

# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

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## FROM MISSION MEETING TO MISSION FIELD

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I was the eldest of three children born into a family who attended the Methodist Church in Donaghadee. My mother was saved, having committed her life to the Lord Jesus Christ before I was born. I am so grateful for her prayers and godly example, and also for my grandparents who knew the Lord and had a great influence for good on my life. However, I knew that salvation "doesn't run in the blood", - I needed to personally receive Christ in order to be right with God and know His forgiveness.

Some Gospel meetings were held near to our home in 1964. The preacher was Mr Hedley Murphy and he often spoke about the return of Christ. The Lord Jesus has promised to come again, (see JOHN 14:3) and if I neglected or rejected the forgiveness God was offering me (and everyone) through the death of His Son, which paid for my sin, - I would be separated forever from Him, and from those who were His.

Sadly, that time of Gospel outreach finished but I was still in my sins and on the broad way that leads to hell.

In the mercy of God, another mission was organised the following year- this time even closer to where I lived, - on the same street. One night following the meeting (in the 5th week of the meetings) I surrendered to the Saviour, - it was in April 1965. I received the gift of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord - ROMANS 6:23.



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The Bible promises that, whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved - ROMANS 10:13. I called and so began my life with Christ which has continued now for more than 50 years. I was taught that my new spiritual life needed to be supported and maintained through the Word of God, prayer and fellowship. A real help was when I was introduced to "Our Daily Bread" devotional by a friend when I attended Greenmount Agricultural College in 1967. I have used these ever since. I was helped to pray publicly as I attended a home prayer meeting with my mother, - that was organised by Faith Mission.

Around the time Yvonne and I were married in 1976, my best man and I began to evangelize in the bars and hotels in Donaghadee and beyond with Christian literature.

As members of the local Baptist Church we grew in our Christian lives and were challenged with our responsibility to reach others with the message of salvation. We were involved locally but gradually the conviction grew that God wanted us to devote our lives to this task. The point of decision was reached when a speaker at the Easter Convention 1985 in Bangor spoke on the text EXODUS 4:2, God's words to Moses, "What is that in your hand?" We made ourselves available and this led to service in Eastern Europe and then in 1996 to Brazil where it was our joy to see folk saved and local churches formed.

After adopting two Brazilian children, Bethany and John, we returned to Northern Ireland in November 2007 and until the present I have been involved in rural evangelism and visitation.

Our life text has been MATTHEW 6:33 - "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you."

These words have been proved true and we give all the glory and praise to Him and to our Wonderful Lord and Saviour.

