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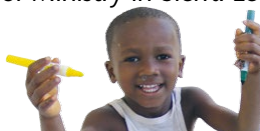
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In November 2013 the word 'selfie' was announced as the word of the year by the Oxford English Dictionary. A selfie is, "a photograph that one takes of oneself with a digital camera or a front-facing smartphone, tablet, or webcam, especially for posting on a social-networking or photo-sharing website." Usage of the word has increased by over 17,000% in 2013. The whole phenomenon is now being referred to by some psychologists as 'selfieism', a subset of the growing urge for self-quantification. One of the most famous selfies of 2013 was that

of President Obama with Prime Minister David Cameron and the Danish Prime Minister Thorning Schmidt at the funeral of Nelson Mandela (Michelle didn't seem amused).

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE...

A lot of selfies seem like really good fun and this everyday expression of 'self' seems to me quite often to be a wonderful demonstration that we, human beings, are fascinating, that 'I' am amazing – "fearfully and wonderfully made." To be created in the image of God is worth enjoying and celebrating and guarding.

"...we are not trying to commend ourselves to you... For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all."

But I guess that is exactly where the questions start flooding in. Are selfies just good fun? Are they an authentic celebration of what it means to have been made in God's image? Or, are they, maybe, a form of searching; searching for identity, for meaning, for intimacy, an expression of lostness. Or, perhaps, at worst, a kind of deliberate "putting myself in the centre of things," selfishness – "exchanging the truth about God for a lie, and worshipping and serving created things rather than the Creator."

I don't want to stop anyone taking great selfies and don't imagine I will either – ☺! I suppose though that the selfie phenomenon works as a window through which a deeper lostness of so many people is clearly portrayed. It's fun and can be great... but it's a concern too.

We are reminded at the beginning of the New Year that there is a real urgency in the task of 'taking the gospel to all people wherever they are' and that, "...The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of the invisible God." (2 Corinthians 4:4-5). We would love to see more and more people all over the world coming to the realization that, "...whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?" (Luke 9:24-25).

WHO'S IN YOUR PICTURE?

But the question comes round to us too, doesn't it?



Paul also says so clearly in 2 Corinthians 4:5, "... what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord..." and, then again, in 5:12-14, "...we are not trying to commend ourselves to you... For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all." If, at the end of 2014, a picture of your and my year is taken, who will be at the centre of it? Many of us live and serve in a celebrity culture and struggle with a sense of identity too, with a desire to be valued, accepted and recognized. It would be wonderful if this year could be a year in which we not only hold out Jesus to a 'selfie' world, but a year in which we, too, "may gain Christ and be found in him" more and more. (Philippians 3:8-9)

Happy New Year!

JOHN-MARK

PS We are very grateful to our editor, Peter Milsom, and the team at Adept for their support in getting this new format for '4 Corners'. We do hope you enjoy it.





SOWING! GROWING! GOING!



In August 2013 a shy, nervous student joined a day trip organized by IFES Inter Christian Students (ICS) in Bangkok. He could barely speak English and had been in Thailand only a few days. That day trip was Sera's first contact with Christians... ever! At the end of the trip he accepted a copy of Luke's Gospel to read and over the next three months met Johnny weekly in a local coffee shop to read Luke. Today he is back in Japan with his copy of Luke's Gospel. It is

a privilege to know that the Gospel has been planted in Sera's heart as he moves on to a new place.

Onti and Thato are the only students from Botswana studying at their Bangkok university, having both been granted scholarships by their government to join the four year undergraduate engineering programme here. Not only are they both outstanding students, but they are both believers

too. The first two years in Bangkok were hard for them as they struggled to find Christian friends and failed to get plugged into a local church. Last year they joined the ICS Bible study on campus and this year are actively involved in the group. They are hungry, growing and eager to serve. It is a joy each week to take the one hour commute to their university in order to sit in a coffee shop and open the

Bible together, to watch the Word take root in their lives as we read and serve and pray together.

