



# THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND

2 TIMOTHY 2:9

Lawrence & Monty McCleery - Winter 2020/21

**Despite the restrictions that have affected so many of us, it is wonderful to be reminded by the Apostle Paul that God's word cannot be chained or restricted! We can also be thankful for His faithfulness, and for how He has given the Church new ways to reach children with the Gospel.**

In April we began recording short video lessons and sent them to the Sunday School families to watch at home. This required more involvement from the parents and we are glad that they too heard the Gospel this way. For the past five months however, we have held Sunday School online through 'Zoom'. This facilitates better interaction with a small, but reasonably consistent, number of children joining in each week for Bible stories, songs, games and quizzes. We felt led to take the children through a complete book of the Bible, and are now halfway through Mark's gospel!

Although our summer Holiday Bible Club had to be cancelled, we were invited to volunteer with Bible Centred Ministries (BCM) for a week of socially distanced events in Carryduff. The week turned out to be an especially wet one, but it meant that a daily children's Bible Club ended up being held in the sports hall at Carryduff Gospel Hall! This was a fantastic opportunity to work with an enthusiastic team of volunteers, many of whom were from different churches in Carryduff. A family BBQ during the week also provided a great opportunity to develop relationships with some of the residents in the Killynure area of Carryduff.



God also used this week to build new friendships with other Christians in the area, and we're looking forward to receiving help from some of them for our Christmas outreach. Please pray for us as we plan an evening or two of outdoor home visits with some carol singing, gifts and Gospel literature.

## Monty's work as a Graphic Designer with CEF

Praise God that Monty has been able to work from home on various multimedia projects for children to hear the Gospel, and for workers and churches to be equipped in reaching out to boys and girls during these unusual circumstances. Feedback on the material designed by Monty this year has been very encouraging:

### EASTER LESSON ACTIVITY PAGES

***"These are spot on Monty, just the way I wanted them to be set out."***

- Victoria Hylands, lesson writer.



### SONG FLASHCARDS

***"I just saw the visuals for 'My God is good'... I love them! Amazing job!"***

- Shelley Spiers, song writer.



## THE STORY OF RUTH

30 illustrations used in video lessons and online camp booklets.

***“Just letting you know a friend who is a missionary in Papua New Guinea is using the Ruth Bible lessons that I have on YouTube with her boys. These are the lessons that were recorded for online camp in the summer (using your visuals) and I decided to make them available on YouTube too. I think that’s my furthest away viewer!”***

-Heather Watson, CEF Local Director in the West Tyrone area.



## 2021 KIDS' CALENDAR

With Gospel-centred Bible verses and fun facts about bugs!

Printed in English and Irish these 'paper missionaries' take the word of God into many homes.

This child-friendly calendar is distributed free as Christmas approaches and we're very thankful that this year, in spite of some restrictions, doors were open to distribute over 30,000 of them. If you would like to order calendars for 2022, please contact Monty, at the earliest opportunity.

***“Just wanted to send you a wee message to say thanks so much for the lovely calendars. We've had good interest from schools who want them, and comments on how nice the artwork is. Just thought we'd encourage you with this!”***

- Jayne Gibson, CEF Local Worker in Co. Cavan.

Also, due to the excellent translation, some teachers have used the calendar throughout the year to teach Irish to the children.





CEF want to equip you as you disciple the children and young people in your care. Please visit our new 'At Home Resources' website: **[athome.cefireland.com](http://athome.cefireland.com)** The site provides access to lots of free CEF resources together with other material we know and trust.

Christmas Club Online will be premiering on the CEF of Ireland YouTube channel Monday 14th December. Have a look for yourself and let others know!



If your church is meeting on 'Zoom' and you would like to have Monty as a guest to share more encouraging stories about her work with CEF, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support over the past year. We pray you have a lovely Christmas and wish you every blessing for 2021!

Love in Christ, *Lawrence & Monty ☺*

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If you prefer to give online visit: **[cefireland.com/get-involved/donate](http://cefireland.com/get-involved/donate)**  
(Please mark for the support of Monty). THANK YOU!

CEF workers live by faith and are not guaranteed regular financial support, they trust the Lord to provide for them through the gifts of His people. Monty's role within CEF is dependent upon her having enough funding to sustain her position. If, after you prayerfully consider this, you believe God is directing you to support her ministry, please contact the National Office (t: 028 9073 2263) or use the online donation form.

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