

# Foundation in Christ Ministries 2010 Annual Report



*“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”—1 Corinthians 3:11*

***“God ... will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.”—Hebrews 6:10 NIV***

It is a privilege to bring you this year's report of the many opportunities to share the Good News through Foundation in Christ Ministries, Ltd. Thank you for your continued prayerful support to this work.

## New Ministries

***“The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”***

—2 Peter 3:9 NKJV

As follow-on to last year's Creideamh 09, a citywide faith festival in Galway, we opened our doors to the community each Wednesday night to host the Alpha Course. Catholics and Protestants together explored the basics of the Christian faith. The course averaged twenty-five guests each week for ten weeks. The enthusiastic response inspired two follow-up studies:

- (1) Persons of all ages with a desire to know God better gathered weekly for seven weeks to hear the challenging teaching of “Life to the Full,” share in small groups, and grow in fellowship and discipleship.
- (2) Continued interest in the spring brought participants to another evening series to study Philippians. Many devoted time to daily Bible reading for the first time. Participants were encouraged in their Bible reading by the changes they saw in their lives.

## Existing Ministries

***“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.”***

—Romans 1:16 NKJV

Each day of our work week, Tuesday through Saturday, we are in active outreach and ministry, whether in the bookshop or café or in Bible classes, in city centre Shop Street or in the local schools.



## School Retreats

It's one of our great blessings to host School Passion Retreats at An Tobar Nua. Students from local high schools are welcomed to the café for a day of talks, discussions, presentations, and lunch. During school year 2009-2010, we held seventeen retreats with a total of 205 students in attendance; 96 of those students made public commitments to Christ.

## Evangelization and Prayer

Evangelization is the purpose for An Tobar Nua ministry. In whatever we do, we are committed to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. That takes many forms—building relationships, personal testimony, counseling, Bible study, and simply meeting and talking with people.

Every two weeks on Saturday, a group of trained volunteers share their faith with people on crowded city centre



“Shop Street” a few blocks from An Tobar Nua. People often ask for prayer. We are encouraged to see how God touches lives in these situations.

## Student Discussion Videos

Our staff and interns presented select video series in the classrooms. In twelve sessions of “Café Plugged In,” students were invited to explore faith and ask questions. We also presented 24 sessions of “The Quest,” and “Romance without Regret,” with a positive alternative to what students see and hear in the media regarding faith, love, sex, and romance. Students are challenged to think for themselves and question prevailing attitudes of moral relativism.



For ten consecutive Fridays we presented the Youth Alpha Course in a local secondary school for students to explore the relevancy of the Christian faith in a non-threatening environment. We also met weekly with a group of twelve teenage girls to watch "Romance without Regret" and "Pure Life" DVDs. Because of An Tobar Nua there is opportunity for them to hear a positive message that runs counter to our popular secular culture.



### Counseling and Prayer

Counselors with a Christian perspective are in short supply in the west of Ireland. Our professional Christian counselors bring effective ministry through prayer and godly wisdom to people struggling with addictions, loneliness, broken relationships, depression, and other life challenges. Clients who have received help often tell their healing experience to others, further spreading the witness of God's love.

### Bothar Emmaus Bookshop

Our bookshop continues to be a place of faithful ministry and source of solid Christian teaching and inspirational materials that encourage Christians of all traditions and provide help for those searching for faith.

While revenue is down as with other retailers, the bookshop continues its vital ministry of connecting people to resources, to discover their faith, grow in it, and share it.



### Emmaus Scripture School

"The Holy Spirit is using the Scripture School in powerful ways," says one ESS student who was one of two students to complete all the course requirements last year and receive a Certificate of Biblical Studies. Emmaus Scripture School began its fourth full year of in-depth Scripture study with students from a range of faith traditions and nationalities. At the close of the last term enrollment totalled fifteen students.



### Other Ministries

Throughout the year we offer various seminars and music nights open to the community as well as guest speakers at lunchtime for the students. Our staff is a valuable local resource and is frequently asked to provide talks, testimonies, and teaching for gatherings in the Galway area. Comments from our customers and guests are that they see An Tobar Nua as a significant and reliable presence in the Galway faith community. We are grateful to God for His faithfulness and to you for your support of the ministries God has called us to undertake for His Kingdom.



Whether through our café and bookshop or through donations, we trust God to provide all our needs. Our primary source of revenue, the café and bookshop, supply about 25% of our annual budget. Without the kind and ongoing support from others, we would not be able to continue this work in Galway that is bringing a positive influence to young people, hope to persons in hard circumstances, growth in God's Word to eager students, and God's power to change lives. It is our commitment to trust God in all our needs and to serve Him in fulfilling His call to ministry in Ireland.

Thank you so very much for your time and attention to the above.

With best wishes for God's blessing,

Rev. Kelly E. Curry  
Chairman and President

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