Peace, a Thai student, is in his final semester as an undergraduate. He has been a member of ICS since its launch in 2011 and a key leader in the cell group on his campus. Now his mind is turning towards life as a professional in one of Bangkok's multinational companies. After three years of serving in ICS we are joyfully sending him into the workplace, having watched him grow in his understanding of what it means to live as salt and light. We pray that his local church will continue to benefit from his love for others and his ability to carefully handle the Word of God. We are humbled to be able to partner with local Thai churches as we send students like Peace out from campus life and into the world of work.

Since 2011 we have been privileged to work freely on the campuses of Bangkok as IFES staff. International students are on almost every university campus in the

city. International schools are opening and expanding all the time. The harvest is ripe and Thailand has had a long history of freedom for Christian workers. Today, however, Thailand is in turmoil as we experience a prolonged, and sometimes violent, uprising against the government. University and school schedules have been disrupted and educational institutes have periodically been forced to close over the past three months. Travel around Bangkok city is currently almost

impossible as protesters blockade roads. We long to see Thailand return to the peace and stability we have enjoyed in the past. Please pray this will happen for the good of the nation and also for the sake of the Gospel.

**JOHNNY AND
ANN MCCLEAN**



**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR THAILAND
AND THE STUDENTS LIVING HERE.**

Pray for peace and stability to be restored and that university schedules will soon return to normal.

Pray that a fair and democratic election of a new government will be able to be held very soon.

Pray that the Gospel will bear fruit all over the world as students hear and respond to the Word of God presented to them individually, in small groups, and in campus events here in Bangkok.

We are humbled to be able to partner with local Thai churches as we send students like Peace out from campus life and into the world of work.



LIGHT SHINES INTO THE DARKNESS

A few days ago we made one of our regular visits to one of the closed institutions where we work. It was a drab, cold, grey day with a bitter wind blowing. High walls appeared out of the mist as we approached. This place like others of its kind is found in the middle of nowhere – we had driven along mud tracks through fields for several miles to get there. It is ‘home’ to over 500 adults with physical and learning disabilities whose life takes place within those high walls. Conditions are appalling. Entering one of the blocks the stench greets you. The corridors are dark and people are poorly clad and many clearly distressed. In room after room men and women sit sometimes all day on wooden benches without activity, rocking or sleeping,

faces often bruised or cut. Food is delivered to their dormitories in steel buckets. People live and die in these places. Unless the Gospel is taken to them where they are they will never ever hear of a Saviour who visited this poor world to seek and save that which was lost.

We would usually begin with a service in one of the corridors. Singing always attracts a number of people and there would be a message calling them to the only Redeemer of sinners. It is always a motley gathering. Concentration times can be short, there are often interruptions from shouting or sometimes fights break out. But there are also those who listen with all their hearts and over the years have believed and know this Saviour for themselves.

We love to go to this place and others like it and have many friends amongst those who live there. There is also often opposition from the staff. But God has been at work and no man can stay his hand. It is our testimony that we have seen his power – to save, to provide and to bless – and we count ourselves most privileged to be involved in such a ministry. Many of you will know that in the most wonderful ways the Lord has provided us with 3 houses in villages in Moldova which are now home to a total of 17 people who were formerly living in such closed institutions. Lives have been changed not just outwardly, but also from the inside out, by the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. Casa Bucuriei was the first house for 6 women in 2006; Casa Matei home to 5 men in

Foundations of the 4th house at Capriana



2008; Casa Alex home to 5 women and 1 man in 2011 and at the end of 2013 the foundations were laid for a fourth house for 6 women in the most beautiful village of Capriana.

None of the work has been without its challenges, not least the last house Casa Alex. People come to us not only having suffered years of deprivation, cruelty and neglect but also often steeped in wickedness and corruption. They have been living literally in darkness and the shadow of death. We find ourselves not infrequently working 'within a yard of hell'. Only God himself has the power "ruined nature to restore" and we have

seen him doing this time and time again. We do not have words sufficient to praise him for what he has done in these lives but we worship him for such amazing grace.

