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WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of our new look newsletter. Why not make yourself a cuppa, find a comfy seat and prepare to be encouraged as you read about what God has been doing and continues to do through Crown Jesus Ministries.



Amanda

At the beginning of 2020 we launched our mission statement for the next decade; We Choose To Go. This hasn't changed. We believe that God has called us to GO into Ireland and declare His good news. This may look different to what we had planned in January due to Covid-19 restrictions, but our passion and creativity are in full flow and we are excited to introduce, amongst other things, new courses, a new resource website, a new trailer for SEN work and a new C.O.O. (that's me!)

God is still on the move, He is still in the business of changing lives and we continue to see many people choosing to crown Jesus Lord of their lives. Thank you for your prayers, thank you for your financial support, thank you for partnering with us.

Enjoy the read!

Amanda

GO GROUPS

Following on from the success of our School of Evangelism we launched Go Groups in August this year. These online small groups are the ideal setting to not only equip others into evangelism but to provoke action.

The current module 'Sharing your Story' has over 100 students and our guest teacher is Evangelist Barry Woodward based in Manchester.

Our next Go-Group module starts on 2nd November running on alternative Mondays until 14th December.

Theme:
*'Unwrapping
Christmas: The Gift
of the Gospel'.*




GO GROUPS
MODULE ONE _
**SHARING
YOUR STORY**
Barry Woodward
(Author of 'Once an Addict')

To register contact: tim@crownjesus.org

NEW RESOURCES WEBSITE LAUNCHING SOON



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We are so delighted to be launching our new resource website - cjmedia.online.

This will be our online creative hub where we provide videos, resources, teaching and training for schools, churches and so much more. With access to schools currently limited and a very changing landscape for ministry, we believe this will not only help us continue to reach out through our existing networks but also allow us to reach further and encounter more kids, youth and adults with the Good News of Jesus across Ireland and beyond.



Go on, check it out!



www.cjmedia.online

DIGITAL MEDIA

Firstly we would like to say a big thanks for all of the support and funding that we have received. This year we have been able to invest in new cameras and build a green screen studio.

In this season our media projects have increased substantially, and digital media platforms provide amazing opportunities for sharing bible stories, testimonies, and teaching. Please pray into our script-writing and production process, that we will be able to communicate the Gospel message effectively. Pray also that our videos and other digital resources will be well-received by schools, churches, youth fellowships, parents and young people.

Peter



Peter and Steve setting up for a shoot in our green screen studio.

WELCOME BABY KERNOHAN



Say hello to the latest addition to the wider Crown Jesus family. Brielle Grace Kernohan was born 21st Aug weighing 7lb 1oz.

Congratulations to Richard, Alison, Karis and Emmy. Richard is continuing to love life in a house full of girls!

*Karis, Alison, Emmy,
Brielle and Richard.*



SEND

We have a new trailer!
The trailer will allow us to deliver puppet programmes and offer multi-sensory spaces outside to parents, teachers and pupils that may need a little extra care and support managing the complex return to school.



*Amy with some of the puppets
in our new mobile theatre.*

We are excited to get back on the road and would love you to partner with us in prayer; for creativity in planning and for the teachers and pupils we will visit.

Amy

1WAY YOUTH

Reimagining Youth and Schools Ministry

On Thursday 12th March 2020, the youth team were getting ready for our Lisburn 1Way event, but the next day we found ourselves no longer able to meet face to face with young people as schools closed their doors, and the world turned to zoom. As challenging as this new season would be to navigate, we are thankful to God for giving us fresh opportunities to reach young people in a different way.



We now find ourselves in the midst of writing and filming various resources which will be available to schools and churches for RE classes, SU meetings, assemblies, Youth Fellowships, GB & BB, and more.



Stee and Steph enjoying filming.

Please pray for continued guidance and creativity as we approach this new season, excited and expectant for all that God is going to do.

“...we are thankful to God for giving us fresh opportunities...”

BELFAST PRAYER ROOM

The Belfast Prayer Room team remains committed to bringing the hope of Jesus onto our streets.

After lockdown restrictions were eased, we were in Orangefield Park weekly to offer socially distanced prayer ministry and conversation. Many were grateful for the offer of prayer and we saw around 20 people respond to the Gospel. Fantastic news during such a difficult and uncertain time!

We are now back on the streets of Belfast, praying and sharing the Gospel and have seen an incredible 31 people open up their hearts to ask for forgiveness and decide to follow Jesus.



The Belfast Prayer Room.



