

"An exciting initiative is developing in Cumbria. As far as I am aware, there are three driving factors. Firstly, Archbishop Sentamu is leaning on all his northern bishops to get involved in mission. John Hibberd is coordinating their first foray together (in September) as it happens to be in Sheffield where he is the Diocesan missionary! Secondly, Bishops James Newcombe and Robert Freeman wish for everyone in Cumbria to have heard the gospel message by 2020.

Thirdly, in May 2014, Rod Readhead, one of our TFM stalwarts, called together a group of evangelists for twenty four hours of prayer. George Martin, Dave Cook, Dave Robbins and Kevin Granville joined others and the outcome was for twenty four evangelists to come to Cumbria to work with local churches on a regular basis in an Open Fields type mission. Since then, some work has been done in different parishes, with a conference held on 6 June 2015 in Ambleside (at Dave R's hostel) to take the idea forward.

We are looking, at this early stage, for TFM-ers to make themselves available for this initiative. If you live in the Midlands or North and feel you could help in one-off events or helping churches evangelistically in other ways, please contact David Baslington in the TFM office."

Richard Scott



Roger writes...

Well they say that you never know what is around the corner and so it was with Jill and me as we went for a walk by the sea one afternoon in January. Jill fell ill suddenly and ended up in Brighton A&E on a cardiac monitor. It turned out not to be her heart but pulmonary emboli, severe blood clots on both lungs, which can be fatal if not treated quickly. However, praise the Lord for her (slow) recovery and, apart from a retina tear in her eyes which necessitated laser treatment in March, she is getting back to normal.

So, to say the least, the first part of this year has been totally rearranged as I have had to be at home with Jill. However in the midst of all this I have managed to lead a few missions in recent months; Darby Green, Frimley and Camberley in Surrey, and Leamington Spa (see separate reports).

When I have not been away I have been getting involved with the local churches in Newhaven helping them to reach out into the community. We also have some ongoing partnerships with churches, particularly Darby Green and Hastings where outreach continues on a monthly basis with the help of local supporters.

I continue my visits to Northern Ireland where a couple of Dioceses are having a concentrated effort in mission. Later this year I shall lead three missions in Down and Dromore and next year I shall be linking up with Paul Hoey in Derry and Raphoe.



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Pentecost Mini Mission to Wallasey

21-24 May

Richard Scott reports on this short mission to Wallasey in Mersyside over Pentecost weekend.

"This was a taster, prior to a full 8-day mission proposed for May 2016. Conceived by Peter Jordan, a retired vicar, regular TFM-er and part of my Southend mission team 2014, it involved Anglican, URC, Methodist and Jubilee Churches. At the end of the long weekend event the church leaders met to work out how to involve up to half of the area's twenty two churches in May 2016. The mission could require more than eighty TFM-ers. More information will be available later in the year.

Our team of six was based in the URC, very close to a key venue - the Community Soul Cafe. Although numbers were surprisingly low, many good conversations were had, not least at the Acoustic Music Night. Other events were spread between church buildings (eg. men's breakfast, ladies cheese & wine and Open House tea) and secular venues, including Praise in the Park. Particularly fun was a football tournament played with inflatable surrounds. After two hours de-bouncing, the lads obediently sat and listened to my football tale depicting good and evil in Tanzania."

Convinced - Edinburgh University Mission January 2015

Richard Scott writes: "When I first joined the staff at TFM, I had several objectives in mind. Knowing that stats show that 86% of those becoming Christian in the UK do so before the age of 25, one goal was to major more on the youth.



Universities were key - strategically for evangelism and maybe also to find a young TFM evangelist! Alongside this desire, I also prayed for access into uncharted territory for TFM - Scotland. What should the Lord do? David Baslington and I were given an invitation to Forum, the UCCF (University and Colleges Christian Fellowship) leaders camp in September, out of which emerged a day's work in Sheffield University and five days mission in Edinburgh!

