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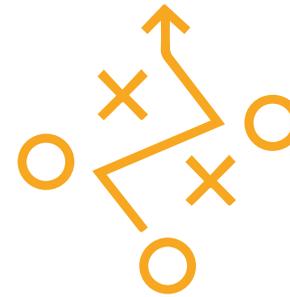
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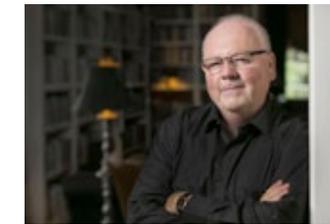
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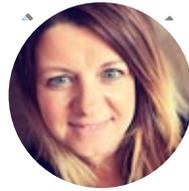
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NEWS

## A note from the Editor

**inventiveness, the use of our imaginations to make something - those are the dictionary definitions of creativity.** Creativity is the theme for this edition and my hope is that as you read the articles in the pages following that you will be both challenged and inspired to apply some creative thinking to how you do church and how you share life with others.

Creation is on display everyday for each of us to see and yet we can so easily just let its beauty fade into insignificance. "In the beginning God created" - out of nothing this earth was formed and since the very beginning of time when God spoke and the very stars hung in the night sky men and women the world over have used their imaginations and inventiveness to make more. To build an ark, to make a net, to create electricity, to write a book, to paint a picture, to capture a photo, to make a something. The somethings that could be as simple as the kettle that many of us would struggle without especially first thing in the morning. We can easily lose the wonder and allow our eyes and minds to become clouded by comfort, or ease, or even complacency.

I wonder if our church or our own personal walk with Jesus would be different if we applied our inventiveness?

What would you do if there were no obstacles? What would you create if there were no restrictions in your way? We are our own obstacles. We often allow fear, inadequacy, doubt, finances and many other excuses to rob us of the very places that God would have us to be. I have read many stories and articles over the last few weeks of Billy Graham. I've marvelled at how the Church have united in praise for a man who lived his life to tell

others about Jesus. I have been astounded by the impact one man has had all over the globe because he was simply obedient to God. Millions of lives, and that is only the ones we know about, said yes to following Jesus because one man was creative in his thinking. At a time when no one else would have dared. I know the world is different now to how it was then but if anything, that should make it easier for us to share the Gospel not more difficult.

There is nothing in our lives that God cannot overcome. Nothing. I pray as the seasons change in the natural from winter to spring that you too will sense a shift in your Spirit from the obstacles to the opportunities; from the hindrances to the happening and from the obstacles to the opportunities. Pray, seek His face and develop and nurture all that God has in you. We aren't meant to live in the mediocre and the world is definitely not interested in anything that appears mundane, so please don't settle back this Spring time. Listen to the still small voice, hear the whisper from heaven and use your imagination to make something beautiful for Him. It could be a conversation, a prayer, a cake, a cup of coffee for a person in need, a timely text, a moment with a stranger, but whatever it is look at it with eyes of wonder of what it could possibly be. With Jesus at the centre anything could happen.

Enjoy the edition and the Spring time months ahead. See you at Wondrous in July!

Much love,

Sara x



MEATH CHRISTIAN CENTRE

## NAVAN'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**The second Sunday in February 2018 was the 30th anniversary of the first Sunday meeting of our church in Navan. On that morning in 1988 the congregation was 2 people and as we huddled around a gas heater in the little Mission Hall, hailstones hammered our praises to God.** Thirty years on we have a purpose built church building that can accommodate 150 people and a multi-national congregation comprising 7 nationalities.

The journey to this point has had many twists and turns, most of them unexpected! But our church promise scripture, that was inherited from the previous generation of Mission Hall builders, has proved faithful. "The glory of this latter house shall be greater

than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will grant peace, says the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:9). The greater glory of 1988 was a church being started. Then in 1998/99 the greater glory was replacing the tin Mission Hall with a larger block building. 2008 saw the greater glory being the establishment of 2 new congregations (churches) in, firstly, Swords and then in 2009 Kells, Co. Meath. As we journey through 2018 into the 4th decade we can only wonder at what the greater glory will be ahead of us.

Beginning a church in the tin Mission Hall was effected by the leadership of our Hillsborough church through the vision and tenacity of the late Billy Cregan, a Hillsborough member and former mission hall supporter

and worker. So it was fitting that the speaker at our 30th anniversary service should be from Hillsborough. Colin & Jillian McMinn are senior members of Hillsborough and have journeyed with the church in Navan over these past three decades. Colin spoke 'fondly' of coming with a team of people, at the beginning, to refurbish the tin building and site, making it fit for meetings.

Colin spoke passionately and encouragingly, that the Church is not a building nor a denomination but a glorious people whom Jesus shed His blood for, filled with His Spirit and is returning to earth for. The celebration of 30 years ministry also went down memory lane in an emotional 10 minute slide-show of some of the notable events and milestones as well as images of the many happenings in every day church life, such as evangelism, baptisms, breakfasts, etc. The anniversary celebration was rounded off with, chicken curry & rice/cold meat salad/sandwich lunch (take your pick!). It was all rounded off with a large anniversary iced jam & cream sponge cake!

Colin declared, '30 is the biblical age of maturity.' So, as our church, Meath Christian Centre comes of age we wonder what lies ahead for us. One thing is sure though, God will receive all the glory, praise His name. ■



# DONAGHCLONEY INDUCTION

**T**here was a lovely atmosphere in Donaghcloney Elim on 25th February and a warm welcome for Philip and Edneide Seifert and their two children Ellie and Karis as Philip was inducted as new Pastor of the church.

Philip Beattie gave the official welcome and Pastor Phil then gave his reply as to how thrilled his family is to be in Donaghcloney and to see what things God has in store for the future. Pastor Michael and the members of the Irish leadership team prayed for the pastor and his wife.

Pastor Edwin Michael spoke and encouraged, challenged and gave some sound advice to the new pastor and the congregation. There was a very hearty supper afterwards as friends and family met together for fellowship.

Pastor Phil would personally like to pay tribute to Pastor McCandless for the last year which he has spent at Donaghcloney, encouraging and shepherding the congregation. 



# NEW MOSSLEY INDUCTION

**I**t was with great joy and thankfulness to God that Robert Ginn was inducted as Senior Pastor of New Mossley Elim Church on Friday 19th January, 2018.

In 1980 several people established a Pentecostal witness in the Glengormley area, meeting in an Orange Hall off the Glebe Road, Glengormley. A site was acquired in 1981 in the New Mossley Estate for a church building. In August 1982, New Mossley Elim Church was officially opened, with the first Pastor being Richard Christie who faithfully ministered for approximately 25 years.

