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Prayer Letter May 2009

Tell those who are invited... "...everything is ready; come to the wedding feast".

Mt 22:4

"Getting ready" is the theme of our Seniors' and Leaders' day on May 9th, with the aim that we are all ready for this summer's missions. My experience as a leader is that I am always woefully ill prepared. Late on a Friday night, before driving to the coast many a time I am burning the midnight oil to get the last visual aids finished, a final illustration for a team time or repairs made to some vital piece of equipment. But all that is secondary. Whether I feel fully prepared or not, there is a wedding feast to attend and guests to be brought along. Some of our family have already been about that work in Bordeaux, while others will be sending out the invites in Llandudno as you read this prayer letter. Preparation is always good, but there is a time when it needs to give way to work, and that time is already here.

Graham Kneale

Bordeaux - Steve Taylor

One of the seven prayer requests for 2009 is past but the effects will be long lasting and your prayers for follow up are still needed. Steve Taylor reports:

This was the first joint mission between UBM and UFM. The weather and the fellowship were both very good. The team of around 11 was made up of missionaries in Bordeaux from UFM and GBM, together with 5 regulars from MV, various students and young people from the local Church. Evangelistic opportunities included door-to-door work amongst students every morning, street evangelism in the afternoons, a conference, a film night and an English evening. Several of these were very well attended.

Praise God for the many contacts in this large French city which is home to more than 100,000 students. We are thankful to the local Church for their kind hospitality and support.

Pray for: several Muslim students who were willing to talk at length about the gospel and take away gospels of John; an elderly lady who visited the Expo and took a New Testament; a man who visited the team over 3 days and took literature; 4 JWs who were spoken with at length. Several religious people also took literature; others were disappointed with traditional religion but willing to consider the Gospel. On the final day of our Expo there were about 7 interested contacts (including 2 couples) who stayed to chat and/or take literature.

The 7 big prayer points for 2009

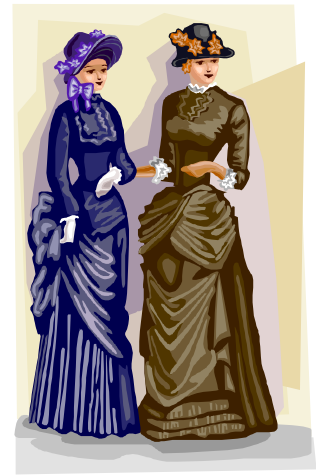
- 1000 team members for 2009
- The refurbishment of the Llandudno house
- New mission in Falmouth, 25th July to 1st Aug
- New audio-visual presentation in St Ives
- Opening a second beach at Carbis Bay, St Ives
- New beach opportunity in Sicily at Cefalù
- The joint mission in Bordeaux with UFM

Please continue to pray for all 7 of the big prayer points.

- Tim Howlett visited **Falmouth** over Easter and the church are eagerly anticipating the arrival of a team. Accommodation issues are still to be finalised and need your prayers.
- We are pleased to report that the **Llandudno refurbishment fund is at around £50, 000** and will ensure that urgent works can be started this autumn. Please pray that the remaining funds will come in to allow the whole project to go ahead.
- The team for **Cefalù** is also coming together nicely, with a good mix of folk from the UK and Italy. In particular, we need Italian team members to make missions in Italy viable in the long-term.
- The target of **1000 team members for 2009** is across all of our work. **So far only 340** have booked, which is lower than this stage last year. Continue to pray for 1000 and look for opportunities to show the 5 minute promotional DVD at your church.

Llandudno Victorian weekend 1st – 4th May

Pray for Dave Harding in Llandudno and the experienced team of 25 working during the Victorian weekend. The town will be packed with thousands of visitors, with the main streets shut down for parades, funfairs and all sorts of other events. It is an amazing spectacle, when many of the townsfolk dress in Victorian costume. Pray that they will not see the Gospel as “old fashioned”, but something that is needed even more today!



Answer to Prayer

Thank you for praying for an administrator to look after CRB checks. We believe someone has been found who can take this on board. We will begin the process of registering transferring all the checks in the next few weeks.

By next year, the whole system will be administered remotely freeing up Graham Kneale from routine administrative work.

Torre Vieja, Spain

Urgent needs

Christian Answer at Speakers' Corner, Cambridge, Oxford, Canterbury, Bournemouth and Aberystwyth are all in need of more team members. Please pray for the Christian Answer team accommodation in Cambridge. 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.

It will not be possible to operate a mission in Spain this year, since permission to operate on the prom has been withdrawn by the town council. Please pray that a suitable opening can be found for 2010.

Dates for your diary 2009

May	1 st – 4 th	Llandudno Victorian Weekend – Dave Harding
	8 th	English/Welsh Management Group meeting
	9 th	Seniors/Leaders Day, Leicester - “Getting ready”
	16 th	UBM Prayer meeting in Darlington
	22 nd – 25 th	Christian Answer at Speakers' Corner, London
June	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	5 th	Handling the Word seminar in Milnrow, Rochdale
	11 th – 13 th	UBM Reunion

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.

