

Free Presbyterian Youth Council



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

REPORT ON 2008 SUMMER OUTREACH TO DUNDEE

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On Wednesday, 2nd July 2008, eight young people and two young spirits set off to Dundee, Scotland, on a Youth Council Outreach trip. The team was led by Rev. Paul and Mrs. Shirley Fitton, who took their son Samuel along with seven other young people (including one from England) to Dundee for the week.

There was a little apprehension at first, as there seemed to be no plan for what work we would be doing. Mr. Tom Laverty, (the man caring for the congregation of the Dundee F.P. Church over the summer months in the absence of a minister) had only arrived 2 days previously, so no plans could be made in advance. A sketchy plan was formed, and we began distributing tracts in the town centre, and knocking doors in the vicinity of the Church.

The LORD really helped and blessed the group, as there was a lot of nervousness among the young people especially when knocking doors. The people of Dundee weren't as hostile to the Word as we had anticipated, although we have recently learnt of complaints to the local paper about the open airs that have been continuing in the town centre since the group left. There was a total of three open airs held in Dundee city centre, all of which resulted in at least one in-depth conversation with a by-stander.

The LORD gave us many opportunities to share the Gospel with people on a one-to-one basis. We had three visitors into the Church services, plus a lady interested in speaking further with Tom about her eternal soul and her salvation during the week we were there.

We were able to go to Forfar for the day to distribute tracts etc., and we were also able to visit St. Andrews for the day to have a look around the town, see the golf course and university, and visit some of the historical sites relating to the covenanter martyrs. Later that day, we visited Robert Murray McCheyne's church, and saw the pulpit he preached in. Sadly, there is now a drumkit in the balcony of the church!

I would just like to say, on behalf of the young people, a huge thank you to Rev. and Mrs. Fitton for leading the group, and for their great encouragement throughout the week. Also to Tom, who was a real help, encouragement and blessing to each one of our hearts. Thank you to Roy and Debi for their hospitality, delicious baking and blessed fellowship! Also thank you to Samuel, who gave out more tracts than the rest of us put together!

All in all, the week was a great blessing. The presence of the LORD was felt in all aspects of the work we were doing, whether it was on the doors, in the city centre, or just taking fellowship one with another. The devotional times were an especial blessing.

Please pray for the work in Dundee. Pray for the congregation, that they would know the LORD's blessing. Pray for the city, that the LORD would send the light of salvation to the lost souls in that dark place. Pray for Tom that he would continue in his fervency and zeal for the LORD. And pray for any unsaved that come into the church, that the LORD would really speak to their hearts concerning salvation. We pray that the work that was done will glorify God eternally, and exalt His precious name.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46v10