The church and youth hall underwent minor renovations in 2010 which establishes it as a modern church with excellent facilities ready for the exciting future that lies ahead under the direction of Pastor Robert.

The induction was lively and joyous with the church packed

with family, church members and friends of Pastor Robert and his wife Linda who were accompanied by their two sons Robert and Peter.

Pastor Edwin Michael, Irish Superintendent convened the meeting and explained that twelve months previous a team from the 'School of Ministry' led by Pastor Robert came to New Mossley Elim to help with ministry and build the church supported by the existing Leadership Team, church members and attendees. Pastor Michael advised everyone that there had been considerable growth over the 12 months and thanked the ministry team for their faithfulness but gave glory to God.

Mr. Ronnie Mitchell said a few words on behalf of the church leadership team outlining the progress made in the year that Pastor Robert had been spearheading the work at New Mossley Elim.

Pastor Robert responded to Pastor Michael and Ronnie's words of encouragement. He thanked his wife and sons firstly for their faithfulness to God but also for their unstinting support.

Pastor Robert spoke enthusiastically of the future – trusting God completely to give further increase and stability to New Mossley Elim Church whilst totally embracing its new ethos of a **Christ Centred-Caring-Community Church**.

Prior to the induction ceremony Pastor Hugh Moore preached from Isaiah 61.

The evening concluded with a beautiful supper prepared by the ladies of the church which was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all involved in making the whole evening so memorable. 

 DOROTHY BOYD



## ADVANCE 2018

JOHNNY MCKEE

**S**o here we were. Caught between storm Emma and The Beast From The East. As we sat in the Ballymascanlon Hotel in Dundalk we watched the snow fall as a red weather warning was issued throughout Ireland. We gathered as leaders within Elim in the warmth and comfort of the hotel but also under the safety, security and amazing sense of the Holy Spirit among us.

On our first night together we broke bread remembering through communion the sacrificial death of our Saviour. Rosemary McAuley, a great mother of the faith, reminded us so well of the precious blood that was shed at

Calvary. She reminded us that there is still power in the blood of Jesus Christ. She reminded us of the atoning sacrifice of the Lamb of God and that His blood that was shed still saves today. Oh what a Saviour - Jesus forever. As we continued that night in worship there was such an amazing sense of the presence of God with us in the room that I don't think Edwin wanted to close the meeting as no one seemed in much of a hurry to leave anyway.

The next day we were introduced to our main speaker, Reggie McNeal. I remembered Reggie speaking at Elim Conference in England a few years ago and being very impressed with what

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he shared back then so I was looking forward to hearing him share once again, and he didn't disappoint.

Reggie shared with us and challenged us as leaders to become "self aware". He reminded us of past experiences and family histories that can have significant impact on shaping us as individuals and how these experiences can then affect how we lead. We were challenged to become

more aware of these past experiences and how they affected us. He taught the need for self development, the need to manage ourselves better and how to build resilience as leaders. I think it's fair to say he challenged us all to become better at what we do.

As the snow continued to fall during the final day our attention was switched to the Kingdom of God. Reggie once again challenged us in such a loving way to put into context church and Kingdom. Very often most of what we do is about us and about making sure everyone comes back next Sunday. Kingdom is church 24/7. It's church on the streets in every facet of life. It's church in a coffee shop, on a street corner, in work or around the dinner table. We are Kingdom people. Christianity is about our identity as heirs of this Kingdom and the Kingdom is here now.

My hope is that we will become more aware of the Kingdom of God and become more Kingdom focussed looking outward beyond the walls of our church buildings having more influence in our communities, towns and cities for that should always be the goal. ■

# IN THE BEGINNING GOD

**n. The. Beginning. God. Created.** How often we gloss over those first five words of the Bible as we read on into Genesis. Yet in those five simple words, the ground-breaking foundation of the world and the God who formed it is established. It is right there that we get our first glimpse of His character. God is a Maker. And not just any Maker. The Maker of something from nothing. Forming life from dust when there was no dust to begin with. Creating, with the scientific precision of laws that had not yet been formulated, elements that had never before been thought up, structures and fibres that had never been put together, right down to the minutiae of the smallest living cells, atoms, sub-atomic particles. In complete operational harmony, functionality and beauty, He created life itself. He is the God of absolute detail. Macro and micro, He created it all. Perfectly.

And if it wasn't enough, God also created with endless variety – with 8.7 million known species in the world, and a further estimated 80% still remaining undiscovered, the greatest estimations are that there are possibly one trillion species in total on our planet. His creativity is multiplied a thousand-fold, with no two of anything He has ever made the same, since the dawn of time. Have you ever stopped to ponder what limitless creativity that must require, yet God is in no way diminished since He started, way back when, in the beginning. It is one of His most awe-inspiring attributes – that of His ultimate abundance. A favourite song of mine as a child was one by Sandi Patty, where one line said: 'What made God take so much care to make creation glow? He could have made it black and white, and we'd have never known'. Yet God invented colour, with approximately 10 million colours detectable by the human eye. Why? So that

we might see Him and know Him; "Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things He has made." (Romans 1:20).

What stirs my heart even more is God's necessity to create. God does not require His creation to complete Him, for He was already complete before the world was formed - yet still He created. A creator by nature must create. It is a self-perpetuating characteristic. Follow that by the fact that we are part of His creation. In light of all His unlimited creative capabilities, the most humbling part is that we would be created in His image – an honour reserved for only one part of His overall masterpiece.

Being made in the image of God, so too are we creative. It is common for people to say that they aren't creative, or that some are more creative than others. Perhaps, in the artistic sense, this is true. However, there is no denying that we all have the capacity to create – for good and for bad.

Take the rainbow for example – not just beautiful to look at, but an incredible work of physics with the refraction of white light into seven main colours. What God created to be a sign of His promise to man, so too man has re-created it into a symbol of 'equality' in the most humanist of forms, in a way the complete antithesis of its original meaning. What we create has consequences, be it positive or negative.

As Christians, we are called to create ways to glorify God and point the world to Him – in our actions, words, behaviours and choices. We can create opportunities to share Jesus with others, to be His hands and feet. In essence, to be creative is to simply respond to a broken world the way God would Himself. ■

# NO PLAN B

THERE IS



“ THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE LOCAL CHURCH WHEN THE LOCAL CHURCH IS WORKING RIGHT - IT'S THE HOPE OF THE WORLD. ”

BILL HYBELS

**T**he church is facing pretty constant criticism here in the UK. But I really do agree with Bill Hybels that the local church is the hope of the world. I also agree with him that can really depend on whether the church is working right.