In January, I flew to Belfast (SCE) and then to Liverpool (Wallasey mission preparation), before taking the train to Edinburgh. Our extensive team included 2 main evangelists - Michael Green and Michael Ots, fifteen C.U. guests (CUGS), myself included and up to eighty keen students. This was the first time that all four Edinburgh campuses had been targeted within one mission. Along with a Spanish evangelist, I was given the science-based Kings campus. This was a tough venue: not only are scientists often in labs at lunchtimes, reducing the attendance at our lunchbar talks, but no-one knew where the C.U. building was, having changed venue on nineteen occasions! My two lunchbar talks were on miracles and suffering and despite relatively poor turnout, the student leaders were pleased with our efforts in enemy territory, seeing the week as effective ploughing in a tough place.

The evenings were given over to the two Michaels, who preached in Greyfriars Church in the centre of town. Many students filled in "Count me in" and "Tell me More" cards, with follow up planned twice weekly in Costa Coffee. Fascinatingly, Costa suffered an electrical fire and burnt down just before the first evening's follow-up event! Describing the evil one as capricious and petty, the C.U. went into communication overdrive and God responded as a local coffee shop, only twenty metres from Costa, filled the gap, even moving half their customers to the side. Twenty three students started the Uncover John course (with more on Week 2) and twelve a Christian's basics course. With hundreds of good conversations, the mission week was described as extraordinary. So much so that a strategy day for all churches in Edinburgh was called to "sort out the problem of student witness in the city". Sadly, a split between churches is not helping - so let's pray for unity in mission.

I went away encouraged, but wanting to be more involved



next time. Since then, I've been contacted by Surrey University. I hope to meet their C.U. leaders (amongst others) at the next Forum in September, to discuss working together on mission."

Missions to Africa 2016

TFM will be taking part in two missions to Africa in 2016. Richard Scott writes:

Uganda

"Following the very successful and hugely enjoyable Walk Uganda 2015 (see report page 5), TFM plan to send another team in February 2016. Size and leadership yet to be determined, but a team of 10 or so would be good. We tend to work with three different pastors, located North and South of Kampala and in the West of the country, with masses of school work intermingled with door to door, hospital preaching, open air crusades and teaching seminars, plus the occasional prison. Having joined in for the first time this year, the trip exceeded all my considerable expectations. I wholeheartedly recommend it!"



Kenya

"TFM has worked intermittently in Maasailand, Kenya, since 2002. Starting with purely evangelistic missions, in 2009, Pastor David Kereto requested that I bring a medical team in 2010. This spawned EMMA - Evangelistic Medical Missions Abroad - since then further evangelistic and medical mission teams have worked in Kenya, with other TFM-ers e.g. Ian Silk and Sheila Hughes also taking teams from their own churches. David Kereto has agreed to a mixed medical and evangelistic team working in Maasailand for two and a half weeks in January 2016, with hard work rewarded by a short safari at the end! The Maasai are striking in appearance and friendly, and the Jesus film in KiMaasai always makes me smile. Owing to a couple of cancellations, we've not been there for a few years now. I'd like to do something about that - over to you ..."

If you are interested in taking part in either of these two missions or want to find out more please contact the TFM office.



Walk Uganda 2015

Richard Scott recently led a mission to Uganda. Here is a short report from him, more information and pictures on the mission can be found on the TFM website:

"A sidearm of TFM has been working in Uganda since the Millennium. Asked at the 2014 Prayer Partner Conference to lead the 2015 mission, I was intrigued to see what they got up to, but with only four days previous experience in Uganda, I needed help. Arranging to meet an old hand, Sidney Miller, at Stansted services beforehand intrigued me further. Not only had he been every year, he was indeed my old headmaster! Our double act in schools, with me respectfully doffing my cap, set the tone for the trip!

