

A WEE FLOWER

When lockdown commenced in March 2020, we felt we wanted to help and encourage people in a small and practical way at such an anxious time. Initially we were leaving a flower on people's doorsteps, who were self-isolating or going through a tough time. Little did we know it would grow so much. We are so thankful to God for His faithfulness and meeting every need and keeping us all in good health. We just want to say a massive **thank you** to all those who helped in any way. The following is a short report of how friends have given up their time to deliver, fetch, pot flowers, source flowers, printing, stamping bags and giving gifts to help this project reach far into our local community. They have been an amazing team to work with and have been such an encouragement in sharing God's love in the gospel.



"To be involved in this amazing project, gave me such a wonderful opportunity to serve my Lord & Saviour, and to share His amazing love with the citizens of Portadown in such a time as this."

Martin Anderson (One of 30 fantastic volunteer's whom God brought across our path to accomplish His will)

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

For 8 weeks during lockdown Phil in Tandragee & James in Portglenone went live on the Serve Youth Facebook Page each Sunday Night for a time of Praise, Fellowship & Gospel Challenge . With Sharon trying to control the lively presenters & the technical side from Dromore. We trust that these were a blessing and encouragement to folk, during a difficult time.



Pray for the number of folks that contacted us for Bibles, practical & spiritual help, and who we continue to provide a 'listening ear'.



160 Food Packages were distributed in Portadown & Belfast.



Through the kindness & generosity of so many friends, the team were able to deliver 10,000 flowers to homes in the following areas: Portadown, Aghalee, Tandragee, Aghagallon, Laurelvale & Derryhale.

Tracing the rainbow through the rain...

... is a powerful thought from the book of Genesis and provokes us to reflect on the faithfulness of God these past few months. As Sharon and I reflect, we ask ourselves the question;

What have we learnt during this time of lockdown?

- The fact that we both are 'chalk 'n' cheese' has been reinforced, as we spent more time than ever working together!! How true that opposites often attract, and God makes no mistakes!
- That God is working out His purpose and plan despite what the 'great and good' in our world say.
- God is faithful, is a great truth we have proved many times over the past few months.
- That dark and difficult times often present tremendous opportunities to let our light shine for the glory of God.
- Putting priorities in place with family etc...

COVID-19 regulations meant that the Summer Youth Outreaches

have been restricted to online videos. Our summer theme is Hi5, which teaches the kids 5 key aspects of the attributes of God. We are indebted to Sharon Craig for the many hours spent editing over 50 video clips that make up the weeks program and to all those who have helped us in so many ways. The program has been edited for church outreaches in Hillsborough, Belfast, Carrick, Maghaberry & Poyntzpass. Please pray that children will trust the Saviour and go on to love and serve Him.



VIRTUAL SUMMER BIBLE CLUB
 Hi5
 Registration opens here on Monday 29th June
 Monday 13th to Friday 17th July
ONLINE FROM 10AM EACH DAY
 Each child who is pre-registered by a parent/guardian will receive a free welcome pack the week before the start. This will contain daily craft materials, worksheets, treats, etc. Register early to avoid disappointment!
 Each day we will be uploading short video clips of: Bible lessons / Singing / Quizzes / Memory verses / Worksheets / Games / Crafts / Challenges
 All primary school aged children WELCOME
 Registration Free
 Awards & Prizes will be delivered to your home!
 Registration online on Monday 29th June @ 10am Limited Places
 Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life..."
 Luke 14:6
 Perhaps a central theme was under a child protection policy and leaders are account registered

“Hard to believe 10 years have passed since **Little Ones** started. This year Martyrs Church very kindly held two special events to mark this. A special Little Ones morning and an evening when past members were invited to come along. We were so encouraged by the response. It was lovely to catch up again with so many along with lots of cake! Within days the lockdown was introduced, so we are thankful that we got to share these lovely times. God willing we can recommence in September. We have stayed connected by WhatsApp with the parents and have sent packages in the post to the children to let them know we are thinking of them. Thank you for your prayers for this outreach.” Sharon



Shannon

Tommy Gilmore along with several others delivered gift packs, bi weekly to all 220 Belfast kids associated with Martyrs Memorial during lockdown. The weekly Explore Bible Club was videoed and messaged to families weekly. We pray that families will trust Christ.



...fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart...
 1 Samuel 12:24

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GET INVOLVED...

Helpers always needed in God's work among the children and youth this autumn & winter in Martyrs Memorial Church Belfast
 Contact us if you are saved and looking to serve.



Junior Reach in Portadown had got off to a good start in October at our home church in Portadown. An encouraging number of young people attended, but unfortunately the season concluded abruptly with the onset of COVID-19

SERVE GAP YEAR PROGRAM

One of the lessons God has been teaching Sharon and I recently is the importance of balancing our time with God, family and ministry. Organising Serve teams takes a huge amount of time from an administration aspect. To assist us at Serve we are delighted to introduce Shannon Ross who has just completed 2 years in Whitefield Bible College and who has been on several Serve teams. Shannon has committed the next year God willing to working with us. (See attached card.)

We have set up a dedicated account with Danske Bank, Portadown to support Shannon during her Gap Year.

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