When it's going well it is amazing. When people are coming to faith in Christ, and hurting people are finding deep healing, and young people are alive with excitement in following Jesus, and the beauty and power of true community is being expressed across the generations and the cultural diversities - it truly is a sight to behold.

However, when it's not going well it is heart breaking. When so-called mature Christian people are bickering over unimportant matters, and unchurched guests feel completely unwelcome, and selfishness prevails over generosity and the young are suppressed for the benefit of maintaining the status quo - it is a distressing image.

My own conviction over my years of pastoral leadership has been that the church is God's plan A for changing the world - and he doesn't have a plan B. If this is true, then we really must place at the top of our priority list the importance of taking note of what kind of churches we are growing.

As a movement, we are defined by our churches. There are Elim church all across the UK, and the world, who are resident in all kinds of local communities. But what are we about?

*“Our mission is to bring the love of God and the gospel of Jesus in the power of the Spirit to every person in every place, relentlessly for the rest of our days.”*

These are the words I heard our General Superintendent, Chris Cartwright, share recently at one of our Vision 20/20 conferences, and I for one am delighted to give myself for that cause. Within that short statement

are the core values of what we have always been as a movement.

A people relentlessly committed to the great commission of Christ - our founders laid those foundations for us and we are charged with carrying that forward. To grow churches with the aim of winning men and women for Christ and believing for the radical transformation of countless lives across our nation, and the world.

William Tyndale said: *“The Church is the one institution that exists for those outside it.”* Therefore, if we are to continue to make a meaningful

impact upon the landscape of our nation we must be 'relentless' in our commitment to evangelism, mission and church planting.

As a Pentecostal movement, we must not surrender our conviction that it is the Spirit who must guide and empower all we do. Our churches need to be beacons of hope in our towns and cities and the place that people find acceptance and meaning for their lives. So many of our churches can share amazing stories of people who have been radically transformed by encountering a church that cared, and showed them the love and power of Christ.

When churches spend their time looking inwardly at what would make their services more pleasing to those already part of the church, they fail to see the good news opportunities on their doorstep. We need courageous leaders and courageous people who forego the pursuit of their own comforts for the sake of the lost, the hurting, the needy and the broken. The people Jesus came into our world for. This relentless pursuit is what will make the difference. This relentless pursuit is what will give hope to our world. ■

STUART BLOUNT

# CRACK OPEN THE WELLS

GLENDA CRAWFORD

**W**ater is the very sustenance of life. Even the most dry and arid places spring to life with water. Being a true blue country bumpkin I grew up very familiar with wells! Our farmland had a few. In fact, right to this day we have the most beautiful spring water at our family home. Nothing beats the pure, crisp sweetness, and uncontaminated refreshment of the water. As children we adored our imaginative adventures round the rivers and glens but always knew to stay clear of the well. From 'no age' ( as the locals say ) we knew the well needed to be protected so that the supply wouldn't be corrupted or the flow blocked in some way.

My daddy was a genius at DIY constructions and so when the 'pump' would stop for some reason, we would often watch him leap over the fence at the bottom of the garden, spanner in hand to go sort the problem.

When the repair job was completed the first gush of water from the tap was usually muddy and certainly not appealing. However after a few minutes the water would run beautifully crystal clear and life could resume with everything aligned again. For us the well had vast significance in our lives. Reading about the importance of wells in the Bible connected deeply with me.

Wells have also held an unbelievable significance on this island of Ireland. Patrick himself blessed so many of these wells on his travels through the country. Tobar is the Irish word for well and speaks of a supply of water from a spring source. These had both material and spiritual importance to

our ancestors. Water is a basic necessity of life and so wells were invaluable throughout history, and still today. Throughout Ireland God is unblocking many ancient wells in this season in new and creative ways connecting streams and rivers that are flowing unitedly with Kingdom purpose. Jesus Himself said 'Out of you will flow rivers of living water'.

Ephesians 2:10, "We are God's workmanship created to do ..." It's time to fully embrace our creativity and celebrate what God has specifically placed within us. After all God is the original artist (Genesis 1).

We are created in the very image of God; created to create. What a thought! Everyone is creative. Creativity is naturally wired into our DNA by God himself. All of us have an irresistible, insatiable, divinely-inspired impulse to create, organise, and fashion. Pray and ask Him what He has embedded within your DNA. It's unique to you and you alone.

Mike Romero said "Here's the truth, It's impossible to lack creativity while

standing in the presence of the creator. The Lord has graced us with an intrinsic ability to create. To design beauty from nothing. To write, to draw, to build, to sing and to dance for something and someone bigger than ourselves...”

Are you insecure in who God has made you to be? Are you fearful, or filled with inadequacy? Wounds, pain, rejection, bitterness, disappointment, abuse, betrayal, unforgiveness, criticism, and grief can suppress the water flow within. As a result the creativity and creative power lying dormant deep within becomes stagnant and hidden. The enemy loves nothing more than to keep people trapped in this place. It's time to crack open the wells within!

'A water well is an excavation or structure created in the ground by digging, driving, boring, or drilling to access groundwater in underground aquifers' Sometimes we need to dig deep to uncap what God has deposited within us. Springs of water lie beneath the surface. Often God does His greatest work behind the scenes, deep within us through trials and brokenness.

The world is in need of YOUR water and refreshment. Speak out words of encouragement, give voice to your convictions creatively because there are people

waiting for your words, for your art; waiting for your unique way of doing things. It might be your way with numbers, or perhaps your sense of organisation, your persistence, your skills, your poems, your clay images, your scientific mind, your mechanical ability, a prayerfully composed song, text or email. Never feel that your skills, talents, words and giftings were meant for you alone, they belong to your Creator, to the world, to all of us. You were meant to share them! So, get out there and explore, embrace and exhibit your creativity.

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**HAS YOUR INNER WELL BECOME CLOGGED OVER THE YEARS? HAS YOUR FLOW OF CREATIVITY BEEN CONTAMINATED IN SOME WAY? GET ALONE WITH GOD AND BE STILL IN HIS PRESENCE. AS YOU WAIT AUTHENTICALLY IN HIS PRESENCE ASK FOR A RENEWED FRESHNESS TO BURST OUT OF YOUR INNER PERSON BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Creativity as you'd expect is creatively unique among the human race. There are those who are gifted with the ability to pull new ideas out of nothing. Others are developers, who add value to those ideas by turning them into something useful or workable. Then there are the

creative visionaries who take those ideas and make them happen, and evaluators who see a way of improving things. Get writing, drawing, singing, cooking, sewing, speaking, composing, gardening, teaching, prophesying, building, fixing, styling, sharing, dancing, coaching, mentoring... share whatever your talent is and make a difference in the world. Be a friend.