As usual, we spent just under a week in each of three sites. Firstly, we resided at the delightful Catholic "Emmaus Centre," an hour north of Kampala. Stomachs filled with matoke (green bananas) and beans in groundnut sauce, we alternated door to door with seminars. On the road, both Martin West and I got into schools with no previous invitation before being told to preach! Martin also led patients to Christ outside a witchdoctor's shrine, while I had the unheard of joy leading all nine I spoke to one morning to Christ. In the evening, we sang, testified and spoke at crusades, with Christopher Nobbs' testimony of his epileptic son's healing being very powerful. Many responded, including Muslims.

We were joined later that week by Ali Stevens, a teacher from Scotland, whom we worked hard in the week she was



with us! Other highlights included Frank Guinness preaching to one hundred AIDS patients (6-7 responded to the message) and a Catholic priest informing us that the most important thing Europeans brought to Africa was not gifts, but the Bible.

Week 2 was spent in Kagadi, Western Uganda. One fabulous day, we spoke in four schools and one prison. Nearly three hundred responded in the schools, including some children affiliated to the Bisaka cult, with some fifteen prisoners asking questions then also responding, before joyfully dancing as they enjoyed the sodas and other gifts we brought, including a hundred huge avocados and sugar cane we had been given that day in the last school! Later in the week, a Muslim headmistress confessed Christ - a particular joy and strategically significant. More gave their lives at another late afternoon open air event and during hospital visiting, as we sang, testified and preached in hospital wards.

Week 3 saw us back near Entebbe airport. Preaching in the dispensary was again fruitful. Better still, Pastor David Katende told us how Muslims who'd received Christ and were too scared to attend his church would pray in their homes to Jesus whenever the church did! The reason was that only Jesus answered their demonic dreams. Equally, just prior to a church service, a woman dying from a miscarriage gave her life after Judy Miller organised urgent transport to hospital for her. After more services, seminars and open air, it was time for home. Nearly 1,000 souls saved ... now for 2016. How about coming with us? See the article about next year's mission earlier in the newsletter on page 4."



Evangelism Training

Calling all evangelists looking for training. For over fourteen years TFM has run the Society of Contemporary Evangelists training course. Thirty students have graduated and another one hundred have completed at least one of the six required modules.

Since 2014, we have collaborated with New Wine Ireland and cohorts started both last and this year, a total of twenty five students, under the new heading Evangelist Training Course.

There will be a new intake in 2016 and we are starting to take applications from interested individuals. The course



will be based in Belfast, but don't be put off by this as travel booked in advance is cheaper than travelling around in England! The course is structured to last two years and will cost about £2700 in fees.

Please contact the TFM office for further information.

Richard Scott shares his vision for TFM and beyond ...

"When I joined TFM, I had two clear strategic goals. Firstly, to develop TFM itself. Seeking youth, I've been involved in university work, and hope that this area will develop further, with offers of help already from those TFM-ers who have an interest in this area. Linked to this need to rejuvenate our organisation, I am clear that we need women involved in leadership. To this end, we are actively seeking women trustees and staff member.

Alongside the need for staff and trustees, I would also like to expand the role of team leaders within TFM. Part of the reason to re-develop our training manual is to "train the trainers." This will hopefully take place this Autumn, allowing us to re-train all missionaries in 2016. Leaders, once re-trained, could be given more responsibility in seeking and preparing missions, as well as simply leading teams once missions are underway. We can then place each leader on a map of Great Britain, thus knowing whom to turn to first when missions arise, but also actively encouraging them to seek work, as Rod Readhead has done in Cumbria.

Re-training has been a priority for some time. I am 2/3rds of the way through the new A5 Manual, which is intended to accompany all missionaries in the field. It will be divided into three parts - Evangelism, Other Faiths and Apologetics. Please turn to Part One when needing material for Schools work and Parts 2 and 3 when faced with believers of different worldviews and/or difficult questions requiring some previous thought!

