

CROSSLINKS LETTER

I trust this letter finds you well.

The past few months in the All-Ireland office have been very busy indeed. Since the beginning of July we have seen;

- Two short term mission teams go to reach out to children in Ethiopia.
- Another short term mission team go to work with students in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Rory and Hannah Blake-Knox flew to George, South Africa to begin an 18 month period working with children and young adults in schools, a teenage pregnancy centre and a sports academy.

Within the last few weeks I have received news from Thailand to say that new students are still turning up at Bible Studies as a direct result of the contact they had with a Crosslinks team member. Please do continue to give thanks and praise for this ministry overseas this past summer, and pray that we will continue to see the fruit of that labour.

Closer to home we sent another outreach team to Galway, held our summer camp at Castlewellan Castle after which 'Reset', our young adult conference took place in Bushmills. In Castlewellan we had a whopping 122 campers who were led and guided through God's word by 45 leaders and in Bushmills 20 young adults sat under the teaching of Rev Dr Lee Gatiss (Director Church Society) who took us through the book of Hebrews.

Much of our summer work was possible because of the hard work of Crosslinks apprentices Peter Blair and Philip Cairns who joined us formally in September 2013. It is with sadness that I write to inform you that Peter and Phil have moved on to pastures new. They are continuing in an apprenticeship under former Crosslinks Ireland Team Leader, Rev Trevor Johnston, now Rector at All Saints Church, Belfast. We want to thank both Peter and Phil for all of their hard work over the past year. Please remember them in prayer as they continue to serve the gospel.

As we move forward the Ireland team are busy planning and preparing for short term teams, camps, events, meetings and a number of other things for 2015.

SAVE THE DATE: Crosslinks Summer Camp 2015 will again take place at Castlewellan Castle from 8-12 August (ages 8-11) and 8-15 August (ages 12-17). Further information to follow in future correspondence.

We are also pleased to have Karen Salmon, mission partner in Ethiopia, back home on these shores for her home assignment. Karen is currently visiting partner churches to update them on her work and thank them for their support. Please do look out for her visiting a parish near you! Should you wish to find out more about Karen please contact Val by email vellis@crosslinks.org or by telephone on 028 9079 6028.

The post of 'Ireland Team Leader' has recently been advertised with a closing date for applications being 21 November 2014. A full job description, declaration of belief and application form are available to download at www.crosslinks.org/staff-vacancy All enquiries and applications should be directed to Giles Rawlinson, Operations Director by email - grawlinson@crosslinks.org or telephone 020 2691 6111. It is hoped that interviews will take place in early December. Please continue to pray for this process.

Thank you once again for your constant prayer, support and partnership in the gospel.

In Christ