



Christmas Edition

Newsletter 2019



# Womens Conference

On Tuesday 15th October, after a leisurely drive to Torquay, Daniel addressed the Women's Conference of the United Reformed Church at Brunel Manor. The subject matter chosen this year for the conference was entitled "Faith in a Bag", and so Daniel was asked to talk about how he was called by God to deliver a ministry to children in 20 local primary schools telling them that God loves them all.

He began by giving his testimony, saying how he felt, after the birth of his first son, called to give up a very well paid and stressful job at Westlands, how he had the support of his wife and family, and how God led him and equipped him to carry out his current ministry. After his testimony Daniel talked about the potential for growth that Vine Youth Ministry has, to be in every primary school in Somerset and Dorset, some 400+ schools! Yes, we need more people to deliver God's message, yes we need your prayer and support and yes we need to plan our growth both in our financial and our organisational spheres. With God's help and guidance anything is possible.

For those of us involved with VYM from its inception it is a challenge to us not to be complacent with the place we have reached, but to listen to God's call to go forward, in faith, to whatever he has in mind for us. Can we do it – no, we will struggle! Can we do it with God's guidance – of course we can!

Alan Rounsfell



## About the newsletter

We are very conscious of the cost of printing & posting the newsletter and several of you have said that they would prefer to receive it electronically instead of in print. If you like me to email future editions to you instead of posting them then please drop me an email at [daniel@vym.org.uk](mailto:daniel@vym.org.uk) & I will then take you off the mailing list & add you to the digital list. Equally, if you need additional copies or sponsor forms then please let me know. We have now added a page to our website where you can download the newsletter & sponsor forms - [vym.org.uk](http://vym.org.uk)

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# A Message From Amanda

With VYM now in it's 10th year as a registered charity, it is a good time to reflect on how far we have come. As many of our supporters will know, VYM began through a vision that 'Sunday School' needed to be taken to young people, as so many churches struggled to attract families and particularly young people on a Sunday morning.

Daniel began taking assemblies into primary schools to enable young people to hear the Gospel message they were missing out on. Although we may never see the fruits of those seeds that have been planted over the last 10 years, we trust that God will tend those young seeds once they have been planted, and at some point in the future – The fruits of the Spirit will grow!

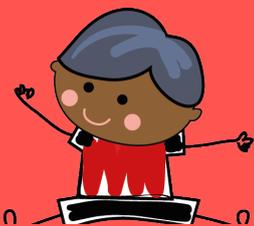
As Daniel's wife, I am occasionally blessed by seeing glimpses of the impact of VYM has by sharing the gospel message with so many young people across South Somerset and North Dorset. Often if we are out and about in the local area, I notice children whispering to their parents 'That's Mr England', of course, most parents don't have the pleasure of experiencing Daniel's assemblies first hand, so the young people often then burst into song, or start quoting 'Lettuce Pray' and the details of how to make a 'Prayer Sandwich' in order to explain! It is wonderful that so many young people are keen to share what they have learned in Daniel's assemblies with the rest of the family, and a real blessing to know that the message is so well received. If the impact of VYM stopped at this point, it is still an extremely valuable resource and a wonderful way to share the gospel message. However, we are incredibly blessed that it goes much deeper than this, and this is where God steps in, by nurturing the seeds that Daniel plants.

Having visited schools in the local area for over 10 years, some of the young people Daniel first visited are now adults, and occasionally we are greeted by these grown adults in the street who reminisce by singing a line of 'Great Big God' or re-telling a favourite version of a bible story. This is even more heart-warming than being greeted by an enthusiastic primary school pupil, as it reminds us that our work is valued and treasured by many for years after their last encounter with a 'Mini Mix assembly.' It also reinforces that God continues to work in the lives of these young people, even when we don't always have the privilege of seeing the fruits of our labour.

This reminds me of the saying 'From tiny acorns. Mighty oaks grow', and we must remember that by planting these seeds, we give every young person we speak to the opportunity of opening their heart to the gospel message at some point in their future.

As we approach advent, Daniel will once again be involved in various Christmas festivities in the schools and sharing the Christmas message with the young people, but how wonderful that these young people now have the opportunity to know Jesus the man, as well as Jesus the baby, and to learn about how much he longs to know each one of them.

We continue to value your prayers for all the young people that Daniel visits. We pray that the message he plants in their hearts will continue to be nurtured and cultivated by God, for them to call on when the time is right.



Amanda England



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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020

7AM TO 7PM AT ST MARK'S

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