

**REPORT OF THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006**

**"WE IMPLORE YOU ON CHRIST'S BEHALF: BE RECONCILED TO GOD"**

*"We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*<sup>2Cor 5:20</sup> It has been said that these words may be a summary of the "message of reconciliation" or Paul's entreaty to the unregenerate at Corinth. Paul had a passion for the lost souls of men and women. This passion came from his view of who Jesus Christ is and also the very sad condition of those who were not reconciled to Christ Jesus and therefore we have these words *"We implore you on Christ's behalf be reconciled to God"*.

The Evangelism Committee continues to discuss and review ways in which we can fulfil the command of Jesus to <sup>Matt 28:19</sup> *"..go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"* with the challenge of Paul's passion for the lost before us.

With these things in mind the Committee, along with the Youth Committee, purchased a number of books for Kirk Sessions [And some Evangelists, Real Lives, Uncensored, Growing through Encouragement]. We hope that the study of these books will help and encourage thought and action, concerning the vexed question of how to reach the lost with the message of reconciliation.

**ICC DISTANCE LEARNING MODULE**

We are encouraged that a number have started the ICC Distance Learning Module on Evangelism. Distance learning involves discipline so please pray and encourage those studying on this course that they might continue and bring the benefit of the course to the wider Church. At present, we have ten who have taken copies of the Module and three who have actually started.

**DRUMCHAPEL / MR ROGER GRAY**

It is with real regret that the Committee received the intimation from Mr Roger Gray that due to pressure of work he wished to tender his resignation from the work at Drumchapel as from August 2006. The Drumchapel congregation has been encouraged by the work that Mr Gray has accomplished during his time with them. Mr Gray has been faithful in his open-air witness in the Shopping Centre, door to door visitation, street work, services in the local pub and the Living Room. The Drumchapel congregation is encouraged by the many contacts that have been made during Mr Gray's time with them.

**EVANGELIST**

The Committee is mindful of the help given by Mr Gray to the Drumchapel congregation enabling them to look again at the task of evangelism and to make new contacts in the area. In the light of this and the discussion within the Committee, the Committee is exploring the possibility of an Evangelist working with the Denomination in a part-time capacity to enable congregations to explore what they can do in their own areas.

Many congregations have a desire to reach out into the community but do not know how to begin or what to do. The Committee is of the mind that the right person would be able to harness the gifts and talents within a congregation to assist them to be more effective

in their witness. It might be true also that some congregations need to recapture the vision of evangelising those who do not know the glorious message of Christ's redeeming love and grace.

Looking at the life of the Church it is easy to become pessimistic at what is *not* being done to reach the lost, but the Committee is encouraged by the positive approach of certain congregations who have had the vision to step out of their comfort zone to engage with those outside the church. These include such things as: Coffee mornings, Lunch Clubs, Visitation, Charity Shops, Drop-in-Centres and the personal work of individual Christians.

*[\* Expositor's Bible]*

In the name of the Committee

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