David and Michael in the office have also been very busy putting together a new TFM Songbook. I have long felt that music has been a weakness for us. Not any longer! The book includes many of the best old and new hymns and songs and comes with two music editions - one for guitar, the other for pianists. The addition of modern songs should help in attracting youngsters, lowering our average age. If you feel we've missed a trick with any tunes, let us know and they can be included in the next version.

When I joined TFM as leader, Chris Tayler got straight to the point. What is my vision for TFM? Challenged, I sought the Lord and, in addition to developing the organisation from within, He gave me a strong sense of collaborative working with other organisations. Put simply, at present many Christian bodies and churches are ploughing lone furrows. To use a football analogy, we all have our own ball and are individually knocking it around the pitch, ineffectively in different directions. Instead, we should be passing one ball between us before smashing it in the top corner of the net!



Here is how I envisage the vision working out. An enormous and extra-ordinary meeting is called of all significant Christians in the UK. Bishops, leaders of all the different denominations, mission organisations, New Wine, ALPHA and Evangelical Alliance, together with Christian MPs, media, businessmen, doctors, lawyers, celebrities. At the meeting we expound the problem - that our nations are walking away from God, with politicians, the media and the secular/humanist and homosexual lobby leading the way and holding sway over the country. Individual Christians are becoming marginalised at work and losing their jobs. At the same time, whilst not all churches are doing badly numerically, many are. Like TFM, without change, the Church is on a downhill path to oblivion unless intervention takes place. And I'm fed-up personally with bad news predominating. I want to see that situation reversed, with great stories of church activity and testimonies of signs and wonders as the Gospel is preached.

Each organisation then agrees to circulate its membership, seeing how many workers they can contribute to this joint vision. I foresee us needing 50,000 evangelists for the job to be done over 5 years. The work will need considerable administration and finances - which Justin Welby is already pledging towards evangelism - and massive media uptake and support. We do this firmly in the public eye.

Naturally there will be much to discuss! This plan is radical, urgent, expensive and requiring individual agendas to be put aside - much as takes place in wartime. This is a holy campaign and many won't want to join in. The evil one will resist powerfully, as he knows how significant England has been in missionary activity in the past. But nothing is impossible for God. And as the recent Matt Redman song goes, "Our God is greater"

Having discussed this vision with our trustees and evangelists, I was given the go-ahead to proceed, so I mentioned it briefly at the College of Evangelists recent meeting in Sheffield. Mark Russell, CEO of Church Army, was part of that meeting. As part of the Archbishop's Working Group on Evangelism, he promises to speak on my behalf to Chris Russell, Justin Welby's Evangelism Advisor. For my part, I will be meeting with Steve Clifford, head of the Evangelical Alliance in August and will very soon be writing to every significant Christian person and body in the country along these lines, too. Please PRAY into this vision. I want to see nothing less than the systematic re-evangelisation of our nations. How good would that be?

Mission to Congleton

2-10 May

This was a very well-prepared four-church Anglican mission. Two years in the planning and with much prayer, it was delayed for a year and then subject to considerable illness in the family of the main evangelist and coordinator.

Perseverance was essential but was generally rewarded.

A team of eight experienced TFM-ers were joined by Roger Morgan (from ReSource and well-known to Daniel Cozens) and Veronica Cummings, a part-time GP and church worker. Roger shared the speaking duties with Richard Scott, while Veronica joined the sub-team of four, who worked most of the week in schools, the after school Spy clubs and even joined teenagers in a sleepover!

Door to door work was very fruitful. In particular, the Spirit led team members to houses and a street on the last Saturday afternoon which was highly productive. Three local church members joined team members and were very positive about the experience and Roger Morgan himself, whilst not yet re-converted to door to door work, has asked for TFM teams to work with him on future missions providing this form of cold evangelism. Within the hundred or so needing follow-up were fifteen who prayed the prayer.

