

## **Mission Connect Article for March 2019 Herald**

### **Faith comes by hearing**

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As we reach out in Kilkenny, we are convinced that it is God's Word that he uses, by his Spirit, to bring people to living faith in Jesus. Because of this, our aim is always to engage people with the truth of the Scriptures, as we pray for the Spirit of God to do what we simply cannot do – bring new life. To this end, we are engaged in a number of outreaches, including the following: door-to-door visitation, one-to-one Bible studies, Ossory Park outreach Bible study, Saturday men's study, Christianity Explored/Simply Christianity courses, discipleship courses, Kilkenny farmers' market outreach, Saturday night Streetlight and Millennium Court summer Bible club.

We are so grateful that, by the grace of God, a number of people have come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ over the past year.

Sian had attended parent and toddlers in the church some years ago. She came to church one Sunday morning. We happened to be sitting beside her and invited her to the Ossory Park Bible study. We were just starting a series in Mark's gospel. She enjoyed the studies, and after the second one, contacted us to say that the previous night had really helped her, and that she now believes in her heart that Jesus is her Saviour. She later said that she had known she needed God, but she just didn't understand where Jesus came into it. It's lovely to see her joy in him, as he continues to work in her life.

Kate, another lady with whom we had had contact in the past, phoned one day wanting to come to a Bible study. She came to Ossory Park. Soon Kate and her husband Paul and their three children were attending church. We began a Christianity Explored course in their home, and both have come to a clear faith in Jesus. Paul and Kate are so thankful for what Jesus has done for them and it's encouraging to see how keen they are to honour him in their lives.

We met Marian while doing door-to-door visitation. She had previously brought her grandchildren to Millennium Court children's club, and in conversation we found that she had contact already with Chrissy, a Christian lady who attends the church. She recognised that the message we were bringing was the same as Chrissy had been sharing with her. Along the way, as she chatted and began to attend meetings/church, Marian has come to a clear faith in Jesus Christ and it's great to see her delight in studying the Word of God at Bible study, as she grows in her new-found faith.

"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

**Please pray:**

- Give thanks for these new believers; for those who are currently engaging with the Word of God and all who share so faithfully in this work.
- Pray for door-to-door visitation, one-to-one Bible studies, Ossory Park community centre, Saturday men's Bible studies, and for the Spirit of God to be preparing hearts to hear his Word, and drawing his people to himself.