

Free Presbyterian Youth Council



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

REPORT ON 2005 SUMMER OUTREACH TO CORK

By Gareth Jones

It was my joy and privilege to be part of the Youth Council Outreach team to Cork from 6th - 13th August 2005 along with eight other young people. The team was led by Mr Colin Tinsley.

We knew much of the Lord's presence as we travelled down and were glad when we arrived after a mere seven hour journey, only slightly tired!!

We began each day with devotions which our brother Colin Maxwell conducted on the life of Timothy. This was followed by a time of prayer to commit our daily labours to the Lord. These times spent around the Word and in prayer were certainly precious times. We then went out each morning leaflet dropping in the large estates. Every corner you seemed to turn there was around 40-50 houses!! In the afternoons we went out knocking doors and seeking to engage in conversation. The response was varied from having doors slammed in our face to good talks with people. How sad it was to hear many dear Roman Catholic people say "I'm OK" or "I've got my own church." Pray on with us that God will bless the Word that went forth on the doorstep.

In the afternoons and evenings we also held open-air in Cork city centre, Kinsale and Blarney. We again had opportunity to distribute literature to needy souls which we found was well received. Each day then ended with a quiet time discussion and a season of prayer.

I would ask each one to pray for the work in Cork. Remember the Maxwells and the little flock of people there. Truly the witness in Cork is certainly a light in a dark place.

This was my second outreach. When you go to the mainland or south of Ireland and see a little congregation it makes you appreciate what a blessed people we are in this province.

Above all we must give praise and thanks to the Lord for all that He has enabled us to accomplish for His honour and glory this summer. We know with Isaiah Ch 55 v 11 that the Word of God will not return void.