Once the snows melt we plan to start building the fourth house. Pete Nye and men from Operation Centurion teams will be working throughout the spring, summer

and autumn. Volunteers with building skills are urgently needed to help. Please do contact Pete Nye or Debbie Fitch at UFM if you would like to apply. Pray that the fourth house will become a 'door of salvation' for those women who will live there.

MAUREEN WISE



Pete Nye at work in Casa Bucuriei

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Life inside a closed institution

THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF MINISTRY IN SIERRA LEONE



On 1 February 2013 Freetown became my home. The place is an attack on the senses – the 4am Muslim call to prayer blasting out; sweat running down me with the heat/humidity; the vibrant colours of African clothing; crazy drivers; traders calling out their wares; poverty everywhere; the smell of African cooking; shouts of ‘white man’ everywhere I move (I’m a white woman!); celebrations when electricity comes on; and the buzzing of that one mosquito that masters my defences!

Our team in Freetown might be small, but it is blessed with strong, supportive friendships, and shared vision to see the truth of God’s Word spreading throughout this country.

Joel Willmer, my UFM missionary colleague, is primarily involved in Bible teaching and training of church leaders and evangelists. Paul pastors the Freetown Grace Community church and helps in the other UFM Sierra Leone ministries. Lamin works with me full-time in children’s ministry. The International Bible study group is also a great source of peer discipleship, fellowship, friendship and fun.

Sierra Leone is a place of spiritual darkness – the prevalence of animistic practices, the dominance of Islam, and rampant false teaching within Christian churches. There are many opportunities for ministry here, and a desperate need

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for more workers. A ‘normal’ month for me involves various children’s clubs; Sunday school teaching; working in a kids’ home for orphans and street children; programmes up-country; general church admin and organising church social events; supporting college students; and a general seeking to build relationships with others. I have found working with children here to be a real joy, and the potential to impact their lives for Christ is huge. They are like sponges, absorbing the Bible stories, songs and memory verses. They are desperate for that sense of





value you give them by simply loving them. Sierra Leoneans also need to be better equipped to reach out with the aim of seeing children come to know, love and obey God. 2014 sees the commencement proper of children's ministry training.

From my arrival here, God has given me a deep assurance that this is where he wants me to be right now, and I praise him that I wake up every morning with joy in my heart to be here. So many people make it possible for me to be here through their prayerful and financial support, and a particular highlight of this first year has been realising that I have the most amazing support team who soak everything in prayer, and show their love and support in so many different ways. There have been countless emails, messages and cards from people encouraging me. People I have never met have taken the time to post



a letter saying that they are praying for me every day!

There are times I feel so frustrated at the inefficiency of the country – at the endemic corruption, or the injustice people face. I struggle with vastly different cultural norms. I get discouraged that I can't speak Krio fluently. I get disappointed and hurt when some people we've trusted or helped try to take advantage of us or don't tell us the whole truth. I get irritated by the heat and impatient with others who value 'African' timing. I complain about the electricity and internet

problems, and sometimes my attitude isn't what it should be. Yet in all the challenges, and despite all my weaknesses, God is at work. Whatever the difficulties, whatever the costs, they are worth it, because there is no greater joy that being where God wants me to be, and seeing what he's doing in this place. His grace is sufficient, and the work is his. What a privilege it is to be in the Master Potter's hand, to share God's Word here, and see how God is building his Church in Sierra Leone!

JAYNE SMYTH

TRAINING PERUVIANS FOR MINISTRY



First students in 2001

These are exciting times for Peru. Since my arrival in Peru 24 years ago the evangelical church has tripled in size. Around 12% of Peruvians now claim to be evangelical Christians. This enormous growth has created the need for training the ever-growing number of pastors and church planters. However, few church leaders are able to go to a Bible institute or seminary for a whole range of reasons – family, work, church, finances, etc. The only solution is to take the seminary to the men, by internet or radio, or, more ideally, by taking the teachers to the students.

So in 2001 we started offering theological, Biblical and ministerial training for 40 village pastors and church planters from a 500-mile stretch of the Amazon River. Six times a year the

students gathered for a week of intensive classes. This provided fruitful times of fellowship, discussion and encouragement for all. The students brought their Bibles, mosquito nets and what food they could – fish, caiman, turtle or plantains – and we all ate and slept together.