Share God's love in new and creative ways. While praying for help is an important element of re-filling the well, so is a commitment to receiving divine inspiration to unblock the spring and let it flow out. It requires diligence, determination, hard work, perseverance and faithfulness. Often it means having a willingness and humility to receive criticism and advice. Has your inner well become clogged over the years? Has your flow of creativity been contaminated in some way? Get alone with God and be still in His presence. As you wait authentically in His presence ask for a renewed freshness to burst out of your inner person by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are living in unprecedented times that desperately needs a fresh move of God. There are uncapped wells of creativity within us all that could be one prayer away from radically changing the trajectory of our lives and even history itself. 

## “VICAR OF BAGHDAD” VISITS NORTHERN IRELAND



**A**ndrew White was the vicar of St George's Church, Baghdad, the only Anglican church in Iraq, until his departure, ordered in November 2014 by the Archbishop of Canterbury due to security concerns.

Dubbed the “Vicar of Baghdad”, White is former president of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East. He was previously Director of International Ministry at the International Centre for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, England. He qualified and worked as an operating department practitioner prior to becoming ordained. At the age of 33 years he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a condition which for many years affected his mobility and his speech..

White studied at St Thomas' Hospital, London, and qualified as an operating department practitioner in 1985. He worked in anaesthetics and was a member of the cardiac arrest team. He spent a short time in Derby and became an active member of the Elim Pentecostal church there. One day he realised that he had done everything he had set out to achieve and asked God, “what next?”, it was then he felt called to the ministry. He was ordained in 1990, and later became a vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Balham Hill. He served as Canon in Coventry Cathedral from 1998 -2005 when he moved to Baghdad as the Anglican Chaplain to Iraq.

He is no stranger to danger, having been hijacked, and kidnapped. He has been held at gunpoint, and physically attacked. Many of his staff have been kidnapped or killed, with up to 11 killings of staff in a single year. The Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East was established in 2005 as part of his reconciliation work in Iraq and the Middle East as a whole.

Andrew has published a number of books with 'Faith Under Fire' being awarded 2012 Ultimate Christian Library Book Award. Amongst other accolades, Andrew has been awarded The Anne Frank Award, International Sternberg Prize, The US Government Cross of Valor, The International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) Prize for Sustained Intellectual Contribution to Jewish Christian Relations, Iraq Peace Prize to name a few. 

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ANDREW WILL BE SHARING ABOUT HIS LIFE AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

 **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm:**  
Portadown Elim

 **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 11am:**  
Carrduff Elim

## Q&A

# REGGIE McNEAL

### ABOUT REGGIE

Reggie McNeal enjoys motivating people, leaders, congregations, and church organisations to pursue more intentionally the Kingdom of God. Reggie serves as the missional leadership specialist for Leadership Network. Reggie served for more than two decades in local congregational leadership, and was the founding pastor of a new congregation. He has also been a denominational executive and a leadership development coach. Reggie has lectured and taught as adjunct faculty for multiple seminaries, and has authored nine books addressing church leadership issues. He has served as a speaker and consultant to every major church denomination in North America.

**Elim Life had the opportunity to catch a few minutes with Reggie while he was at Advance, speaking to, encouraging and challenging the leaders in our movement.**

**Here's what he had to say.**

### **So Reggie tell us a little about your family and the background in which you grew up?**

I grew up in South Carolina where I live. My father was a pastor before me and his father, in fact all my family have been at one point involved service for the Lord. I have been very blessed to come from along line of great Godly people.

### **Your ministry where did you start and where has that taken you?**

My journey starts in college as a freshman, two days in I had a church contact me, they thought I was a music major and they were looking for a worship leader. They then found out I was political scientist major so that was a short interview. Then all of a sudden out of nothing that I did, churches just start contacting me and I took my first post at the age of 18 as a youth director. I then went on to seminary.

I was 20 years then after serving as a pastor in various churches and then 10 years or so ago I moved to leadership network which is a interdenominational movement. Most recently I have linked up with Good Cities which is an organisation which helps coalitions of Jesus followers to figure out or strategise and launch initiatives on big societal issues.

### **Some lighter stuff...**

#### **Favourite food**

Probably Steak.

#### **Favourite Sport or Team**

American Football.

### **Most exciting thing you've ever done**

Probably travel, it is always exciting to me. I will always remember this trip because here we are in the middle of this blizzard. Safari also in South Africa. I have been privileged to go different places, New Zealand would be my next favourite place.

### **Most embarrassing moment...**

I say some pretty embarrassing things which I am not going to share here but it has happened.

### **If you had one thing to say to the church in the island of Ireland what would it be?**

I would say that this is a great time of opportunity for the church. I understand some people are lamenting the fact that many people are no longer wishing to come to church. We were never commanded to make people into church people but into disciples of Jesus. So this is really affording us an opportunity to have some real conversations with people not really loaded up with the kinds of Church issues that really get in the way of people becoming Jesus followers. Particularly to the younger generation because they are wide open top these conversations. It's only church people that are awkward about these conversations because the younger generation are happy to have a God conversation and we want to have a church conversation. We have got to get away from that.

### **If you could summarise in a short way the switch between Church perspective and Kingdom perspective.**

The Kingdom is about the life that God intends for people to live. Now we are in a period where we are seeing the church focus less on being an institution and seeing it become a movement, which is the movement of God's people, where they are engaged in their everyday life, in their neighbourhood, in the school or workplace and partnering with God in this redemptive process. That often does not look like what we do on Sunday morning in church. **EL**

START SMALL...

# Think B!G

USE WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND?

**wish this was the first and only time it had happened but I found myself in a bit of a rush and on the edge of running a bit late for a meeting and, on top of that, someone who I was trying to get in touch with all day decides to phone me back just as I'm gathering my things to go. Have you ever had one of these moments?**

So I answered the call, thinking I can't ignore it but I can gather all my stuff while I'm talking. So I check my pockets and make sure I have my keys, my wallet and make sure I've lifted everything I need for this next meeting. And then as I'm walking out of my study I

realise I forgot something so I run back in quickly, meanwhile still trying to pay attention to the conversation. I'm starting to get a bit late here – "Where is it!?" I say angrily to myself, "I know I had it a minute ago!!!" as I recall all the things I've been doing in the last 10 minutes.

The call comes to an end and I realise where it was all that time. My phone was in my hand. In fact, I'd been using it all along!

I love how, in many instances - both in the Bible and in current times, we see that when God uses people, He doesn't call us to be something we aren't or ask us to use

something we don't have, He simply calls us to realise what is in our hands already and what He has put inside of us. In the story of Moses (Exodus 4) as he is being called to take on a World Super-Power of his day God presents him with this simple question, "What is in Your hand?" and through that conversation God shows how He can take the simple things in our lives and use them for His glory.

