



Edenderry Ministries Limited, Reports 2020/21

It is always good to keep the aim of Edenderry Ministries before us, “transforming the local community and touching lives for Christ.” Who else but Jesus has the relevance and ability to change lives and whole societies. He can meet the deepest needs of men and women and His power is available with equal appeal to all people.

As we reflect on the past difficult period of time due to Covid, we are most grateful for the endeavors of the leaders and helpers of the various Ministries.

It has been very encouraging that Robert Dowey, as leader, and the volunteers at the Charity Shop have been able to reopen as regulations have permitted.

Other leaders and helpers of the various Ministries have willingly kept in contact, seeking to encourage those they would love to be meeting with on a regular basis. Still others would be willing to recommence the work when regulations, circumstances and volunteers permit.

We convey our grateful thanks to all who pray and support the work.

Please consider the invitations given in the reports to come and join us, as we seek to glorify our great Father God.

We pray as we move forward that we will have reason to celebrate the power of God at work in our midst.

George Russell
Secretary.

Night Light

Nightlight started in 2006 and has not been operating since March 2020.

Prior to this, Hazel Irwin and most of her team decided to leave.

This has left us with only two teams, approximately 12 members remaining.

As the Nightclubs have not opened yet after lockdown, the question is, when should we consider starting?

We need to have a meeting in the near future to consider the viability and process going forward.

Points to consider:

- Is it still possible to meet people and how many people are still out and about on the streets of Portadown?
- With an absence of over a year, how many members are still willing to go out on a Friday night? Some may still be isolating and some may not want to return and some may now be doing different things?
- If and when we go out, how many could we have on each team and how many teams?
- Is there a different way and time of witnessing on the streets of Portadown?
- How can we recruit more members?

There is still a great need in Portadown, with many having no time for God and unknowingly heading for a lost eternity.

Please pray for wisdom for the future and for how best we can serve God in Portadown

Brian Dawson.



Kids Club

Due to the Covid restrictions we have been unable to continue to meet with the children from the Garvaghy area. However, during this close down period, as a team we have visited the children and parents at their homes on two occasions. We wanted to maintain contact, bring love and encouragement and also had the joy of sharing gifts. We are very grateful to the small team for their love, commitment and faithfulness to this work.

We are praying that if regulations allow us, it may be possible to recommence in the Community Hall in September. Please do pray for this, God's work and the Leaders, Anna Acheson, Judith Buchannon, William Lamb and myself that we will have wisdom and God's strength. May God be glorified in many of these precious children finding Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and serving Him.

Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past period and if you feel you could help in the future please contact us or come down on a Friday evening; we would love to see you.

Hazel Irwin.

Edenderry Ministries Limited – Charity Shop Report for 2021

As all would be aware, 2020 was a very piecemeal trading year. The shop followed the same opening pattern as the retail sector, due to Covid 19.

Opening periods were: -

9 January 2020 to 20 March 2020

23 July 2020 to 26 November 2020

11 December 2020 to 19 December 2020

Despite the erratic opening and closing and the dangers of Covid 19 the staff have been supportive. Extra precautions were taken in the shop such as the erection of a screen at the trading counter, additional signage and the availability of sanitary items.

Deliveries and collections of items to and from homes ceased from the first break towards the end of March and throughout the remainder of 2020.

As would be expected the turnover for the year was substantially affected, although a commitment to pay £2,000 to Reach was paid over in December 2020.

Sadly, a long-term and faithful shop volunteer, Betty Allen, died during the year and sympathy is extended to her two sons and their families. Betty is now present with the Lord and her late husband.

Regrettably, 2021 continues with the erratic opening and closing patterns of 2020, but the shop volunteers faithfully carry on. Thank you to all those who volunteer their time.

Robert Dowey



ESOL Monday nights 7pm – 9pm

The English classes commenced again after the Christmas break, on 6th Jan 2020; our numbers from then until lockdown in March 2020 remained small (5 or 6 students). We normally had an average of 16 students between 3 classes.

The beginners' class quite often had no students, which was very unusual as this was normally the biggest class; it was very frustrating for the teacher coming prepared to teach the class.

Before lockdown we were considering how we could advertise to attract more students or whether this activity had run its course.

Please pray for wisdom as to how we would go about creating more interest or whether the need for these classes has come to an end. We would like to give this another chance before we would make a final decision.

June Dowey

Basketball

Sadly, due to Covid, we have been unable to meet to play basketball. Thomas the leader of the team appreciates and understands that it is not possible at present.

They express how they miss the fun and fellowship that we would enjoy each week. We take the opportunity each week to bring a biblical thought for the day – we call it “Take Five”. Often they express thanks for the short message and prayer.

Our management team, Cecil Hynes, Rea Finlay, Jim McCavery, Robert Dowey, George Russell and myself, are ready to return to duties when the regulations permit us to resume this outreach ministry to the foreign nationals.

Jesus calls us to demonstrate his love in action, in order that we may help to point them to Christ who can restore and change their lives.

If you feel that you would like to help on a Monday evening or come to play, you will be made most welcome to join us.

Robbie Chambers.