It has been exciting to see how the Lord has expanded our pastoral training ministry from these very humble beginnings. We have learned a lot and have been able to improve the quality of our training year on year. We now have 3 strategic extension centres in the northern jungle on the Amazon River and its 2 principal tributaries – the Marañon and the Ucayali. Currently we have 60 pastors and church planters studying with us 3-5 times a year for a week of intensive study.

In 2011 we began offering our training programmes to pastors in other parts of Peru. So Bertha and I moved from Iquitos to Lima, which is a central base for our ministry. After visiting a number of towns in the jungle and mountains, the door opened for us to open a training centre in a town called Jauja, 160 miles from Lima and 11,000 ft up in the Andes. Briefly, after the early 16th century Spanish invasion, it was the first capital of Peru.

In January 2013 I received a cry for help from pastors in Jauja who wanted theological training for themselves and others who are seeking to be sent out as missionaries to evangelise and plant churches in outlying areas. After a couple of exploratory visits we held our first teaching module in May. We now have 28 students from different evangelical

denominations studying with us. Getting to Jauja from Lima can be difficult when the road is closed by heavy snow and mud avalanches. We are thankful to the Lord that my little 900cc Suzuki has always managed to get through!

Another exciting development in early 2013 was the setting up of a full-time missionary training centre in Lima. *Heartcry*, an American-based missionary society which supports 200 national missionaries and pastors in 28 countries around the world, asked us for help. I have worked and studied with a number of their Peruvian missionaries who are my friends. It was a great delight to be asked to help train these men, who pastor churches in Lima. Most have received little formal training, and feel the acute need for further study.

We were amazed at the way the Lord has been preparing us for this work. I knew we had the right courses and materials for their needs, but I would need help with administration and teaching. Within 2 minutes of sending my proposal to *Heartcry* in the U.S. they phoned me and felt the Lord was guiding us. Within a few hours I was on a plane to Iquitos for a 24-hour visit to speak to David Silva, one of our teachers. He had shared with me that he wanted to teach full time in a Bible Institute. He felt the Lord wanted him in Lima, so I knew this was the opportunity he had



First graduates in 2005

been waiting for. He talked and prayed with his wife, and within a month, David and Angélica, and their 1 year old son Jaris, were living in our house in Lima, and working on this exciting new project.

In 2013 we had 17 pastors and missionaries from Lima studying full-time with us. The other 11 pastors from *Heartcry*, who serve around the country, hope to study with us in 2 intensive 2-week modules a year. We also hope to train up around 15 men from the Lima missionaries' churches who may eventually work alongside them or succeed them, or start new churches.

All of this has meant the need for more teachers to work with us. The Lord has raised up, mostly from our own students, teachers with exceptional ability to teach the Word of God and leadership skills. Some of our teachers have undertaken further study

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in Lima, the Dominican Republic and even England. The Lord is at work!

There is so much still to be done. We regularly receive requests from all over the country for help. In 2014 we plan to start an extension centre in Arequipa. Please pray that the Lord will raise up more skilled and godly teachers to train others in gospel ministry. Pray, too, that the Lord may bring others from the UK to serve with us in this exciting and infinitely rewarding ministry. Maybe he's even calling you!

DAVID BARNES



Jauja, 11,000 ft

NEW

REGIONAL DIRECTOR
FOR IRELAND

We are very glad to report that David Morrow has been appointed as our new Regional Director based in Northern Ireland. David and his wife are members of Dundonald Baptist Church, where David is an elder. David will take up his new role in April. Here he shares a little of his vision for his new ministry.

It is a joy and privilege to have been appointed as the UFM Worldwide Regional Director for Ireland. I am convinced of our responsibility to be involved in the global proclamation of the gospel of our Saviour. My involvement with UFM goes back many years being a member of the sending church for Joe and Evelyn McCartney and Richard and Terece Dilworth. I am married to Karen, celebrating 25 years of marriage last

August, and we have two children. Chris is 22 and is in his final year at university studying Finance. Jennifer is 19 and is in her first year at university studying Theology and English.