For Trish & I in our journey in life and ministry, we've had many occasions where we've felt out of our depth or unqualified, but as we leaned into God we've learned to trust that He will take our

wounds, joys, pains, hobbies, weaknesses, strengths and insecurities and use it for His good. It's never easy and there are always lessons to learn and hurdles to scale, but we must remind ourselves of that amazing Biblical truth – Greater is He that is in us... so what is in your hand?

After years of developing the media for Elim Ireland, we've recently begun to think about how we, as a Movement can use some of the most effective and contemporary tools in our hand to take ground for the Kingdom of God. Media is a huge platform in our world and society, one that brings its hang-ups and concerns yet can be a vital tool in reaching people for Jesus.

The team are available for training, helping to set up or develop teams in your local church or practically looking at ways you can move things forward in this area. We want to come alongside you and your church and help you in any area of media where needed – whether it be fine tuning your sound desk, setting up a website, maximizing social media, projectors, developing media teams or anything in the area of media that helps your church and the Kingdom of God.

We're praying that as we seek together to "fulfill the purposes of God in our day and generation" that we would see God making us more and more aware of what is in our hand – individually, as local churches and as a Movement. **✠**

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# A NOTE FROM EDWIN



CREATIVITY IS A MANIFESTATION OF LIFE ITSELF, THE VERY LIFE OF GOD. HE IS UNLIMITED, UNFATHOMABLE, INEXHAUSTIBLE AND A LOT MORE OF THAT OUGHT TO APPEAR IN THE CHURCH SIMPLY BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT HE IS IN IT!

wanted anytime. I can remember the reaction of one person who said they were very concerned about installing coloured lights in a place of worship or the creating of any false atmosphere. To be honest I had never given it a lot of thought, never thinking it would be a problem. My answer that day was not premeditated but I do think, back then and in the moment, it was at least a little inspired. I remember saying God does a pretty good job with colour and creates a lot of atmosphere every day around the planet with amazing sunsets, sunrises, rainbows and the bewildering variety of nature. How could He possibly have a problem with us doing it?

So my appeal in this brief note is simple. Rather than just going about things the way we always have done, what about pausing and asking God to release in us a little of that amazing creativity we see everywhere in His magnificent creation. Let's make sure we allow such a God-given ability to enhance everything we do in service for Him. Let's add more colour pleeeeeease! ■

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hen we think of creativity the first concept that often comes to mind may be that of an artist, sculptor or musician. However creativity is much more than just being gifted in some way. It's more than any particular gift. It's worth noting that there is no such thing as a 'gift of creativity'. While some people are undoubtedly more creative than others, creativity is an ability which is much more inherent to all human nature and has the ability to show itself in a vast array of ways. It is creating something new.

That may be a new piece of music or art. However it could also be technology, a new concept or a new way of going about some particular, even familiar task. It may be problem solving a long standing issue or be completely entrepreneurial in its manner.

We celebrate, or at least we should celebrate, creativity because it's a part of human nature that comes from being made in the image of God. A very, very, very creative God! Just think, no two snow flakes the same! Though I often wonder who is carrying out the ongoing research to back that statistic! No two trees, leaves or people exactly the same. The dazzling array of

sights, smells, tastes, textures, colours and sounds all around us all the time. I'm reliably informed there are 350,000 species of beetles. If I had been creating I probably would have stopped at about 100,000! The incredible detail and variety in God's creation is mind boggling. Just think, He could have made just one type of everything, like the original Ford car coming off the line. One colour one model. He didn't, because He's a creative God and I, for one, am thankful He is. He then made us in His image and that creativity is inherent. Can creativity be misused? Of course it can, like any other good thing that comes from God and now operates in a fallen world. However we must be careful

that we don't undervalue creativity or regard it with suspicion simply because it has been misused.

The wonderful ability to be creative is something given by God that can add colour to life and the way we do things. Let's not forget that much of what we enjoy in our 21st century world is due to God-given creativity. If you doubt that then just stop and think for a moment the next time you jump in the car, switch on a light, board a plane for holidays, make a mobile call, send a text, or give a voice command to your 'echo' device.

Bearing in mind that creativity is a God-given ability that reflects His very nature,

isn't it sad that 'creative' and 'colourful' are probably the last adjectives people think of when they think of the church. When and why did we surrender these domains to the secular and sinful areas of life? I can't help but feel that creativity is a manifestation of life itself, the very life of God. He is unlimited, unfathomable, inexhaustible and a lot more of that ought to appear in the church simply by virtue of the fact that HE is in it!

I remember many years ago when I first suggested that rather than painting a particular wall in church we simply add a wash from coloured lights with changeable filters and we could have any colour we



# bloom where you are planted

**D**o you know that God created 400,000 different species of flowers? Each one of them unique. They each have their own individual colours and scents, and their own specific needs in order to grow and bloom. If you plant a rose in the desert it'll wither and die in a day. If you plant a cactus in a garden in NI

and it'll be overwatered and rot. God knew when He created them, where each one would flourish. He meets every single different type of flowers needs. He gives them the right amount of sunlight, shelter and rain and plants them where they'll grow. And if God does that for flowers, how much more so for us, His children.

There are 400,000 known species of flowers but God created 7.5 billion species of humans. Every single one entirely unique. There are not two matching fingerprints in all the world. Our DNA is exclusive to us; we don't share it with anyone. We are deliberately designed to be different! And do you notice that in a garden full of flowers their scents fuse together to make the most beautiful aroma. You can have a garden with flowers of every colour under the sun and 1000 different scents but rather than clash they complement one another. And yet when you walk around the garden you can still stop and admire the beauty and aroma of each individual flower. Each one of God's children has been created to flourish and bloom. We are beautiful individually and altogether stunning.

Did God create flowers to simply look beautiful in an ugly world or was there another reason? Well, science tells us that they were designed to clean the air through a process called photosynthesis where plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. On thinking on this and given all the mindblowing sciencey things that go on in God's great universe, that we don't see nor understand, then I have to question why didn't God just make photosynthesis another one of those science theories that you need a degree in quantum physics to understand. Why not make it just a process that just happens somehow and somewhere in the atmosphere. Why did He go to the trouble of creating nearly half a million different types of beautiful flowers just to Hoover the air.

