



Update 4

July 2021

NINE WEEKS TO GO

Dear Friends,

- 1. Pinning down the details:** The time for this mission draws closer, and we are defining exactly which churches are involved. So far three teams have emerged: based at:
 - a. St. Paul's and Living Waters, Preston
 - b. St. Boniface and Paignton Parish church,
 - c. St. Matthias, TorquayWe are hoping for opportunities to visit amongst other venues, care homes and retired residential complexes.
- 2. Volunteers from outside:** One of the strengths of the Through Faith Missions system is getting experienced volunteers from churches in other places to come and help. We are asking Tim and Georgina to recruit about 30 to come and work with us in these teams. Please pray for this recruitment process that God will send us people with the right gifts and insights.
- 3. Our part:** It now lies with the churches here to work out how exactly to use them, where they will stay, who will feed them etc. Please pray that people will volunteer to offer bed and breakfast to a volunteer for a week, or an evening meal for two volunteers, or volunteer to bring in food to sit and eat with the team at lunchtime. This can provide great possibilities for getting to know the team, and perhaps getting enthused by what they are doing.
- 4. Prayer walking:** The next will be:
 - a. **Wednesday July 21st.** Paignton Parish church, Church Street, Paignton
 - b. **St. Boniface**, Foxhole on Saturdays 14th, 21st & 28th August at 5.30 followed by summer refreshments

5. Another chance to train for the mission:

Despite the constraints of partial lockdown, the training day at the beginning of May went well, and we were able to go out and practise for an hour the things we were discussing in our sessions. Of the 20 people interviewed that afternoon on the streets, only two said they believed Jesus was the Son of God!

There will be ANOTHER TRAINING DAY Saturday August 7th at Living Waters church, Preston, at 9am.

As before you can:

- a. **Book in in advance**, if you can, with Joanna our administrator at missiontorbay@outlook.com and include a contact telephone number. Cost £10 for new trainees, payable on the day.
- b. **Bring your own lunch**, hot drinks provided.
- c. **Bring a friend:** If you came last time, please pray about who you could invite. As a returnee, you get in free, so maybe you could pay for a friend.
- d. **Get your church excited:** Tim and Georgina, TFM leaders from Cambridge, will lead the day.
- e. **Posters about the training day** are available to put up in your church from missiontorbay@outlook.com

As part of that weekend, a **dinner for church leaders** is being organised on the evening of Friday 6th August. Please encourage the leader of your church to attend.

5. "Walk the way" It would also be good for those who have trained here to book a week on a mission elsewhere – a chance to gain further experience. A ten-week mission has just started walking across England and Wales along the Beata way, ministering in villages as we go. Find out more at the training day, or visit their site:

<https://www.throughfaithmissions.org/>

(For details of the Via Beata, with a map of this long-distance footpath go to: <https://www.viabeata.co.uk/>)

6. Finding out more:

- Visit our Mission Torbay Facebook page
- Email Joanna, our administrator, at missiontorbay@outlook.com
- Ask for someone from the steering group to come and do a short presentation at your church

7. Please pray for this mission.

Greetings from the whole Steering Group,

Stephen Yates (Chairman)

PS: If you would like to receive further updates about the mission, please email: missiontorbay@outlook.com