The mission, though, was predominantly event-driven. Imaginative events included a dance afternoon in the Town Hall, where team members contributed a dance mime before Roger spoke and a Bank Holiday Fun afternoon, which led to good conversations in the next day's Mums and Toddlers group. Ladies events included a Pamper evening, while the men gravitated towards "Pints of View" in two pubs and a men's curry night. The latter was notably interactive, with one angry atheist softening his stance markedly over the evening, eventually requesting prayer four times! Sadly the Parish breakfast was a church only affair, despite all being asked to bring a friend, an important reminder that team members need to work harder at encouraging local church members to invite their non-believer friends to mission events.

Finally, the week ended with Roger preaching in the Town Hall to assembled churches and guests. We'd love to be invited back, not least to tackle the streets that "got away"!



Need for sponsorship for bright orphan girls at top Uganda university

Our main TFM contact in Uganda since 2003, Archdeacon Canon Reverend Captain Eric Twine, brought to the notice of Sidney and Judy Miller his urgent desire to help three bright young orphaned women to afford the places they have been offered at Makerere University, Kampala, renowned as Uganda's top University.

Eric had met the girls in 2009 and knew of their plight then. They had finished primary school (free), but could not afford the secondary school fees. Eric persuaded a local school to give them secondary education without charge.

These very promising young women have no source of finance for their higher education. One of the girls has been sponsored but two remain unsponsored. Edith Tumwebaze would love to study for a degree in Law and Sharon Ahebwa for a degree in Project Planning and Entrepreneurship. They are born again Christians, lovingly committed to the ministry of the Church. Eric writes, "They would be future stars of the Church."



Edith



Sharon

Please pray for these two young girls who would clearly contribute much to the work of the Church in future as well as to the Christian input to the Law and to future entrepreneurs – much needed in Uganda – please contact Eric Twine for further details on rev.erictwine@yahoo.com or Sidney Miller on sj.miller@tiscali.co.uk. The cost for their education is estimated to be £2700 per girl to cover all three years of their course. If you would like to give either partly or in full to cover their sponsorship please contact the TFM office.

Hope 15 Festival Leamington Spa 31 May to 7 June

Over 20 churches came together in the Leamington Spa area after a vision given to some of the leaders to see churches working together, celebrating their diversity in a joint outreach week of mission. Roger Murphy was invited to speak at a whole range of events catering for all ages both within the churches and in the community. Groups of churches working in clusters hosted events and invited their friends and neighbours. There were well over 100 responses to the Lord with many first time commitments and a number of rededications. There was a great sense of togetherness in unity of purpose. Each cluster of churches have indicated that they would like to engage in further mission events especially for many for whom this was a first ever outreach event. Follow up courses have been arranged across the area and all who responded will be personally contacted and followed up.

A few highlights from the week;

- The opening 'Praise in the Park' event was a challenge due to the weather. It stopped raining 10 minutes before the service and began again 10 minutes after! In the meantime a good crowd gathered and there were around 15 responses
- At an all age event some children responded and an adult community worker



- At many of the services people came forward and we were able to lead them to Christ. There were also many re-commitments with lives being touched by the Holy Spirit with joy and tears
- At a seniors lunch 6 men responded, 4 for the first time with one saying 'I have been sitting on the fence for 60 years and have now got off!'
- A man came up to me at an event who I had known through local football connections over 15 years ago. He had started going occasionally to a local church; he was the first to respond
- At a midweek service a lady came forward who was not really sure of her faith and received assurance
- The midweek healing service was tremendous with over 6 people coming forward to receive Christ and many for healing. The team of 20 and I spent over 2 hours praying with a line of people
- At a midweek event in the Roman Catholic Church a man came forward afterwards and said he had been chatting at home about what happens when we die and 'you answered it for me!'
- Many children eagerly responded to faith
- At a quiz night a group of 6 ladies turned up from a local mums and tots group. All responded to a call to follow Christ. They had almost been turned away due to lack of space!
- At a men's breakfast I spoke about my faith story and 10 men responded
- The final service was a good coming together with stories shared of those touched and challenged by the week
- After that I spoke at a teenage event which attracted 110 teenagers. Their usual attendance was around 30. Many friends had been invited. It was a great night with over 20 responding to the Lord.