As I take up the role in April I look forward to supporting our missionaries, their sending churches and supporters in whatever way I can.



I will seek to make the most of the opportunities to present the work of UFM, keep supporters informed and prayerfully engaged, whilst challenging new workers to respond to the need to take the Gospel to the nations.



Please contact me if you think that I can be of help in any way or if you would like me to visit your church to speak about the work of UFM. My email address is david.morrow@ufm.org.uk. You can also make contact with me through the Belfast office.



KISANGANI RADIO STATION HIT BY STORM

On 28 November 2013 a storm damaged the Christian radio station (RTEDI) in Kisangani. There was serious damage to part of the roof and to the radio antenna.

RTEDI (The Evangelical Radio Television for Integral Development) began broadcasting in March 2005 with the financial support of UFM and Crossworld and Evangelical Christian partner organisations in Germany (DIGUNA and HFB). For the past 9 years RTEDI has proclaimed good news of salvation through Jesus Christ and provided Bible ministry to encourage Christians in their faith. It has been good to hear of many people coming to faith in Christ through listening to the RTEDI broadcasts.

Over the years, improved equipment has been provided for the radio station but now there is need for further renewal and updating. This includes improving the stability of the electrical supply, replacing computer monitors and essential sound equipment. The running costs of the station are also high in a country which continues to suffer the consequences of the civil war and ongoing

political and economic instability.

Please pray for Sylvain Mbilia, the Director of RTEDI, and his staff and for the church leaders of CNCA as they seek to continue this strategic ministry. Gifts towards the cost of repairing the radio station and to the ongoing ministry of RTEDI may be sent to any UFM office. Please indicate that your gift is for RTEDI.



NEW TO UFM

We are pleased to welcome new long term missionaries into UFM. Those for whom we give only their Christian names are serving in sensitive locations.



SOUTH AMERICA



Daniel Caballero

Home Church: Carey Baptist Church, Reading

Daniel is from Peru where he has worked alongside David and Bertha Barnes. He is currently studying at the LTS John Owen Centre in London for a MTh. He has been accepted for long term service in South America.

HORN OF AFRICA

Our couple in the Horn of Africa are involved in medical ministry, evangelism and discipleship training.

EURASIA

Ed and Katie

Home Church: Christ Church, Endcliffe, Sheffield

Ed and Katie, with their young son, are serving in student ministry in Eurasia in partnership with IFES.

Lawrence

Home Church: Ashford Baptist Church and Moordown Baptist Church, Bournemouth

Lawrence is serving in student ministry in Asia in partnership with IFES.

UK/EAST ASIA

Ben and Hannah

Home Church: Cambridge Presbyterian Church

Ben and Hannah met while they were both serving in Asia. They are presently working with international students in Bangor, North Wales and are looking to return to East Asia in a few years time.

ONEHUNDREDFOLD



Eric and Dawn Mugele

Home Church: Fellowship Bible Church, Colorado Springs

Eric and Dawn are based in Colorado, USA and are working with the OneHundredFold digital technology team.



ASIA

Mervyn and Kim

Home Church: Bethel Baptist Church, Barry

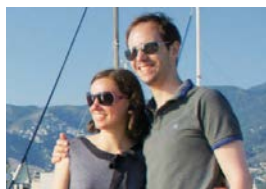
Mervyn and Kim have served in church ministry in South Wales. They are now serving in Asia where Mervyn is training and mentoring pastors and Kim is involved in medical work and teaching Christian women.



Jerry & Lynn Jones

Home Church: Calvary Fellowship Church, Exton, Pennsylvania

Jerry and Lynn are based in Pennsylvania and are working with the OneHundredFold digital technology team. Jerry is the Operations Manager for OneHundredFold.

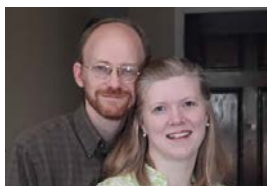


Tim & Nicky Sandell

Home Church: All Souls Church, Langham Place

Tim and Nicky are studying at Oakhill Theological College in preparation for student ministry in Greece, in partnership with IFES.

