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These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer.

Acts 1:14

Jason Duffin, Llandudno

This has been a very interesting week. Numbers coming along to the 'Stories from Wales' presentation have been lower than expected with about 50 people coming during the week. We have had excellent conversations in the tea room. The evening Open Airs have grown in numbers each night with an increasing number of people returning each night. Wednesday was a very large crowd, but Thursday night was stopped half way through by rain. A team of 11 have enjoyed great fellowship with an age range spread from 20 years to 70 years.

Please pray for the following people: a couple from Suffolk with whom we have had several hours of conversations, they listened at the OAs and are seeking the Truth. They have taken much literature and are reading it. A local young man brought along by a friend who is really interested in the Gospel; a young lady with difficulties in her life had contact with the team over several years; an older man, who even stayed in the rain, has had several good conversations; a Jewish couple who are interested. Much literature has been taken and we are grateful for Christians' support by locals. The team has been praying for over 40 people who we have got to know.



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

Urgent needs

The need for team members to book early is more important now than ever before. Criminal record checks are taking up to 6 weeks or more to complete and we have had to turn people away from missions where we desperately need them, so please book in sufficient time. While some weeks are desperately needy, some are already full. We have had to turn team members away. When this happens we try to encourage moving elsewhere, but not all can and it often means they are not able to serve with us. Please can we urge you and all that you know intend to come on beach missions to book ASAP.

Immediate needs:

27/6 Bournemouth & St Ives urgently need female team members, St Ives and Llandudno an accordionist; 4/7 Ardmere, Clonea and Downing team members, 11/7 Llandudno a cook, Ardmere ladies, Portnoo team members; 18/7 No female places available on any team in England or Wales; Ballybunion and Tramore men; 25/7 Benllech men, Llandudno accordionist, New Quay cook and Whitby team members, Ballybunion men.

Andy McIntosh, Cambridge



A remarkable opportunity with so many (mainly) students engaged in public and private debate. More important was that amongst the robust discussions were many quiet conversations with those more open to the Gospel – some students and some visitors

from abroad and townspeople. With a team of 22 it was a great joy to have so many in-depth conversations reported. Accommodation this year has been changed with two chapels very kindly allowing us to use their excellent premises with short notice. With great weather despite the forecasts, many felt this was the best opportunity we had had at Cambridge. **Specific prayer is requested for:** a large number of deep conversations had where genuine



questions were asked. At one point up to 11 conversations were occurring at the same time. Plenty of people took John's gospels away to read. Pray that seeds sown would bear fruit. Quite a number of nationalities were contacted, especially a Chinese girl very

keen to study the Bible further as part of her learning of the English culture; a young man spoken to for almost the whole day and moved from his atheistic position to a point where he was ready to consider the authority of the Bible for himself; a young lady seriously seeking and wanting to know more, especially how to pray and how she could have a relationship with God, she has been put in touch with a local Christian; a young student with a Christian background who took notes during discussion and sought to keep in touch in order to find out more. Do pray that we would be able to have the same witness next year. We moved on the last day for a Zimbabwean choir and a juggler, we still had a very good opportunity further up the same street, but we would like to keep to the Sidney St / Market St corner site if at all possible.

Graham Kneale, Oxford

Our first day has seen large numbers of people reached with something of the gospel. Responses have been varied. Two complaints were received about noise which we felt were unreasonable. The atmosphere at one point in the afternoon became heated as a large crowd gathered to watch hecklers try to disrupt the meeting. Despite difficulties, many good gospel opportunities resulted throughout the day. One heckler conversed at length with a team member, and then went for coffee to chat further and exchange email addresses. **Pray for:** an Indian man with a mixed Hindu/Christian background who wanted to find out more about God's Word and go to church; a number of Muslims had earnest questions and took relevant literature; one lady was moved to tears as she listened to the preaching and another is keen to keep in touch with one of the team. **Give thanks:** that the Lord was working in people's hearts today. Do pray that we will not encounter further problems with the authorities, that the Lord would keep the team encouraged, and most of all that we would continue to see many people touched by the power of the Gospel.

Dates for your diary 2009

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 Milnrow, Rochdale
	11 th – 13 th	England & Wales Reunion, Hinckley



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