God was definitely moving by the power of the Holy Spirit right across the town and we pray for the follow up and future momentum to seek the Lord and continue outreach.

Roger Murphy



Richard Scott has written two books.

As many of you will know, prior to taking the role of lead evangelist at TFM, Richard Scott was a GP. During that time he was disciplined by the General Medical Council for discussing faith with a patient and also suffered from bowel cancer. While recovering from his cancer Richard wrote two books about these events: In '**Christians in the Firing Line**' Richard highlights how, though it is hard to believe, Christians in the UK are losing their jobs because of their faith. He documents 13 cases of people whose faith has stood up to an intense battering at work. All profits from the sale of this book go to Christian Concern, a Christian organisation in the United Kingdom which seeks to

Daniel writes...

The aim and perspective of the ministry of Through Faith Missions is based on Hebrews 11 v 33 – “who through faith, conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, stopped the mouths of lions”... etc.

The work of an Evangelist is the most exciting work of all and that is what we have been called to do. Yes, it's true that there is the endless travelling; sleeping in 'foreign' beds; possible loneliness – but these issues are forgotten in the glorious light of people finding Christ and the Lord Jesus being glorified.

Our priorities can be categorised under five headings:

1. A Life of Holiness. “Be Holy because I am Holy” Leviticus 11 v 44. That is, Holy in all aspects of our lives: at home, in the way we conduct ourselves, pure in thought, action, language – in particular when watching television or the Internet. Holy in our use of money, in relationships and Holy in honouring the Lord.

2. Go beyond the Camp. “Therefore go to him outside the camp and endure the insults he endured.” Hebrews 13 v 13. There are vast multitudes of people outside the church who have never heard much of the Gospel. Here is where we see people with what I call ‘hungry faces’. We can find them in pubs, factories, schools, cowsheds, in the country, in the towns – the list is endless and Jesus said, “As you go into all the world, proclaim the gospel to everyone.” Mark 16 v 15. I salute the teams of you who have gone beyond the church, as well as those of you who have prayed for them, under the banner of Through Faith Missions, in the past and pray that this work will



continue in His name for years to come. This is our calling. “How, then, can people call on someone they have not believed? And how can they believe in someone they have not heard about? And how can they hear without someone preaching?” Romans 10 v 14

3. When you enter a home, give it your blessing. Your very entrance is to be an occasion of imparting spiritual blessing, if the house be receptive of it. Matthew 10 v12/13. Jesus practised what He preached. ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” John 20 v 19. I love telling the story about a woman from Birmingham who wrote to me and said, “After you left my house – a great peace fell upon it!”

4. Preach Christ and Him crucified. There is power in the death of Christ to draw souls to him. Jesus was now going to heaven and he would draw men's hearts to him thither. “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” John 12 v 22. It is said that all roads lead to London, well all evangelistic sermons lead to the Cross. The Cross must be at the centre, it is the power of God to salvation. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3 v 16

5. Call for a response. “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.” Matthew 10 v 32. When you give the appeal you are giving people the chance to do what they want to do.

Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men” Mark 1 v 17. I'd like to live my life again – but I am not finished yet! “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forward to those things which are before” Philippians 3 v 13.

I am very, very grateful to God and to so many hundreds, nay thousands, of you for your fellowship and support in the Gospel.

With love and gratitude,

Daniel



Daniel Cozens

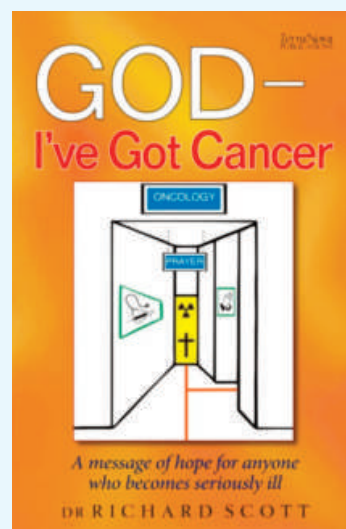
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Both books are available from Amazon (not TFM).



