GEOFF'S NEWS AND PRAYER UPDATE

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Working in His ways

'May the favour of the Lord rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes establish the work of our hands.' Psalm 90:17 (NIV)

The verse above has been a source of encouragement and challenge to me. The last few months have been incredibly busy with so many plates to spin. This is particularly the case as I juggle the demands of my two roles (Mission Enabler and National Schools Lead). So it has been good to be reminded to pray about my work as well as seek to do it all in His way and with His strength. I am really grateful that so many of you stand with me in this.

EDALE ADVENTURE YOUNG LEADERS

The highlight of my summer was working, alongside my colleague Kate, to support the 7 young leaders at Edale Adventure. It was such a privilege to help them grow in their faith, skills and confidence. To see them attempt things that they thought they couldn't do was just brilliant. Here's what some of the Young Leaders had to say about their time at Edale. (You can hear more from them in a short video here: www.su.org.uk/geoffb)

> It has helped to improve my confidence and grow closer to God.
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> It has helped to grow my confidence in my faith and has given me more motivation to try new things.
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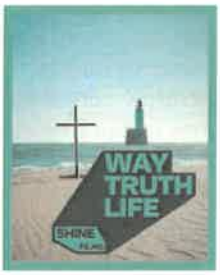
> I've loved the Young Leader Programme at Edale



Please pray **for all of the young leaders to continue continue to remember what they learnt whilst at Edale and to continue to trust Jesus.**

LOCAL SCHOOLS MINISTRY

Recently I have had some great opportunities to be involved in a couple of high schools in Northumberland. At the start of September I took some assemblies on the theme of our value and worth to God. It was great to explore the parable of the lost sheep with over 1200 pupils.



During October I led a school CU on 3 occasions. It has been great to use the new Shine Films series (Way Truth Life). The pupils have engaged with the films really well and we have had some great discussions about the claims that Jesus made.

Please pray **that all the young people would continue to consider how much they are cared for by God and that He wants them to know Him. Please also pray for all those who have been coming to the CU, that they would want to find our more about Jesus**

SUPPORTING FAITH GUIDES

Here are a few examples of the sort of support that I am able to offer Faith Guides:

- I met with the leaders of a brand new church in the Tyne Valley to help them think through

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what they can do to reach out to the children and young people in the village.

- Supporting a Faith Guide to run the extremely popular Diary of a Disciple Workshop in a primary school. As ever, the pupils commented on how much they enjoyed it and how they liked exploring Luke's gospel.

- Running a Holiday Club Xtra event with a Faith Guide at which we looked at the parable of the wise and foolish builders.

- Using coaching techniques to help Faith Guides become even more effective.

Please pray **that all the churches that I work with would know God's leading and equipping as they seek to reach out to children and young people who don't know Him.**

NATIONAL SCHOOLS LEAD

A major focus of my time has been on the planning and delivery of the **Introduction to Schools Ministry** training course, both online and in-person. So far this year, 130 people have attended the online version and the feedback continues to be so positive:

- I definitely feel better equipped to do schools ministry when more opportunities arise.
- The training was great, very helpful.
- Very helpful and informative.

Sadly, the uptake for the 4 in-person events was not as we had hoped, and we actually had to cancel one of them. We are therefore considering what the best approach is for this sort of training.

As mentioned last time, we are soon to launch the '**Schools Work Foundations**' course to equip churches to engage with secondary schools. The content is being finalised, the dates are all set and the launch is planned for later this month. The first cohort will begin their training and coaching in February 2027.

At the start of September I was the guest on the Mission Sparks podcast and it was great fun to discuss how churches can serve their schools with love and integrity.

Please pray **for wisdom as we discern the way ahead for future in-person training. Please also pray for many people to hear about the Schools Work Foundations course and that many people would sign up.**

FAMILY NEWS



At the start of August we were able to enjoy a lovely family holiday in the Peak District and made the most of the opportunity to do some walking and cycling. Hannah and Ben are now settling into married life in Sheffield. We are delighted that Hannah has been offered a job with Sheffield City Council as a 'Children's Support Worker'.

Joel's job at Rolls Royce continues to be both enjoyable and stimulating. He had the opportunity back in September to visit colleagues at Rolls Royce in Germany. The start of this term has been particularly busy for Sarah but she was able to enjoy a good break over half term.

Please pray **for Joel, Rose, Ben and Sarah to know the Lord's strength and equipping for each day at work, and for Hannah preparing to start her new job soon. Please also pray for each of us as we serve in our churches in various ways.**

PRAYER

Please use the pointers throughout this letter as you pray for the work I am involved with. Additionally, to ensure you have up-to-date information to guide your prayers, please visit this page from time to time: **su.org.uk/geoffb**

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