

Foundation in Christ Ministries 2009 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.

Citywide Faith Outreach: Creideamh 09

“The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
—2 Peter 3:9 NKJV

Creideamh 09

One of the highlights of the year was our role in planning and participating in the *Creideamh 09 Faith Festival* (*creideamh* is Irish for *faith*, pronounced *creidjiv*). Over the last 18 months, we joined with local Parishes and *Tina* (Irish for *fire*), a lay person Catholic ministry, to train Festival workers and provided accommodation for many presenters and musicians.

During the two-week Festival, over 300 Christian volunteers from Ireland and abroad shared their



faith in the streets of Galway and ran missions and events in four Parishes.

Eyre Square in city center was a focus

for many activities including street witness and an hour of quiet prayer every afternoon. It was quite a sight to see 50-60 people on their knees on the main walking area of Galway, with passing shoppers stopping to look and say a quick prayer.

Each evening, Christian artists and guest speakers from various countries performed mime, music, escapology, magic, Christian Rap, testimonies and talks. We hosted nine events at An Tobar Nua, including the Bishop of Galway's address.

Existing Ministries

“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.”
—Romans 1:16 NKJV

Training Evangelists

In anticipation of the Festival, we spent a year training people to share their faith. The training included practice in the city center. We prayed with many people for God's blessing and guidance and received reports of answered prayers.



Foundation in Christ Ministries Staff

School Retreats

This year we conducted 16 *Passion Retreats* with high school students who attended voluntarily. Students hear a testimony from one of our staff and then ask questions or share their own point of view. We listen respectfully and relate the value of the sure hope we have in Jesus. We present the “Why Jesus” PowerPoint focusing on the Gospel message of the death and resurrection of Jesus and what that can mean for our lives.

This year 104 students made a public commitment to Jesus, demonstrating this by coming up to the front of the group and signing a book representing the Lamb's Book of Life. We ask those who are not sure about wanting Jesus to be the Lord of their lives to feel no pressure to sign the book. 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.

Counselling and Prayer Ministry

Our counselling and prayer ministry is a source of healing and support. Many in our city suffer from loneliness, addictions, broken relationships and other struggles, and our counsellors provide a listening ear and share the life-changing truths of God's Word. We are encouraged when people who experience the healing love of God through this ministry go on to tell others.

Emmaus Scripture School

Emmaus Scripture School entered its third year. The school had 20 students in the first semester



and 22 in the second (an increase of 16 on the previous year) taking classes. We offer a range

of classes, which can be taken for up to 19 hours of classroom credit through our association with Oral Roberts University. Both Catholics and Protestants study the Word of God together.

Ministry Experience Program

Our Ministry Experience Program had two students for the second semester from Taylor University in Indiana. Asbury College also offers this program for students in its overseas education programs. Students get real life training in a mission setting and 14 credit hours; we gain volunteers for our ministries and receive tuition which assists in funding.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, Latin meaning "Divine reading", is a method of praying with Scripture that calls one to study, ponder, listen and pray from God's Word. Last year we conducted 29 such classes in a local high school. This helps reconnect with students from the *Passion Retreats* and encourages them to pursue a friendship with God through prayer and Bible reading. We



also have a *Lectio* prayer group for adults on Saturday mornings.

Expanding Ministries

"God's message continued to spread."

—Acts 6:7 NLT

Quest Series

This year we began using a DVD series, *Quest*, in a local high school. *Quest* communicates the Christian message in a relevant way. Discussions following the 10-minute DVD cover the issues that were raised. This year we conducted 52 classes.

Other Ministries

On various Saturdays throughout the year we offer seminars and conferences ranging from what the Scripture teaches about finance to a program called "The Teachings of Jesus Christ". Guest speakers also periodically address students at lunchtime.

The café and book shop supply about 34% of our annual need as well as presenting numerous opportunities for ministry.

We want to extend our sincere thanks for the support of this work in the Republic of Ireland. The tremendous economic downturn in Ireland has resulted in a community unemployment rate over 15%. Our work has grown to include those devastated by this economic downturn. You help us continue this work against this setting and the significant funding challenges also in the USA. We are deeply grateful to God and to you.



With best wishes for God's blessing,

Rev. Kelly E. Curry
Chairman and President

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