Davey and the team praying for people on the streets.

Please pray that our city would turn to Jesus in these times and that many would respond to the good news.

If you would like to find out more about how you can volunteer on the streets of Belfast please get in touch.

HOPE MONAGHAN

The past months have been a fruitful time for “HOPE” in Monaghan. We are still delivering food parcels, John’s Gospel booklets, kids packs, offering prayer, and building relationships across Monaghan.



The CJM van still in use in Monaghan.

Sharing the gospel while caring for people's needs is a combination that God has used continually to build His kingdom. Jesus was moved with compassion for the hurting, (*Matt. 9:35-36*) and in the early church it was a priority to look after those who needed it most (*Acts 4:34-35*).

Throughout the bible we are commanded to love one another not just with words but with actions of love and generosity.

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages... When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them...”
(Matt 9:35-36)

It is our aim to continue doing just that. It may have been a busy season so far but it feels like it is the beginning of breaking into new ground and we know there are exciting times ahead!

As our building re-opens, pray for us as we make plans to use the space creatively while staying safe, and for wisdom as we put together new programmes for the schools.

When it comes to the work in Monaghan, we have one prayer during this season; *"As it is in heaven"*. Pray with us that despite changed plans due to Covid that God will continue to work in and through the work of HOPE in Monaghan.

Claire & Josh



Some of the foodbank donations being delivered to HOPE.

**"...and it was distributed to anyone who had need."
(Acts 4:34)**

WE CHOOSE TO GO...

By the end of the decade we choose to go into all 32 counties of Ireland and ensure everyone has the opportunity to receive and respond to the transforming message of Jesus Christ and the hope He brings.

We choose to go, not because it is easy but because it is hard. The goal will serve to organise and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to achieve.

We choose to go and we want you to partner with us on this adventure because together we are stronger. Join us as we launch into this new season; there are communities to reach, people to rescue and together we will make a difference for the glory of God's kingdom.

We choose to go because Jesus has given us the power, authority and commission to go. Everyone in Ireland needs a chance to respond to the gospel. This will be the most challenging, dangerous and greatest adventure on which we have ever embarked. It must be done and with your help it will be done before the end of this decade.



DEVOTIONAL

**“We implore
you on
Christ's
behalf: Be
reconciled
to God.”
(2 Cor 5:20)**

The words of Paul here reflect the heart of Jesus beautifully. Not only in saying that people need to be reconciled to God, but in the way that he does it – he implores people.

To implore someone to do anything is to do it with a humility, passion, dedication

and desire that goes beyond the norm of what we would usually see. To implore someone is almost to plead with them. Jesus is not indifferent to the fate of our land, there is no apathy in him, he is passionate for all to be reconciled to him – what would it look like for us to respond like Paul and implore Ireland to consider Christ?

KLASS KIDS

The Klass Kids team has been planning new online resources for primary school teachers to use. We have intentionally looked for ways to be creative and how best to engage with children.



Max, Granda and Lucy hard at work filming new resource material.

In September, we will release a four week assembly series, with RE classes and more resources to follow.

Please pray for the Klass Kids team; for creativity, clarity and wisdom in how they share the Gospel. Pray also for the teachers and children engaging with the resources.

'Song Time with Stevo and Granda' episodes available now on our YouTube channel.



SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

In the current climate, we weren't able to meet in person for a 2020 School of Evangelism, however that gave us a great opportunity to run our first School of Evangelism Online!



A shot from the first sessions of School of Evangelism Online.

For 10 weeks at the beginning of summer, we had roughly 150 take part in the course, and it was so encouraging to see the different nationalities, backgrounds and experiences all unite with the same goal: to grow in our ability and passion to share Jesus.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, we're running another School of Evangelism Online beginning on October 6th. Happening across 10 sessions on zoom; we'll have video teaching, small group discussions, and plenty of practical application.

For more information and to register your place, visit crownjesus.org.

“...to grow in our ability and passion to share Jesus”



EVANGELISM

SCHOOL OF

ONLINE

**A TEN WEEK ONLINE COURSE
STARTING TUE 6TH OCT**

7.30PM - 8.45PM

- HOSTED BY -



Claire



Blessed



Tim

Booking via Eventbrite: soonline.eventbrite.co.uk

ACADEMY

As September comes around again, this means that new academy students are joining the Crown Jesus family! This year, we have Sarah and Bethany joining us as our new first year academy students, and we also have Josh joining us as our new media intern. The academy year may look a little different this year due to the current situation with COVID-19, but we are still so excited to have an academy team serving with us.



