

Peru 2019

Two people from our congregation are members of a team visiting Peru this summer: Alex Boyd and May Green. The team is being led by locals David and Yury Fleming and includes people from a range of churches in Northern Ireland. From 20th July the team will be in Tacna in the south of Peru, where John and Lourdes Brew of Irish Baptist Missions, Yury's parents, will accommodate them. They plan to visit a girl's shelter, help a local church and possibly deliver tracts, and work with elderly folk.

By the following weekend they will have climbed 2335m., about 8,000 ft., above sea level to Arequipa – by bus, not rope and tackle! There until 2nd August they will hold Holiday Bible Clubs at the two Children's Homes with which Emily Peru Hope Trust is involved.

The two Homes are: New Hope, founded by an American couple in 1995, with about forty-eight children; and Casa Hogar El Amor de Dios ("The Love of God Home") which was started and is run by a local couple and now has about sixty children.

The team will also get involved in practical tasks to help sustain the physical fabric of the Homes: for example, painting the tall support poles that suspend the canvas sunscreen over the play area; and they hope to provide some treats for the children.

Each team member is self-funding as regards travel, accommodation and food. To help to pay for the practical work and those treats at the Homes there is to be a fund-raising concert in this church at 7p.m. on Saturday 8th June, when you can learn more about the trip. Do come!



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Moving Forward

Last month Paul and I shared our vision as we move forward together. As a church we want to grow and deepen in our love for God, the Church and the lost. Can I encourage us all to earnestly pray that these spiritual goals will become a reality? If you missed any of the sermons or would like to hear them again, you can download them from the church website.

I have put together a small group who meet regularly to plan for the future. It is looking at many practical and spiritual issues to discover what we can do to help our church grow and deepen spiritually while functioning in a Biblical and effective way. We aim to start sharing this with the congregation after the summer, when there will be opportunities and time to discuss and interact with our proposals. Our 'Moving Forward' vision document, which will set out how we would like to move forward as a church over the next few years, will then be available for everyone by late autumn.

Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we plan for the future and seek to live for Christ in Carrickfergus.

Peter Lawther

'...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'
2 Peter 3:18

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Church Diary:

Sunday Prayer Meetings 10:30am & 6:30pm (meets upstairs in Room 2)
Church Services 11am & 7pm

Tuesday Parent & Toddlers 10:15am

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8pm
Prayer and Study Groups 8pm (1st & 3rd weeks)

Missions Prayer Meeting 8pm (last week in month)

Thursday CB:Women 8pm (1st week of month)

Friday CB:Friends 2pm (2nd week of the month)

Children & Youth

Crèche Available for babies and toddlers during the Sunday morning service in the upstairs Fellowship Hall. We would encourage families with young children to use this provision.

CB:Kids Sunday Children leave the morning service around 11:15am.
Age 3-P.1 in Minor Hall. P.2-P.7 in Sports Hall

Youth Fellowship Usually meet on Sunday Evenings. Contact Paul Savage for more details.

Special Announcements:

Holiday Bible Club: please remember the sign up sheets in the foyer for the Holiday Bible Club, every evening from 29th July - 2nd August. There is a role for absolutely everyone to play - don't rule yourself out!

Church Work Day: thanks to all those who joined us on the recent work morning. Your support is greatly appreciated. For those who were unable to join us this time, we plan to have another similar event later in the year and you are very welcome to be part of that morning.

The Lord's Table: few areas of our new building have been more appreciated than the foyer. It has allowed us to enjoy relaxed fellowship every time we gather. However, while the Lord's Table is in progress, please be mindful of the need to preserve quiet reverence.

Flowers: the floral displays we enjoy in the church throughout the year are the work of a small team. This ministry enjoys no fanfare, but is appreciated by us all. Thank you, Ladies.

Ministry Insight



Update from Tim Wilson

Hi folks,

Firstly, apologies for the lack of updates about the work in Burkina this season - it's not that the work isn't happening, it's just that I've been struggling to write... Secondly, thanks for your continued support for the work, and myself - both in prayer, and financially - it really is very much appreciated.

So, here's a bit of a synopsis of the past season... As you may have seen on the news, the security situation in Burkina (especially in the north and east) is pretty bleak; and it's getting worse, with Christians now being targeted more specifically in recent days. As a consequence, apart from a short survey trip in November to the south west of the country, we haven't been outside Ouaga for the whole of this season. Saying that, we've still had the privilege of drilling 25 new wells around the city. These have been at a mixture of new churches, existing churches, church projects - sometimes in built-up areas, sometimes in green field sites (where you could forget that you're technically still within the city limits). In each case, we trust that the Lord will use the gift of clean water to help proclaim His Gospel. Regarding teams, we didn't bring in any teams from the UK, but hosted some teams who were brought to Burkina by our partners. (On a side note, a new 'Team Wilson' was created in February when I married Amanda - who's from the USA, but works in Chad! We had met in language school a few years ago, and got together last year. Long distance relationships aren't easy, but it's great that we're in the same country now!)

At the same time, we've worked with local contractors to drill wells in areas of the country where we can't go ourselves. Some of our partners have had bad experiences using contractors so we've put a process in place where we manage the work, with someone reporting directly to us travelling with the contractor as they work. Also, our guy will complete the testing of the well and install the pump, and this time is often used to perform evangelism in the village. Using contractors, a further 47 wells have been completed this season.

Looking ahead, things will be changing next season - for a start, we won't be based full-time in Burkina. The opportunity to work in Burkina is lessening with each attack, and so we're looking to the Lord for His guidance and wisdom as to how and where to carry on the work. There are different options available to us, and as we investigate them we'd appreciate your continued prayers.

Amanda and I head back to N.Ireland on Wednesday 22nd May, and we're looking forward to catching up with many of you over the summer months.

Again, many thanks for all your support,

Tim