Because God didn't create flowers to just clean the air, neither did He create them to just look pretty. Infact, studies have proven that flowers have a great impact on our physical, emotional

and psychological beings. They bring healing to people's bodies, minds and souls. When we receive flowers or sit in a garden to admire them, they bring us joy and peace and comfort. When we give a friend or a loved one flowers, we are saying "I care about you" or "I love you." They show empathy whether we're celebrating or commiserating with someone. Flowers are a symbol of our love for others, just as God planted them on His earth as a symbol of His love for us. They're also a symbol of new hope, and new life. At the end of every winter no matter how tough the winter has been, the flowers will reappear every spring, as a beautiful symbol of new beginnings and of hope. They are a constant reminder to us of God's love and promises.



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And that is what God's church is to Him. A garden planted in this world to be a constant reminder that His love conquers all. His love promises to give us hope and joy and peace. It is God's greatest desire to see His church in full bloom for all the world to see. God forbid that we should become like a well pruned garden hidden behind the walls of a grand country estate. God did not plant us within the confines of our church. He planted us, His church, in the world where all could see God's love in full bloom.

This is a season where we must embrace our differences and celebrate who God has designed each of us to be. We were deliberately designed to be different and when we accept our own individuality and the individuality of others and see ourselves for who we truly are in God then we will become all that God has created us to be. We will fulfil our divine calling and radiate' Jesus love wherever we have been planted in this world and God's church will flourish and bloom.

# LEFT LUGGAGE

**W**e've been waiting. Almost on tenterhooks. Like athletes, primed, feet in the blocks, fingertips on the line waiting to sprint, energetically into the New Year. A new chapter, prospect or promise awaits us as we eagerly and expectantly launch ourselves, full throttle into the fray. Running into the great wide yonder, where the grass is greener, the natives are friendlier and that which almost destroyed us is but a blur on the distant horizon.

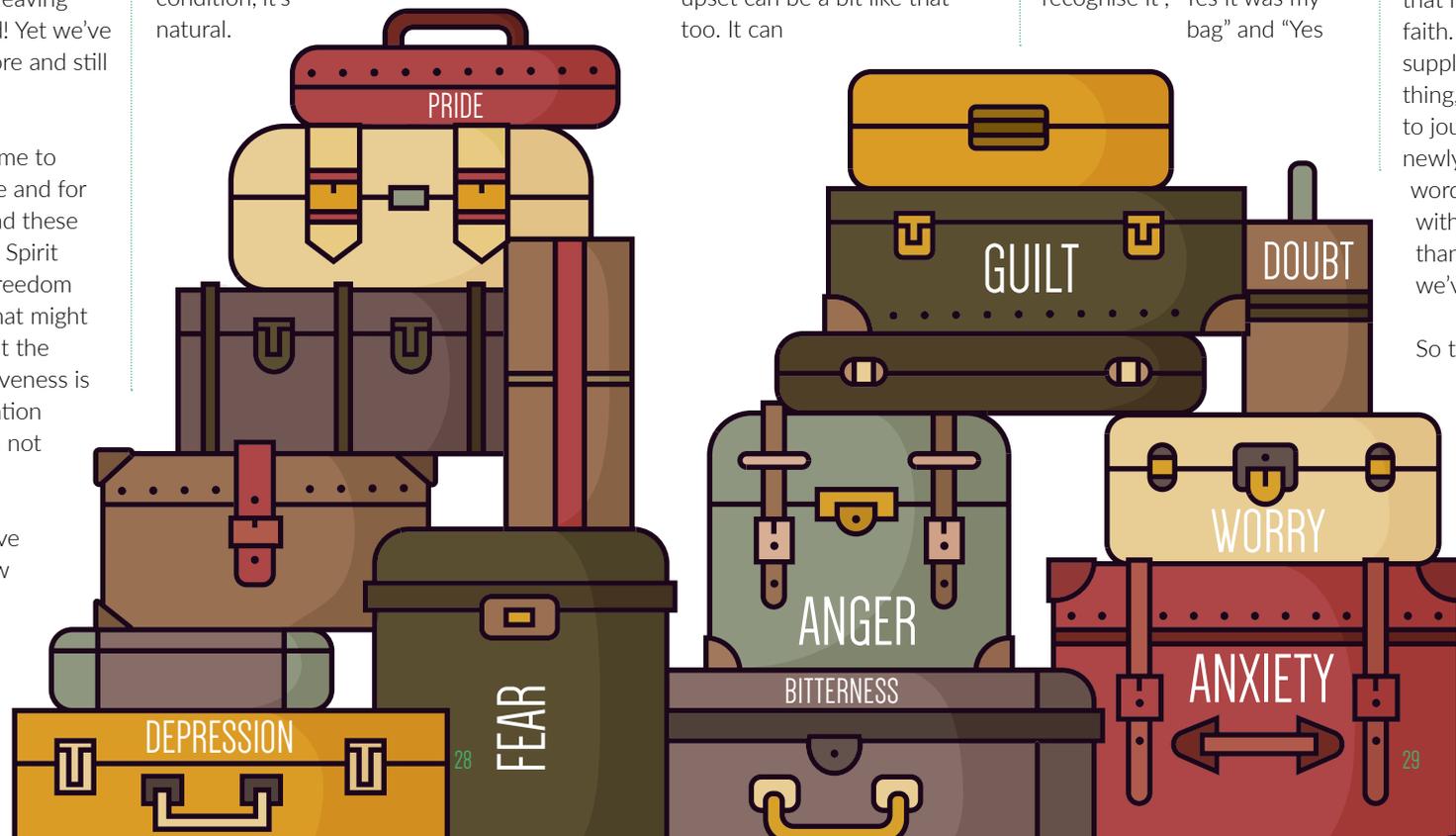
There's the rub. That thing that nearly destroyed us, that thing which so easily besets us rears its ugly head again, as it has a habit of doing, when we least expect it. That issue which every time seems to interrupt our plans. The baggage. We've committed to enter the new year with as little unnecessary baggage as possible, aiming to travel light, but we've done that before... and failed.

So with some reluctance we come back to that old chestnut 'forgiveness'. How many times have we determined in our hearts that we must forgive totally, just as He has forgiven us totally. We can rhyme off "seventy times seven" till we're blue in the face. We can declare that "We're leaving that baggage behind! Yet we've tried to do that before and still we struggle.

Maybe now is the time to settle this issue once and for all. Today, as you read these words may the Holy Spirit release over you a freedom of mind and heart that might allow you to arrive at the realisation that forgiveness is not always a destination but more often than not a constant journey.

At times life may have opportunity to throw circumstances and everyday events in our way like

stumbling blocks. Though we can determine in our hearts to forgive, sometimes it's very difficult when the pain or the injustice is repeatedly brought back in front of us. It is completely understandable to long and expect justice, it's part of the human condition, it's natural.



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Jesus, however calls us further and deeper than that, to a life beyond what is natural and into one of the supernatural.

