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the AMAZING journey

Keep up to date with Peter, Joanne, Josie & Ruby Lawther, plus the work of The Amazing Journey

'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)



These are the great words from God that Jeremiah sent to the Jewish exiles living in Babylon. Thankfully our faith and trust is in a God who not only loves and cares for us, but shows his love and care through the plans he has for our lives.

The words of this verse have been very much on my mind recently as I have contemplated my own, personal 'amazing journey' as a follower of Jesus Christ. Over the past 18 months I have felt that God has changed 'the desires of my heart' away from an exclusive children's ministry towards a preaching ministry. After much prayer and discussion with Joanne and my church leadership, I informed Baptist Youth that I will be leaving 'The Amazing Journey' in the summer to undertake a year of Biblical training in preparation for

future ministry. After five and a half very enjoyable years with Baptist Youth this has been a major decision, but I have a real sense and peace that this is God's will for my life.

Joanne and I would **greatly value your prayers** for our future and I would also **ask you to pray** specifically for Baptist Youth as they endeavour to find a new person for September 2009 to continue 'The Amazing Journey' ministry.

Amazing Journey Diary Dates:

(TAJ = The Amazing Journey)

Jan. 13th: Windsor Baptist Church (TAJ)

Jan. 18th: Iron Hall Assembly (pm)

Jan. 19th–22nd: Tandragee Baptist Church (TAJ)

Jan. 24th: Seminars at Young Life Ireland W'end

Jan. 26th–30th: Churches Together (TAJ)

Feb 2nd, 3rd & 6th: Newry Baptist Church (TAJ)

Feb. 8th: Ballymena Baptist Church (am & pm)

Feb. 12th: Lurgan Baptist Church Missionary Conference (pm)

Feb. 19th–20th: Skegoneill CotN (TAJ)

Feb. 23rd–27th: Shankill Baptist Church (TAJ)

I still have a number of gaps in my diary for The Amazing Journey until June 2009.

If you would like to book the presentation or would like some more information, please contact me on:

028-9751-9891 or peterlawther@talktalk.net



The Amazing Journey

The Amazing Journey has recommenced after an enjoyable Christmas break. The past term has seen me working with local churches in 32 different schools with our selection of Bible presentations. I have been very aware of God's help in all of these schools and have been greatly encouraged by the listening of the pupils and the enthusiasm of the local churches to share God's Word. **Please pray** that many of these children would read the copies of the Scriptures they have received in their packs.

I was also conscious of God's protection after I had a bad car crash whilst driving home from a school in November. The car was 'written off', but thankfully I climbed out of it without a scrape, bump or ache. **Praise the Lord** for answered prayer and **thank you** to everybody who prays for my safety as I drive about the country. It was my first car accident, and hopefully my last!!

Family News

It was lovely to spend so much time with Joanne, Josie and Ruby over the Christmas break. Josie was full of excitement and was really enthusiastic about the Christmas story after taking part in her first Nativity play in school. Both girls loved their presents and our house is being filled up with more and more 'pink' items all the time! Ruby has been crawling for a few months now and is determined to master the art of standing and walking, although both parents are not sure if they are ready for this next, eventful stage!



Joanne will be returning to her teaching job in Belmont Infant School in the middle of February, where she teaches every Friday as part of a job-share. **Please pray** for her as she readjusts back to teaching after a years maternity leave and as she cares for Josie and Ruby on a daily basis.

Children's Ministry Training Course



Baptist Youth are excited to offer this 6 week evening class aimed at enthusing and equipping all involved in children's ministry.

Thursday Nights for 6 weeks
19th Feb—26th March (6.45pm—9.30pm)
Venue: The Baptist Centre, Moira Cost: £50

To book or for more details contact Irene at the youth office
E youth@thebaptistcentre T 00442892619267

Baptist Youth

I was given the month of November away from school's ministry to enable me to spend some time developing and planning a training course for volunteer children's workers.

This will start on Thursday 19th February for six weeks. If you are interested or you know somebody who would be, please contact the Baptist Youth Office to book a place.