



Prayer Letter June 2009

And when they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all that God had done with them.

Acts 14: 27

Llandudno Victorian weekend 1-4 May, Dave Harding



It is difficult to describe the scene as thousands of holiday makers surge through Llandudno over the Victorian Extravaganza weekend. Unlike later in the year, when the Beach Team operates, there are so many distractions and the open-air team seems to be just a small group interrupting the pleasure seekers. The churches in the town set up tables and distributed literature while we were on the prom with a trailer offering literature and preaching next to the lifeboat slipway. On Saturday we battled against noise from two adjacent sites, but on Sunday with a new amplifier giving voice enhancement we were able to

be heard. Hundreds of leaflets were distributed and scores of people spoken to. One man came to say that for years he had watched our teams from his house on the Orme *through his telescope!* At last he had come to find out what was going on. Another told us that he had been converted as an adult after joining in with our activities in Llandudno many times as a child. It was also a joy to be in a local church to hear that three members had also been saved through The Beach Team's gospel preaching. The greatest challenge however is the indifference of so many - more than is usual for those who come to Llandudno for a break later in the year.

The 7 big prayer points for 2009

- 1000 team members for 2009
- The refurbishment of the Llandudno house
- New mission in Falmouth, 25th Jul to 1st Aug
- New audio-visual presentation in St Ives
- Opening a second beach at Carbis Bay, St Ives
- New beach opportunity in Sicily at Cefalù
- The joint mission in Bordeaux with UFM

With the Bordeaux mission over, we give thanks for all the Lord has done there, but there are still six big prayer points remaining:

- Give thanks for two large gifts for the Llandudno house project, taking our allocated funds to over £70k with a target of £75k
- Continue to pray for all the arrangements at Falmouth. Formal permission has not yet been received, but informally we have been advised that we are welcomed with open arms. The council safety officer has however expressed concern about our operating on the beach in peak season. We may be pushed into a corner of the beach that is unsuitable.
- Remember the arrangements for Carbis Bay, Cefalù and the St Ives Audio Visual presentation.
- Recruitment is running at about the same level as 2008. We need a large influx now if the 1000 target is to be met

Urgent needs

Please continue to pray for accommodation at Cambridge. While we can see a solution, it is not yet finalised. Praise the Lord that some UBM teams are full, but pray for: **13/6 & 20/6 Llandudno** needs an accordionist; **27/6 Bournemouth** needs team members, **Llandudno** needs a cook and accordionist, **St Ives** needs an accordionist. **4/7 Bournemouth** needs more ladies, **Llandudno** a cook.

Christian answer at Speakers' Corner, 22-25 May

80 team members worked hard in beautiful weather over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. We had already decided to distribute literature from the gates this year. We were amazed therefore to discover that Speakers' Corner is being remodelled and the gates moved so that they opened exactly where we could give our literature away and point directly to our own open air site.



On Saturday and Monday we were the only preachers there and on Sunday we were the first to operate. Hecklers were noticeably absent except on Sunday afternoon, where they almost overwhelmed the witness at one of our two pitches before we were able to take control back again. We distributed about 2000 leaflets, booklets and gospels and spoke personally to hundreds of visitors. At times many people stood for long periods to hear persuasive preaching. Among them was a young Italian whose father and grandfather had been pastors. He asked us, "Are you evangelical?" From an Italian that in itself was unusual, but he explained that

the death of his father, led to him trust Christ the previous evening. Asking for help he said, "I have many Italian friends in London, but no Christian friends." We are awaiting his details so that we can put him in contact with an Italian speaking team member who attends a local Church in London.

This encouragement was balanced by a long conversation with a couple from Rochdale. The man said he had been born again, but was arguing for a form of pantheism and discovering the *Christ within*. He was pointed to the *Christ within the scriptures* as the real person to discover!

A Latvian contacted by one team member has already been in touch by email writing, "We met at the Speakers' corner I am looking for church which could interest me and persuade with it belief."

This opportunity at Speakers' Corner is particularly useful for training the UBM family in open-air preaching and personal work. It remains the most important weekend for open air work in UBM's calendar. Please pray on for those who heard and received literature and that we will be used by the Lord to train scores of godly open air preachers.



Dates for your diary 2009

June	13 th	UBM starts at Llandudno
	15 th – 17 th	Cambridge Christian Answer
	17 th – 20 th	Oxford Christian Answer
June/July	27 th – 11 th	Bournemouth
	15 th – 18 th	Canterbury Christian Answer
August	12 th – 15 th	Bournemouth Christian Answer
	8 th – 15 th	Aberystwyth Christian Answer
September	4 th – 5 th	Irish Reunion, Belfast
	5 th	Handling the Word seminar in Millnrow, Rochdale
	11 th – 13 th	England & Wales Reunion, Hinckley

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Way ahead for 2010:

Seniors' and Leaders' weekend, 7-9th May 2010 at Cliff College, Derbyshire.

This is an important weekend to report back on all the progress over the last 5 years and set the strategy for the future.

UBM supporters' conference, October 2010. A time to give thanks and look back at all the Lord has achieved over 60 years of UBM's ministry.