I’m reminded of the baggage carousel. The baggage rotates around and around until the owner claims it. Our pain and upset can be a bit like that too. It can

disappear for a while out of sight only to reappear when we least expect it.

With the transforming power of the Holy Spirit comes what Paul describes as a ‘renewing’ of our mind. We can readily identify the bag, “Yes, I recognise it”, “Yes it was my bag” and “Yes

I’m familiar with the contents, I packed it myself”. Yet, we can choose to leave it behind. Maybe now is the time to acknowledge and determine that we don’t wish to pull that bag off the carousel, open the zip, rifle through the contents only to discover that there’s nothing of importance inside. Rather, we can choose to walk on, recognising that although the baggage was ours, it’s unnecessary and we have everything we need for our journey without bringing it too.

There are many who might view this as an act of denial. Some might propose that the baggage should be claimed and sorted through. I suggest that rather than denial it’s faith. Faith that God has supplied us with every good thing, everything we need to journey. Faith that he will newly equip us with the right words, heart and spirit to deal with our challenges rather than relying on whatever we’ve put in that suitcase.

So this New Year, I pray that you might walk on, in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, passing the baggage carousel, looking forward to touching what you saw from the air. 

# REVIEWS



## ALL THE EARTH by The Belonging Co

**My most listened to worship album of 2017/18 and one I have had on repeat is - All the Earth by The Belonging Co.**

The Belonging Co is a church movement based in Nashville that has cultivated a strong worship community of people who are passionate about seeing people encounter God through worship. They recorded and released their very own live album called 'All the Earth' in September 2017 which features artists including Lauren Daigle, Mia Fields, Andrew Holt, Cody Carnes and Grammy nominated Kari Jobe! The songs have been written by the team to put a voice to what they believe God has been doing in the lives of their church and is making an impact not only in Nashville but across *All the Earth!*

With a total of 17 songs each lasting approximately 5 minutes or more, it is a lengthy listen! However, this highlights the spirit-led element of the worship

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and demonstrates the allowance made for times of reflection and space created for God to move and speak. *This I love!* As a result, the songs carry an overwhelming sense of God's presence and call for a deeper encounter and intimacy with him.

I first heard one of the tracks at Breathe Women's Conference, Portadown Elim Church. Normally it requires a few listens for a song to grow on me but this one was an instant like! It has now become my favourite. Named 'Peace Be Still', it speaks of God's peace overriding the storms of life and stirs up a rise in faith over fear! A second much-loved song of mine from this album is 'Beautiful Story' which sings of the beautiful story God has written for each of our lives and how he orchestrates all things together for our good! Simple truths but ones I never tire of hearing!

I would highly recommend giving this album a listen and hope you too can encounter God through it. **EL**



## HOW'S YOUR SOUL? by Judah Smith

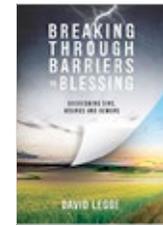
**It's rare that I read a book, or even get beyond the first chapter, but I read this book in four days!** What's it about? It's about the inside of each one of us as opposed to the performance we portray on the outside. The author has a very straightforward style which helped me greatly and he says it plainly – each of us has a soul and that soul should be healthy; we shouldn't live for the weekend, retirement or even heaven but fulfilment comes from having a healthy soul where we've made our home in God, now.

To be healthy, our souls need rest, responsibility, restraint and relationships. We should be very intentional about our friends and the relationships we are developing. Love is central to this but it's not a feeling – love is practical, and it takes divine love, supernatural love, to love those who do not love us back. Smith explains in depth from 1 Corinthians 13 v 7 that love does four things – it bears, it believes, it hopes and it endures. In terms of bears this refers to protecting, shielding, providing a safe place where hurting people can find unconditional love – this is practical, the gospel in action.

A healthy soul needs to be surrendered, to Jesus, to be surrounded, by loving believers, so that the soul will be grounded in the faith. I'm a runner, but I love this quote – "Walking in love is our goal – not running, sprinting, hiding, fleeing or escaping, just walking". Finally, Smith urges us to live our lives in the light of the reality of heaven and not be consumed with the problems of earth. Easier said than done? Yes, but the ultimate goal for our souls is to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

This book will challenge your thinking, your traditions, your actions – it will cause you to look within and to look up – a calm soul comes from knowing who God is and what He has given us. **EL**

ASHLEY ARNOLD



## BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS TO BLESSING by David Legge

**Firstly, thank you David for this incredible book that I most certainly will go back to again and again!**

This book will take you on a marvellous journey in helping you to identify barriers in your life that could be holding you back from living in the fullness and total freedom Jesus has for you, and how to overcome them, with the overarching goal of becoming more like Christ and being released into a life FULL of His blessings!

This book is an essential read for every Christian and an amazing tool for PrayerMinistry Teams, it is well written and very appropriate for the times we are living in!

Grab yours today! You won't be disappointed. **EL**

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OUR GREAT DESIRE IS TO **KNOW GOD**  
AND, IN HIS STRENGTH, **LOVE THOSE**  
WHOM HE HAS CHOSEN TO  
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WITH US.

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

THE BLEAKLEYS

**T**he Bishop of Geneva, Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622) is credited with the often used quote, “bloom where you are planted.” As our family has made the transition back into life in Northern Ireland, we have considered this a great deal as we have sought to get to grips with a familiar yet somehow new environment. We don't wish to be simply 'planted' or as some would say 'grounded', reconciled to the monotony of daily grind. Rather, we would like to keep dreaming – looking ahead to a future filled with hope and using that to fuel joyful hearts in the present.

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## What have we been learning?

Firstly, as circumstances have changed and we find ourselves in a new context, we are aware that our calling has not. In the gospels, we read of Jesus making this very clear – “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12: 30-31). Our great desire, regardless of where we find ourselves in life is to know God and, in his strength, love those whom he has chosen to place on the planet with us.

