

Foundation in Christ Ministries 2008 Annual Report



“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”—1 Corinthians 3:11

“God ... will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.”—Hebrews 6:10 NIV

It is time again to report to you the challenging and exciting opportunities to share the Good News through Foundation in Christ Ministries, Ltd. Thank you sincerely for your continued prayerful support to this work.

REACHING OUT TO A VITAL GENERATION

“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.”

—Romans 1:16 NKJV

At the invitation of local schools, we held 23 all-day **Passion Retreats** this past year, an increase from 17 the year before. Students hear a staff testimony, Gospel presentation, evidence of the Resurrection, and a challenge to make a public commitment to Jesus. Of 461 students, 212 responded by going to the front of the group and signing a book representing the Lamb’s Book of Life. These young people risk ridicule from their friends by making this public declaration of faith. This is a clear work of the Holy Spirit and we are blessed to be witnesses.

Staff and interns also give informative talks on God’s plan for our sexuality and the consequences of poor lifestyle choices, the effects of drug and alcohol abuse and what the Scriptures reveal about a life free from addictions. Student responses are overwhelmingly positive.



A new outreach for us this past year, we conducted a program called **“Plugged in Youth Café”** for students in 57 secondary classes. The fast-paced series explores significant real-life topics facing young adults today and provides clear thinking and direction in our challenging secular culture.

“The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

—2 Peter 3:9 NKJV

The **Evangelism Ministry** led by Mike Shortt conducted five training seminars and nine witnessing outreaches on the streets of Galway and in neighborhoods door-to-door. Team members shared with



many people wanting to learn more about living with Jesus. Supported by the Bishop of Galway, this ministry assists various Galway-area parishes in training their members to share their faith.

REAL HELP FOR REAL LIFE

“True wisdom and power are found in God; counsel and understanding are his.”—Job 2:13 NLT

Family and marriage difficulties, abusive relationships, addiction issues, and depression bring people to our **Counseling & Prayer Ministry** seeking real help for real problems. Referrals throughout the Christian community also bring in clients—both believers and non-believers



for effective Bible-based counseling with Susan Curry assisted by staff member Tommy O'Loughlin. Over the years we have seen a wide range of multiple issues resolve with amazing outcomes.

"I will never leave you nor forsake you..."

—Hebrews 13:5 NKJV

Through our **Bridges Crisis Pregnancy Program** we provided practical help in a caring Christian atmosphere to women in crisis pregnancy. With your generous help our services are free of charge and include pregnancy tests, ultrasound scans, and counseling. Since acquiring our state-of-the-art ultrasound scanner we have seen how powerful the images of unborn babies can be as our clients choose to give life rather than abort their babies.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

"God's message continued to spread..."

—Acts 6:7 NLT

This year, Mike Shortt shared at six "Life in the Spirit" events held at local parishes in the city. Conducted by The Roman Catholic Church at the individual church level these programs are designed to disciple and encourage the local community. Dr. Arden Autry spoke 15 times at Catholic and non-Catholic venues throughout the Galway community, and to students at the local university, NUIG. Participating in these opportunities integrates Foundation in Christ Ministries into the fabric of the local community, breaking down barriers, and opening new doors of ministry.

"Growing in every way more and more like Christ..." —Ephesians 4:15 NLT

Emmaus Scripture School entered its second year under the leadership of Dr. Autry. Enrollment



continued to grow as word spread of the Bible classes—the only opportunity of its kind in western Ireland. A spectrum of Christ-centered Bible classes is available for Christians of all backgrounds. In-depth study prepares students for a lifetime of growth in God's Word or to continue in advanced studies and ministry service. Differing traditions of doctrine and practice are respected.

This past year saw the launch of our **Ministry Experience Program** with six students over two semesters. These students from Taylor University (Upland, Indiana) worked in the ministry and took missions courses for academic credit. This program was well received and continues to develop as we work with other colleges to expand.



"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives." —Colossians 3:16 NLT

The weekly **Bible Discovery**, which is open to the general public, was held throughout the school year. Two courses, "The Family of God" (Luke) and "Living on Purpose" (Ephesians), were attended by folks from various backgrounds seeking to investigate the Christian faith and/or receive solid grounding in the teaching of the Scripture.

ONGOING NEEDS

Proceeds from the café and book shop supply about 34% of our annual need as well as providing numerous opportunities for ministry.

We are deeply grateful to God and to you for your faithful participation with us in this growing work in Ireland. We very much appreciate your generous and faithful support for this amazing year! Thank you for your time and attention to this information.

With best wishes for God's blessing,

Rev. Kelly E. Curry
President

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