If you would like regular news about any of these missionaries please send an email to jonathan@ufm.org.uk



Lars & Kathy Huttar

Home Church: Waxhaw Bible Church, North Carolina

Lars and Kathy are based in North Carolina and are working with the OneHundredFold digital technology team.

NEW STAFF TEAM MEMBER

We are pleased that Sam Dorrer has joined the staff team at Swindon as a Personnel Coordinator. Sam graduated from London School of Theology (formerly London Bible College) in summer 2013.

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH 20 SCHEMES



We are pleased to have established a partnership with **20 Schemes**. The **20 Schemes** ministry is led by Mez McConnell, who, together with his wife Miriam, served with UFM in Brazil. **20 Schemes** is seeking to reach 20 of the poorest communities (housing schemes) in Scotland. They want to see Scotland's housing schemes being transformed by the Gospel through church planting and church revitalisation and, ultimately, being led by a future generation of indigenous church leaders.

You can find more information about 20 Schemes at www.20schemes.com and can also find a short video about Mez and this new ministry at <http://vimeo.com/57561798>

GREEN FIELDS, GREEN SHOOTS

The fields of the west of Ireland are green for a reason. Clouds roll in most days from the Atlantic and if you leave the house without an umbrella, you usually regret it. Yet spiritually this region has been a desert for 150 years, with religious culture hindering people from finding a living faith in Jesus.

God has heard your prayers for the West of Ireland and is at work. But please don't stop watering this growth with your prayers.

This makes talking to Irish people about Jesus very confusing. Most people are comfortable with religious, even biblical, language, and the Bible can often be taught freely in schools. However, if the subject turns to the free offer of grace, there is often suspicion (nothing comes for free). And once the challenge of Jesus becomes clear, there is a strong resistance to change comfortable lifestyles. It wasn't always this way: there are wonderful accounts of mission work in the 19th century that resulted in hundreds coming to know Jesus and to love his Word. Unfortunately, this mini-revival proved to be short-

lived, and ever since, gospel-centred churches have been almost non-existent.

Yet there are encouraging signs that the gospel seed is starting to take root and grow. The past few years have seen wonderful growth in the work of Calvary Mission, a network of evangelical Christians working to plant Bible-centred churches. UFM supporters will already be familiar with Calvary Mission via the involvement of James and Julia McMaster, who have served here for over 10 years and in 2012 the UFM connection strengthened further as we too joined Calvary Mission. Nikki and I both grew up in the West of Ireland and, after more than



a decade in Dublin and the UK, we moved back west to lead a church-planting team in Castlebar. This town of 12,000 people is the county town of Co. Mayo, and a major regional centre for health, education, and of course shopping! Castlebar is about 20 minutes' drive from Westport, location of Calvary Mission's first church.

2013 was a particularly significant year for Calvary Mission: it saw the start of work on renovating a permanent building for the Westport church, the start of Sunday meetings at Calvary Church, Castlebar, and the start of a church-planting project in Claremorris (South-East Mayo). It also saw the arrival of 4 new missionary couples to join teams across Mayo and Roscommon.

The shell of the Westport building will soon be complete and God has been providing in wonderful ways through his people across the world. However, there is still around 100,000 euro required to finish the project and provide a base for the Westport church and other mission activities. We are praying that other Christians and churches will send us gifts which will enable us to finish the work.

September 2013 also saw the beginning of Calvary Church Castlebar. After a year of outreach and preparation, we started Sunday meetings, working alongside 3 missionary couples from the USA. We



Singing at first meeting on 8 Sept. 2013

are astonished by what God has done. As we learn from his Word each week, we are seeing him change us and draw us together. At our carol service before Christmas, we were encouraged to see our meeting room filled with visitors who had the opportunity to hear the gospel. God is clearly at work.