Prayer for Richard Scott

Richard writes: "In addition to our TFM missions requiring team members, God has opened (and is opening) many doors for His Word for myself as a full-time evangelist. These please need your prayers and include:



- I led the Churches Together evening in Margate last week, where 450 people listened to David Hathaway talk of miracles as a way forward for the Gospel in many countries. Having been imprisoned for smuggling Bibles in Czechoslovakia, he was delighted by our Slovak Christian community and especially their version of the song, How Great is Our God! He has personally been miraculously healed of both laryngeal and lung cancer. Check him out on U Tube! Please pray for the future of this group.
- My involvement in an ALPHA course at St. Philips Church, Cliftonville, Margate in August.
- An 8-day mission in Kilkeel, N. Ireland, in October. Run along TFM lines, the church has several TFM-ers e.g. Mervyn Nugent within its congregation and Daniel and Roger have both done missions with them before.
- An invitation to speak at a Full Gospel Businessmen's evening in Norfolk in November 2015 and a Men's breakfast in Eastbourne in April 2016.
- A relatively new venture is a Christian Radio Show, based in Chatham, Kent. No dates yet, but I hope to speak to their Nigerian psychiatric doctor presenter in July."

Sorted magazine – A tool to reach men

"Sorted is an excellent magazine. I got to know Steve Legg through his role in Detling Christian camp as MC of the "Thrill Factor", an evening of entertainment in which he also interviewed Christian guests. I look forward to working with one of them - Linvoy Primus, the ex-footballer - on mission in Sawston next May. When Steve started a cringe-free mens' magazine, I thought I'd take a look. It didn't disappoint! Many men in the armed forces and even airline pilots have become Christians though reading mags left on their planes. I'm delighted to contribute a medical Agony Uncle column each issue and have no hesitation in recommending you buy as many copies as you can afford. It's a rather easy but effective form of evangelism." *Richard Scott*

What do most men look for in a lads' mag? Many people automatically assume they're after pictures of half-naked women and little else. But Sorted's research suggested otherwise. It turns out the majority of men are looking for relevant, informative magazines that don't patronise them or objectify women. That's why the popular Christian men's magazine Sorted was born. With over 100 pages packed full of celebrity features, sports news, motoring reviews, fitness plans, honest discussion about sex and much more, it offers a more engaging, realistic and wholesome alternative to your typical lads' mag.

The good news is that Sorted magazine is now even easier to get hold of following its launch in 316 WH Smith stores across the UK as well as newsstand sales in 21 countries globally.

Sorted is also given away free of charge in airport departure gates, gyms and universities.



Suitable for men of all ages, backgrounds and religious beliefs (or lack of), Sorted is designed to stimulate the mind rather than the libido. While it's still available online at www.sorted-magazine.com and as an app for iPad and iPhone, it is fantastic to see Sorted breaking into the mainstream. With reader numbers soaring, and a regular 20,000 copies circulation, it threatens to change the way men choose, read and engage with the magazines they read.

Founded by well-known Christian speaker and entertainer Steve Legg, Sorted will challenge your preconceptions and keep you entertained for hours. Steve comments: "It's great to see Sorted taking on the 'big boys' in the men's mag arena. We're not about censorship; we're about giving men the choice to read something a bit less gratifying but a lot more satisfying. Most men want something they can read on the bus or in the office without attracting disapproving looks. Our research also showed that men want more than babes, boobs and bums from the magazines they buy. Sorted is the perfect solution."

Contributors include:
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Anthony Delaney,
John Motson,
Carl Beech and
many more.



