

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Eph 3 v 20-21

Great Expectations!

For a society of pessimistic people, covid, if possible, gave the British even less reason for optimism, but as people of God we can have confidence and hope in his great plans and we should never doubt his ability to do more than we can imagine. Of course, this is easier said than done, so we often try to take matters into our own hands.

At the start of this academic year our reliance was very much on God, as we hoped to reconnect with schools and young people, in person, and find new opportunities now that restrictions have lifted, and he hasn't failed us! As we approach Christmas we have so many amazing opportunities flooding in. All this is reminding us again to have great expectations for what God can do, and of the joy it is to be involved in the work of spreading his good news amongst young people.

Jonny



Unexpected Opportunities

We are always asking God to work in our schools and expecting that he will answer our prayers, but still he surprises us with good things we haven't asked for. This term I was getting ready to contact my schools and offer some lessons, but before I could do it the two that I most wanted to go to (because I haven't been much in the past) contacted me and asked me to come in. At one of these lessons, I was explaining to a boy about what it means to be a Christian when the girl sitting opposite suddenly put her hands together and began to pray. I also had an unexpected opportunity to explain the Gospel to the whole class when another girl asked whether only good people go to heaven. As I write this, every single one of 'my' current schools has renewed contact and the doors are wide open. We are still praying for an opening to one more, so look forward to more 'unexpected' news soon!

Sarah

 Courage Disassembly #6 Autumn 2021	 Patience Disassembly #7 Autumn 2021
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The Stats so far this term!

Dissemblies - 8, with 875+ views



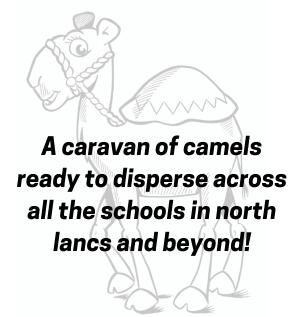
Primary lessons - 24



Primary assemblies - 13

Primary school clubs - 4

High school clubs - 3



Expectant Schools

I wasn't sure what to expect when we returned to work after the Summer break. I hadn't been in to many schools in July but we had received a lot of emails thanking the team for the disassemblies we had been sending out in the previous months. Some schools had found them really useful to use in the classroom. Quite a few schools got in touch before half term asking for lessons and assemblies and a couple of schools asked for support in setting up their Jam Clubs, two of which hadn't run for 4 years!

Just before half term I sent out an email to offer Christmas lessons to schools for November/December and was amazed to receive requests for 25 lessons on my return. This was totally beyond my expectations but also to my delight, many of these requests were from local community schools who I hadn't heard much from during the last year.

Praise God for answer to prayer! *Diana*



Prayer

Monthly Prayer Meetings:
1st Friday (pm) - Gastang
3rd Thurs (am) - Scotforth
- contact us for details

Zoom Prayer Time
Mon 22nd Nov 11am
- contact us for details

And MIRACLE MONDAYS
weekly update email

Christmas Expectations

This Christmas we have a bumper crop of resources for schools. As well as our weekly disassemblies we have 5 special Advent videos, each a 2-minute poem covering an aspect of the Christmas story with something to ponder.

Our knitting friends have been busy again and, along with amazing cartoons (some of which can be found in this newsletter), we are going to deliver a pack to every one of our 67 primary schools containing 3 worksheets, 3 video links and a cute little knitted camel.

With covid restrictions still happening in some schools we decided to put our puppet show on video this year and give our time to Christmas lessons and some assemblies where possible.

Please keep in touch using our Miracle Monday emails to know which schools we are visiting. And please keep praying, our expectations are high that children will be inspired as they hear about the birth of the Son of God, but God can do immeasurably more than we can imagine.

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