The 2020/21 Academy team.

We also have Lauren staying on for second year academy, and Chloe and I are staying on for a third year. We have an exciting year ahead with our own projects, helping with writing and filming, as well as growing in our personal faith and giftings!

Your prayers would be appreciated for each of us as we start into the new academy year.

Rebecca

FUNDING SUPPORT

Thank you for your continued financial support during this year. We are eternally thankful to God for how he provides for us on every level. We now enter another challenging yet exciting year for the ministry and as we adapt to the ever-changing landscape in which we seek to do evangelism, there remains a financial need to support the next phase of the vision. As we reach out across Ireland, we need to increase our output online



while making the most of opportunities face to face. If you are encouraged by what you have read and would like to support us financially, or increase your support, please contact us through the website or email me at tony@crownjesus.org

God Bless, Tony



THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

10AM - 4PM

EVANGELISTS GATHERING



This is open to all who feel their primary calling is to do the work of an evangelist.

Booking essential via Eventbrite:
evangelistsgathering.eventbrite.co.uk

Crown Jesus Ministries
7 Calvin Street
Belfast

AFTERNOON GUEST TEACHER:
EVANGELIST TIFF SHUTTLESWORTH

MY FIRST YEAR WITH CROWN JESUS

If my first year at Crown Jesus has incorporated a pandemic, I am not entirely sure I want to see what the next few years bring! Joking aside, pandemic and all it has truly been one of the best years and roles of my life...well so far (I like to pretend I am still young!).

Working as a PA and admin assistant at Crown Jesus is definitely like no other job I have had before and I have worked as a teacher, youth worker and in retail so I am well used to strange and unusual! If every day is a school day then I feel I must be a scholar! Each day I come into work prepared and organised for what I anticipate my day will look like, however the one thing I have learned in working for the ministry is that no two days are the same. I have found myself sending emails and scheduling meetings in



Louise

**“For by grace
you have been
saved through
faith, and that
not of yourselves;
it is the gift of
God, not of works,
lest anyone
should boast.”
(Eph 2:8-9)**

the morning, being dressed as a Christmas tree and letting off confetti cannons in the afternoon and setting up the hall to accommodate 80 plus people for prayer ministry training that night.

As I reflect on my first year with Crown Jesus I think about the mistakes I have made (and there have been a few, but let's not dwell on that), the achievements, the projects and events I have worked on and the friendships I have made, both with my colleagues and those I have met through Crown Jesus. Each one of these have had an amazing and very different impact on me personally and in my faith and relationship with God. Yet for me the biggest joy of my role is and will always be what is achieved through the work of the ministry; seeing others come to Christ.

Blessings, Louise



With the family at the annual CJM Christmas party - fancy dress of course!



Christmas 2019, packing for the Shoebox Appeal with a team from CJM.



A proud moment, having just shampooed the foyer carpet.

IN CLOSING...

During this pandemic Mitch and the team have been innovative in broadcasting the gospel message to a public, who have manifested a real hunger for something to believe in, after their worldly “gods” have failed. Our online productions and creative ideas have promoted local corporate prayer and evangelism.

We are delighted to welcome Amanda who integrates a unique combination of management, organisational and ministry skills. She will free Mitch to focus on evangelism throughout Ireland.

Please partner with and support us as we enter this new and exciting phase of our ministry.

Norman



KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Men's Leadership GYM - Mitch
- 16 Drogheda (evangelism training)
- 17 'If My People...' HOPI
- 21 Drogheda (evangelism training)
- 23 Apologetics Training in partnership with Solas
- 28-30 Mitch teaching at Teen Challenge in Nottingham

OCTOBER

- 5 Drogheda (evangelism training)
- 6 Launch date for SOE online
- 8 Interns Together inter-agency conference - The Mill
- 10 Story Maker Women's virtual conference
with World Orphans
- 15 Evangelists Gathering with Mitch & Tiff Shuttlesworth
- 16 10 mile Retreat day - Mitch
- 17-18 Shannon (evangelism) - Mitch

Please also remember to pray for our recurring events

GO Groups	Mon & Tue evenings - alternate wks
'If My People...'	Alternate Thurs evenings
Belfast Prayer Room	Every Mon afternoon
School of Evangelism	Series of 10 Tue evenings
HOPE Storehouse	Every Fri morning in Monaghan
HOPE Morning	Every Tue morning in Monaghan



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