From Witchcraft to Christ ... continued

In our last newsletter Richard Scott started the story of David Kereto, a pastor that TFM works with in Kenya. Here Richard finishes that story picking it up at the point at which his father tries to kill him for his Christian faith:

But David shouted, "No, in Jesus' name." And his arm stuck rigid above David's head. Unable to move or breathe, it was his father who was dying now. The disempowerment of their witchdoctor upset the local young men. David's God must be a bad god and even though David prayed for God's Will to be done, thus freeing his father, all were against him. In danger of his life, he ran away from home.

After a day's walking, tired and hungry, he sat down and cried. A passing man stopped and took pity on him. He was a pastor and knew that one of his congregation needed a shepherd. Newly employed, David spent his days singing and reading the Bible as the sheep grazed. As he did so, God revealed that he'd become a preacher and that He'd talk of him - but He didn't say how or when this would take place. Later, he was accepted for theological training in Kenya but fees were a problem. Hauled before the Principal on many occasions, He kept answering that his God would provide. But again, how?

One day, a white lady who had spent 2 weeks searching for a boy whose picture and full name she'd been given by God, arrived at the college. Pointing David out, she did what God had told her to do - paying all 4 years of his tuition fees up-front. Later, David would look to thank her, but in vain. Newly qualified, God sent him back to his Maasai community. Not surprisingly, remembering the danger he'd previously faced at home, this led him to question the Almighty! How could he tell people about God if he died young? But assured again of His protection and remembering the past, David's trust was complete.

Nevertheless, practical questions needed answering. He needed a room and money for rent, furniture and food. Starting his ministry under a tree, there were just the two of them - him and the tree! In faith, he sang, prayed and preached before giving an offering from his empty pockets. One day he even found some money there! But then another passing man stopped by. Assuming David was either drunk or mad, he hid in a bush. But when the appeal came, he emerged from the bush and responded, as did his whole family, a week later. David's ministry had begun.

Elsewhere in Maasailand, things weren't so straightforward. One village resisted his preaching.

Leaving there, he was faced with a busy river ahead, violent people behind and wild animals in the forest around. Praying, he reminded the Lord of His promise to take care of him - and immediately found himself on the other side of the river! In response, he could only say, "You are my God, there's none like you."

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Since these early days, David's ministry has continued to abound. All his family have become Christians, although sadly, his father has continued to be influenced by evil spirits and under local pressure, has reverted back to witchcraft. I, myself, have had the privilege of witnessing to David's father and pray that he may again be saved. Others have done rather better. David's right hand man is Ben Koikai. "Bishop" Ben joined us on mission in Lincoln, last November and is the son of the church member who originally employed David as a shepherd!

David himself now leads Covenant Church International, which has planted nearly 300 churches in South-West Kenya. If you'd like to work with him, why not join the Maasai Kenya Walk team for January 2016 (see page 4).



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Frimley and Camberley Mission 1 to 10 May

David Culhane led a mission week with two teams in Frimley led by Jeremy Borton and Ross Healey and one team in Camberley led by Mike Miller.

Roger Murphy visited on both weekends and Wednesday speaking at a number of events. Daniel Cozens also spoke at two 'Colour' events where he presented some of his paintings and shared his testimony.

The teams did well visiting a vast number of homes and had a good number of people making responses to Christ on the doors. Some highlights were;

- A curry night in a local Indian restaurant on the first Saturday with good food and atmosphere. There were 10 responses.
- A midweek youth meeting at Frimley Baptist Church where six people made a commitment to Christ
- A men's breakfast where Roger shared his faith story to a crowd and a few guests responded.
- At the giant puppets open air in Camberley on Saturday we met a couple having a drink sitting outside the pub listening to our presentation. After chatting with them they both came to church the next day and gave their lives to Christ.
- A great BBQ outside Frimley Baptist saw a number of families from the community come and join in and many people of all ages responded to the gospel presentation.

There were around 30 responses in both places, so please pray for the churches as they follow up people and invite them on courses.