Secondly, we have come to understand that home is not a place but rather a time. Many plan upon retirement to return to the place where they grew up and consequently feel disillusioned when

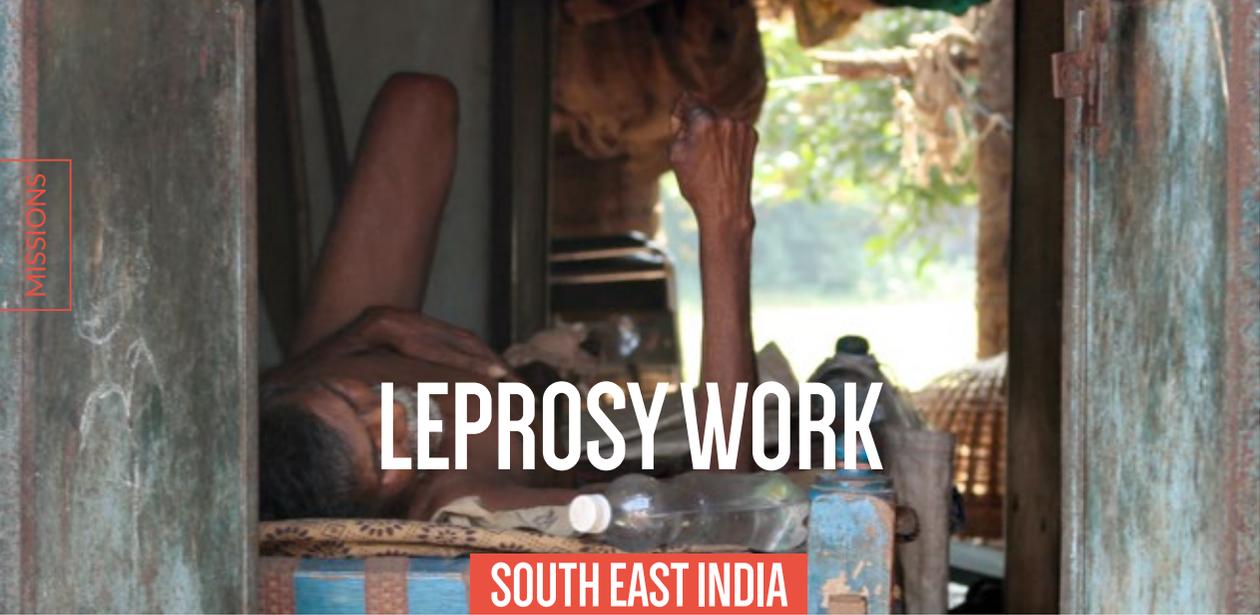
it isn't as it was before. It is human nature to cling to things and seek meaning in them. Perhaps geographical location is one such thing that we hold on to and find our identity in. Yet, we are called to be pilgrims – people on a journey with a purpose. We have been called out, like Abraham, and are on our way to “the city with foundations whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 10: 11).

## Current context

As a family, we are all at school in some shape or form. Andy returned to his old teaching job whilst Laura is studying to be a classroom assistant and has Primary School placement during the week. Meanwhile, Asher and Hadassah love their new place of learning and are even starting to pick up some of the County Antrim brogue! The kids have adjusted well though have undoubtedly been shaped by growing up in the Himalayas. As far as possible, we have sought to maintain a lifestyle of simplicity.



'Sustainability' is a buzz word at the moment! During our time spent in Nepal, we were a small part of something much greater than ourselves and we appreciate the sustainable nature of each. The work at KISC, United Vision Nepal (UVN) and the girl's home continues and God is changing lives through those ministries. KISC is in the process of transitioning to a new school site whilst UVN celebrated their 10th anniversary at the end of 2017. Their vision for the next ten years is to see 500 churches planted! We continue to seek ways of raising the profile of UVN in Ireland to ensure that our church planters are covered in prayer and the financial support required. If you would be interested in learning more about the work of UVN, we'd love to hear from you. [EL](#)



# LEPROSY WORK

**SOUTH EAST INDIA**

**In November 2017, six of us went to Rajahmundry in South East India to visit and work amongst those suffering from leprosy. To see the living conditions, and the plight of those suffering was quite a challenge and left an impact upon me that makes me want to do more.**

When I was first asked to consider taking on this work, I was immediately impacted by Matthew 25:31-46. *“Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.”*

At the colony we visited there was a Pastor who himself suffered from the condition. He wore glasses that had cracked lenses, and instantly I felt that he should be bought a new pair, which we were able to do. Also, at the place we visited, there was a three-generational family.



*Leper Pastor*

The grandmother was in a wheelchair, and her daughter with her son, were all living in the colony.

Whilst we were there, we were able to share God’s Word, feed and encourage those in these squalid conditions. To see the appreciation of God’s Word and the support we gave was a very humbling experience, and I left feeling what can we do more to help these wonderful people, who certainly do not have anything near what we take for granted. We have

a feeding program that is ongoing. They loved being prayed for and welcomed us, as we spent our time together.

We are now helping the Leprosy Pastor with a small income monthly, and the vision is to extend the work to other areas so that we might impact these needy people with the gospel and feeding stations. I am hoping to go out again in November 2018 and would love to take a team of workers so that we can build on what we have already started.

Those who suffer from leprosy, are outcasts of society and are regarded as the lowest of the low, yet to see them respond to the Word of God and the practical help is a very humbling experience. I was reminded of the woman of Samaria, whilst not suffering from leprosy, was nonetheless considered an outcast because

of her lifestyle. Whilst in the colony, I was taken to see their pharmacy. Well, actually, it was a room the size of a small office, and the medication was very limited. I left, feeling that there is so much more we can and should be doing and, with the help of others, we could make a huge impact in the lives of these dear people. There is a need to continue the feeding program, there is a need for medical supplies, there is a need for trained medical staff to help with their condition. There is a need for practical help such as glasses, wheelchairs, and so much more I could mention. At our disposal here in the UK, we have doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and the list goes on. These people have nothing, and if it wasn’t for the help of the local Church we worked with, there would be no support at all.

Now we can say we are helping to feed them, we are supporting the colony Pastor in a small way, and we have released a local Pastor who is continuing the work amongst these folk, feeding, supporting and preaching the Word of God. I am getting regular updates with photographs and videos of the work that is continuing. However, this is the very tip of the iceberg. This is only one of hundreds of colonies, our vision is to expand this



work, and even move to other areas as the doors open for us, under God’s guidance.

As we look to the future, we are hoping to broaden our horizons, but we also acknowledge the work has to be sustainable. There is no point going on a one-off trip and then disappearing, so I am aiming to make regular visits, taking teams of workers,



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in order to maintain and grow what we have started. There is real value in what we can offer to those who are desperate for our help. The fact that we even think about them means so much to them, but there is far more we can be doing. To think is not enough, to go is a privilege and is so very rewarding.

We get so much more back than we give. We learn so much more than we teach. We understand that Jesus is our standard bearer, and He was always moved with compassion for those who desperately needed Him. We all fall into that category, but some are more desperate and needy than others.

Isn’t it incredible that we can make a difference, even if only in a small way? Sometimes it is easy to think that we are limited in what we can do to impact other people’s lives, and we do not have much to offer. Well put that thought to one side, because you can make a difference, no matter how small you may think it is. 🇬🇧



**START OVER  
WITH ME,  
CREATE A NEW  
CLEAN HEART**



**WITHIN**

**PSALM 51:10**



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