Whenever we attend UFM events, we discover a warm interest in the work here and a commitment to pray regularly for it. Be encouraged: God has heard your prayers for the West of Ireland and is at work. But please don't stop watering this growth with your prayers: despite these encouragements, the work here remains hard. Progress is slow, with apparent interest in the gospel often hiding deep resistance. The devil is at work, seeking to create disunity and



Locations of Calvary Mission church plants as of 2014



disillusionment in these fragile new churches. Perhaps most disappointing of all is when those who have professed faith turn away from Jesus, which happens far too often. There are many temptations, especially for young people who usually have no Christian friends their own age. We long to see them, and people of all ages, firmly rooted in God's Word and secure in the knowledge that Jesus has done it all on the cross.

STEPHEN CHILDS

For a short video on the church see <http://goo.gl/n7u7eb> and for more information see www.calvarymission.ie and www.calvarychurchcastlebar.ie

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION THROUGH MOBILE PHONES, SD CHIPS AND MICRO-SERVERS

An update on some of the ministries of the OneHundredFold Team

One of the great challenges facing the global church is a way to provide sound and affordable theological training to pastors. Many local seminaries have been built all over the world and some skilled candidates are even sent for training to the economically advantaged parts of the world. While these types of training are ideal for mentoring and developing a pastor there are simply not enough of these training options for the global need. As the global church grows there are tens of thousands of men, called of God to serve local congregations, who have no access to theological training either because of lack of resources, geographical and political limitations, or the need to work to provide for their families. When we consider the elders and deacons who also need training, the challenge is immense.

In response to this need Third Millennium Ministries has been producing seminary level video lectures. In 2013 they had enough to launch a full year of training. At that point Birmingham Theological Seminary, based at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama, built an online course using the Third Millennium training materials. This means that any student outside the USA can use follow this course and obtain a certificate of completion in Christian Ministry (CCM). These ministries asked OneHundredFold (a ministry of UFM Worldwide) to join their partnership and help them with a number of technical challenges to make this program accessible on mobile phones and to those in areas without good internet connectivity.

In Autumn 2013 OneHundredFold completely rebuilt the online course, adding many custom features, to make it possible to take the entire course on the internet, from your mobile phone.

We were also working on making all the video and audio content for the course available on Micro SD chips that can be played in many mobile phones.

Once this was done the global registration jumped in the first 3 months from 200+ students to more than 600 students.

At the same time as OneHundredFold was working on the new mobile friendly website, we were also working on making all the video and audio content for the course available on Micro SD chips that can be played in many mobile phones. Now it is possible to supply a student ***with a full year's worth of theological training materials*** on a **single** chip that they can listen to and watch on their mobile phone any time. OneHundredFold now has its own Micro SD chip duplication equipment that allows us to verify the quality of the chip, as well as lock the chip so that content cannot be erased or corrupted.

OneHundredFold has also built a micro server (which can literally fit in your shirt pocket) that can produce a local wifi cloud WITHOUT being connected to the internet. With this micro server we can offer the entire one year training course without the need for an internet connection. Students would use a phone with wifi capability to connect to the micro server and see the training course on their phone. They can take tests and even receive their certificate without

needing an expensive, unsafe, or sometimes non-existent, internet connection. These micro servers are designed to serve a group of students who can come together from time to time with a local mentor or cohort leader. This leader would be someone who has at least completed the CCM course themselves and is ready to help others. The micro server based training or "Seminary in a Box" can be used literally anywhere in the world and can even operate with solar, or battery power.

Now that these tools are fully functional, in 2014 OneHundredFold will be seeking to make these tools available to as many students as possible. Please pray that we can be a blessing to the nations.

ED UNDERWOOD



UFM WORLDWIDE (USA), INC

UFM OPENS A NEW OFFICE IN THE USA

In recent years a number of long term missionaries from the USA have joined UFM. Many of them serve with the OneHundredFold team and others are serving in Brazil. We rejoice in this new development and want to be able to provide comprehensive support and pastoral care for our missionaries from the US.

