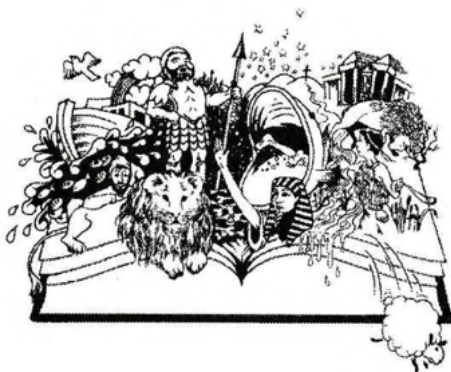


A Letter from the Bible Encounter Trust

The past year has been as difficult for Julie and Mark presenting the Bible message in schools as it has been for all of us. However by God's grace the work has continued, albeit on a reduced scale due to the limitations of the Covid pandemic.



Some presentations have been held on school fields, some to a screen being broadcast into children's own homes, others to reduced numbers. All in all only 16 of the 42 visits originally booked came to fruition, but praise God that the work continues.

It must have been a difficult time for Julie, returning to the work without Peter, but we thank God for the support Mark Tomlinson has given by working alongside her.

Stef Dnistrianskyj is joining the team as a presenter, working mostly in schools in the north Manchester area which are normally beyond the reach of Julie and Mark. Stef is a long standing friend of Peter's, he is vicar of St James the Great Church, Wrightington and worked with Peter for many years at the Bluecoat School in Oldham.

The Trust has also appointed three new trustees – one of whom many of us know – Kathryn Burrows has joined as a trustee along with Robert and Sally Webster. Please give thanks for the faithful work of Peter Dooley who, after many years, as retired as a trustee and pray also that all the trustees will be given wisdom and guidance as they move into new (and sometimes uncharted) territory.

In order to produce the new video "The Big Catch" Julie transformed her house into the dimly lit parlour of a 1st Century Israel fisherman's cottage, with stone walls, nets draped around and the whole set taking up the full 360 degrees of the room!! Let's pray that the video will be well received and that through it many children will come to know love and salvation through Jesus.

And finally...

Lots of help is needed in constructing the Christmas Story Trail at Hazel Grove Baptist Church. If you would be prepared to volunteer please contact Robert Webster on 07772862624

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