

Free Presbyterian Youth Council



'Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth' - Ecclesiastes 12:1

REPORT ON 2003 SUMMER OUTREACH TO TAVISTOCK

By Tavistock Outreach Team 2003

The week of outreach in the old English market town of Tavistock in County Devon took place in the month of July 2003. The team of eight young people and the Rev. David Park travelled over to England to assist the Rev Philip Kyle and the church in Tavistock to witness for the Lord in that district.

Each morning we began the day with a time of devotion and prayer, which was taken by one of the ministers. On our first day the Rev Kyle issued a challenge from the book of Joshua Ch. 13 v 1 'There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.' We can now say this is true of the land England which has become a land gripped by sin and the world, and we felt the call of God even to do all we could on our week there. Also during these times of devotions we felt a challenge to our own hearts from the messages preached about our service for the Lord. We enjoyed times of prayer when we cried unto the Lord for the land of England and the town of Tavistock, that the Lord would move in hearts of men and women and that souls would be wondrously saved. During these times of prayer the Lord drew very near.

Each day we held open airs around the area of Tavistock, we often had local people who stopped and listened to the messages which were preached and also the testimonies that were given by the young people. We spent one day in the city of Bristol where we witnessed to thousands of shoppers who were on the streets. We held open airs where the truth of the gospel was preached and many souls were reached with the gospel.

Also another important part of our outreach was the tract distribution. This is when we realised the grip that the world had on the men and women in that area in their open rejection of the gospel. We were met with a range of responses yet through everything we put our faith in God that he would undertake and deal with these people in that even through rejecting a tract that great conviction would come upon them. Our prayer would still be that those tracts which were given out in that area would still be used in bringing sinners to Christ. However, the Lord did bless in the opportunity to have discussions with people on the streets who were open to listen to what we had to say and we thank and we praise God for this.

We also spent time doing door-to-door work in the area of Tavistock. At the doors we were met with great apathy toward the things of God and about spiritual matters. Many people in England, as at home in Ulster have little care about the things which are to come. This made speaking to people more difficult and many were not willing to even discuss with us the things of God. We must, as believers commit this to the Lord in prayer that he will move in the hearts of these men and women. However again the Lord did bless and we had those on the doors who were open to what we had to tell them about Salvation and the way to heaven. Again we thank God for this.

On the Sabbath day we took part in the services held in Tavistock Primary School, the members of the outreach team sang and gave testimonies and in the evening service the Rev Park brought the Lord's message.

The Lord also gave us the opportunity to visit residential homes in the town and to conduct services in which there were testimonies and the Rev Park and the Rev Kyle both preached the word of God.

We as an outreach team also enjoyed the lighter moments of the week. We travelled to GwenXXX Pit where John Wesley preached to over 30,000 miners, we travelled on down to Lands End and enjoyed

the beautiful scenery of Cornwall. As a group we also enjoyed fellowship with each other and also with the Rev Kyle and his wife and their children.

Over the week we saw the need that there is for the Lord to move in that area. We have seen and experienced first hand the coldness of the people and we must all pray that the Lord will use his faithful servants in that area to reach the unsaved. Also we must pray for those who attend the church there in Tavistock, we thank the Lord for these men and women of God who have taken their stand in that land for their Lord and Saviour.

Finally we thank the Lord for help given during the week of outreach and we pray that the work in that place would continue to be blessed.