It was, therefore, agreed that we should establish UFM in the USA and open an office. In August UFM Worldwide (USA) Inc., was formally registered in the State of Alabama and an office was opened in Birmingham, AL. The address of our US office is:

Suite 305, 400 Office Park Drive, Mountain Brook, AL 35223, USA. We have also established an initial website at www.ufmworldwide.org

We are extremely grateful to friends from Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL, for all the help, advice and encouragement they have given to us in this process. This has been invaluable and very much eased the process for us. We have also liaised with our friends in Crossworld (formerly UFM International). Their President, Dale Losch, has encouraged us and been very willing to help. Our partnership with Crossworld continues.

The Birmingham office is also the US office for the OneHundredFold ministry. Laura Danner, who is on the staff team at Briarwood, manages the office and has accepted our invitation to be a member of our newly formed US Board.

We hope soon to complete the registration process to enable us to provide the necessary tax receipts for supporters from the US. This will enable all donors in the US to give direct to UFM Worldwide (USA) Inc and so to significantly reduce the administrative costs associated with their donations. We will be happy to provide our US bank details to anyone wishing to send financial support to any of our missionaries.

We are continuing to receive applications from Christians living in the USA to serve with UFM and rejoice in this growing transatlantic fellowship and Gospel partnership.



WHAT'S ON

Called to Serve

21-23 March

Hebron Hall Christian Centre, Dinas Powys, near Cardiff

A conference for everyone wanting to know more about serving in mission

For more information email: sam@ufm.org

Scottish Conference

25-27 April

Atholl Centre, Pitlochry

Bible Ministry:

Pastor Steven Curry

For further information email: iain@ufm.org

Irish Conference

9-11 May

Glenada Conference Centre, Newcastle

For further information email: gillian@ufm.org

Family Conference

28 July-1 August

Hothorpe Hall, near Market Harborough

For further information email: debbie@ufm.org

COMINGS AND GOINGS

COMING

March

Fiona Steward to the UK

April

Diane (Asia) to the UK

June

Natasha Knibbs to the UK



GOING

January to March

Eleanor Bennett to Italy (Short term)

February

John-Mark visit to Central Asia (5-11)

March

William visit to Sierra Leone/ Ivory Coast (5-19)

April

John-Mark visit to Brazil (21-30)

PRAY FOR JOSEPH



Ezra Underwood was born healthy on 17 October 2013 just days before his 2 year old brother, Joseph, was diagnosed with leukaemia. On 21 October Joseph was admitted to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Belfast. For weeks before, he had been increasingly ill and had

many visits to the doctor. Within 30 minutes of arrival at the hospital he was diagnosed with leukaemia. As shocking as that news was to his parents, Ed and Kate, the next day they were told that he had a deadly infection that he probably would not be able to survive. They cried out to the Lord to "preserve Joseph" and many thousands around the world joined them. The Lord did preserve Joseph and, now, he is 2 months into a 3 year long treatment programme for leukaemia. Ed and Kate keep updates on Joseph's journey with



leukaemia at <http://prayforjoseph.org> We encourage you to read this excellent blog and to walk with Joseph and the family in prayer through this difficult time.

SUMMER TEAMS 2014

SOUTH AFRICA

21 June - 17 July

Children's clubs and practical work, together the MusaweNkosi Project

EASTERN EUROPE

July

Outreach with young people and the local church

GREECE

9-21 July

Outreach to tourists on a Greek Island, in partnership with IFES

HUNGARY

July

Running a children's club and working with a local church

BRAZIL

21 July - 15 Aug

Outreach to children in Belém and working with a church plant in Manaus

MOLDOVA

15-29 August

Outreach to adults in an Institution and practical work

For more information or an application form for the above Summer Teams, please visit the website www.ufm.org.uk or contact Debbie at debbie@ufm.org.uk

OPERATION CENTURION

TEAMS

2014

Four teams are being planned this Spring/Summer to help get the building underway for the 4th House in Moldova. If you are a skilled labourer and can join a team, that would be great. If you are unskilled, and are able to help, you can still join a team. The dates planned for the teams are:

May 10-24

May 31-June 14

June 21-July 5

July 12-July 26



For further details and an application form, please contact Debbie at debbie@ufm.org.uk



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