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EVANGELISM TEAMS All our full-time students were out on evangelism teams from 16th to 22nd October. A short extract is included from each team report below.

COLERAINE 'The unity was brilliant and God truly blessed.' This was how one team member summed up our week in Coleraine. The week that started with a quiz and finished with a fry, also featured some 'grilling'! We had the opportunity to work in three of Coleraine's secondary schools. Collectively that was two



assemblies, two SU's, and eight RE classes – great opportunities! At one school we were handed an A4 sheet with the almost threatening title: 'Grill a Baptist'. However, unperturbed and fuelled by coffee, the team braved the elements in the form of fifteen or so curious sixth formers. The coffee quelled the shakes and the team members answered as sensitively and helpfully as they could. In other classes we presented a talk entitled, 'Why Believe the Bible?', and in others spoke about our faith and our coming to College. As a team we were very much aware of the Lord's enabling in each of the school situations. The feedback from both pupils and teachers alike was most encouraging. We enjoyed very much working with Pastor Trevor Watson and the Church. The family of God is a wonderful thing and we will remember our time in Coleraine with great fondness

DUNAMANAGH/SION MILLS As well as taking Sunday Services in both churches, and midweek meetings, the team also took midweek prayer and Bible studies in the churches in Omagh, Londonderry and Limavady. There were many youth activities during the week such as Youth Clubs and Good News Clubs in both churches, as well as an After School Club in Sion.



The work in the schools was a particular highlight of the week with nearly all team members being involved in taking Primary and Secondary School assemblies in five different schools. Some members of the team also had the privilege to teach a number of R.E. classes on subjects such as "Why Mission?", "Why does God allow suffering?", and "Is the Bible relevant to me as a teenager?". These all provided excellent opportunities to share the gospel not only with the pupils but also with the teachers in the respective schools. Thanks to Pastor Joe Flannagan (Dunamanagh) and Mr David Wolfe (Sion Mills) for making the team so welcome, and to the people in both churches for looking after them so well.

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DUNDALK The schedule was full and varied. In the six days the team took part in two radio broadcasts, one school assembly, two secondary school religion classes, one testimony meeting, two open airs, one Bible study, a men's meeting and many hours of door-to-door work. The tangible fruits of these efforts were thirty people interested in further contact, ten of whom wanted to receive a copy of the Bible. Radio outreach is something the Dundalk church has been involved with for some time.



Several of the students took part in their own programme, "Heart of the Matter", on Monday evening. Another group were interviewed on the regular "Town Talk" community magazine programme in the morning.

The team reported back to the church on Thursday evening and were touched by the gratitude that was expressed. The week was a powerful and challenging experience, full of fun but marked by earnestness. The team are grateful to Pastor Stephen Murphy and the Church for allowing them to partner with them for this short time in the work of the gospel. Contacts have been established that will endure both in prayer, and in return visits.

PORTADOWN The team of ten students spent a week evangelising in Portadown and left feeling challenged, encouraged, enthused and exhausted! It was a real joy to spend 7 days working alongside the members of Portadown Baptist as we reached over 3000 people with the gospel message. The majority of our time was involved with presenting the Amazing



Journey in 9 different primary schools, as well as having the opportunity to share Christ in assemblies and RE classes at two secondary Schools. In all the schools we experienced attentive children and a positive reaction from teachers. Our prayer is that many children will respond to God's Word which they both heard and also received in their free Bible packs.

Each day, as well as having two different teams in schools, we also had a team involved in door-to-door visitation. This can be a slow and difficult work, but we praise God for a number of meaningful conversations which took place during the week. The team also had the

opportunity to participate and share in Sunday services, a Portuguese service, a Praise and Testimony night, Campaigners and street evangelism.

Thanks to Pastor John Kimber for all the organisation and for the warmth of hospitality and support received from the Church.