"Take Heed" Ministries

December 2019

Dear praying friends and supporters of 'Take Heed',

My ministry update letter issued back in May made specific reference to the then upcoming **'Former Catholics for Christ'** conference held in Springfield, IL. **THANK YOU** for your prayers – everything went very well as regards travel and the various speaking engagements, including the conference. Here is a photo of my conference colleagues and I with Gary Gilley, pastor of the host church, and then some words of encouragement received afterwards.



L-R Rob Zins, Gary Gilley (Pastor of Southern View Chapel), Mike Gendron, yours truly and Tim Kauffman. J... and I attended the opening session this evening, and were greatly edified by Cecil Andrews, our dear brother in the Lord who came in from Ireland.

So blessed at the conference and so blessed to have met you my FB friend and brother in the Lord ... Grace and truth came forth in your "talks" in a beautiful winsome way. JC

D... and I were blessed beyond measure at being present for this conference. It was a joy to see you again Cecil! FM

Hello Cecil! S & I enjoyed the conference so very much!! We are so pleased to know you & hopeyou are doing well & rested up after your travels!S & L

It was a powerful presentation! So delightful to hear your testimony Brother Cecil! You helped us and equipped us in this great spiritual war we are engaged in! MB

Following the posting of videos of the conference talks I also received this encouragement

Cecil, thank you for the Conference videos in your YouTube channel. I will tell you this when a person is truly saved, they can never return to the Roman church. Once again, thank you and God bless. JJ

Back in my May ministry update letter I also wrote, '**From 23rd July until 7th August** I shall once more be covering the preaching duties in **Grace Baptist Church** in Peel (Isle of Man) – 4 Sunday sermons plus 2 midweek talks'. This was a really blessed time that we both enjoyed immensely (Margaret joined me for the second week of my time there) and thankfully our travels to and from the Island by sea ferry were calm and smooth.

At the midweek meetings I spoke on SOLA SCRIPTURA (this was the subject I had addressed at the conference in Illinois in May). At the first midweek I spoke of 'The positive effects of accepting Sola Scriptura' and at the second midweek I spoke of 'The negative defects of abandoning Sola Scriptura'. On the two Sunday mornings I preached on 'That was the week that was' (those of a more mature age may recall this was a TV programme in the 1960's that reviewed events of the preceding week) and I looked at the events of the week covered by John 1:19 - John 2:11. On the first Sunday evening I preached on the "perfect peace" of Isaiah 26:1-3 and on the second Sunday evening I preached on Colossians 1:1-20 under the headings of 'Greetings' 'Gratitude' and 'Greatness'.

The feedback from the folks in the church (including visitors at most meetings) was marked by genuine appreciation and was a source of great encouragement. Already I have received an invitation to once more return next year (DV) to preach whilst the pastor and family will be on holiday (dates of course still to be finalised). This friendship built up over the years is something that Margaret and I are truly grateful to the Lord for.

Whilst there this year we were blessed with lovely weather and the photo to the left below is of Margaret and me visiting 'The Sound', right at the south of the Island, and in the background can be seen part of 'The Calf of Man', a small island close by, used only for animals to graze on. It's a lovely location and seals can usually be seen either basking or bathing.

The photo to the right below is of church secretary, Ray Richardson and his wife Sue (photo taken in Douglas) who have become really dear friends over the years (we have on occasions stayed in their home) and whilst we were there this year we helped them celebrate (very quietly) their Golden Wedding anniversary – a great landmark for a truly lovely Christian couple.



Then, again in my May ministry update letter, I wrote, 'For all of November, Margaret and I shall be travelling/visiting and, along the way, ministering in **Singapore, Australia, New Zealand** and possibly **Hong Kong**'. This is a report of how that wonderful trip went.

SINGAPORE

We arrived safely but tired on Saturday 2nd November after a 1-hour flight from Belfast to Heathrow followed by a 13-hour flight on to Singapore. **Rev Paul Ferguson** of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church met us upon arrival and drove us to our accommodation for that night. Next day, Sunday 3rd November, I preached at 3 services - 8.00 am, 10.00am and 3.00pm. At the noon Bible-class, Margaret shared her testimony and then I did likewise and I also spoke of the varied nature of the ministry at '**Take Heed'**. This is a vibrant witness for the Lord, – a few weeks after we left 6 young men were 'ordained' as deacons. Those who attended the meetings (many were young women from the Philippines) received the Word with gladness and enthusiasm. Please pray for **Paul** and his elder, **Boaz Boon**, who head-up this vital work.

SYDNEY

On Tuesday 5th November we flew from Singapore to Sydney, arriving just before 7.00 am next day and were met by **Pastor Todd Stanton of** St John's Park Baptist Church who drove us to his home where we received gracious hospitality from him and his wife Bronwyn (& 5 children) until Saturday morning, 9th November. That evening I spoke to a joint meeting of both St John's and Smithfield Baptist Churches. Again, it was a combination of my testimony and details of the work at '**Take Heed'** followed by a Q & A. Over refreshments that followed I also 'fielded' a goodly number of questions and, as in Singapore, many asked for web-site details. On Friday 8th I then spoke to a meeting in St John's on the subject of '**ABORTION**' as sadly NSW, like us here in Northern Ireland, has just seen the liberalisation of their laws on this 'murderous' issue. The meeting was naturally subdued, but many expressions of appreciation were received. Please pray for **Todd** and also **Chris Athavle** of the Smithfield Baptist Church.

TASMANIA

On Wednesday morning, 13th November we were met by **Rev Ralph Hall** of Kingston Free Presbyterian Church – I had previously met Ralph some years earlier when he was the minister of a church in Belfast. After showing us much of the lovely local scenery I then spoke that evening at the midweek meeting and I once more shared testimony and details of the work at **'Take Heed'**. Margaret and I both felt quite 'at home' as a goodly number of the congregation hailed from our part of the world. Again, web site details were asked for by many. Once more, do please pray for **Ralph** as he faithfully serves the Lord here week by week.

AUCKLAND

On Sunday morning, 24th November, we were collected and driven to **Shore Baptist Church** where **Pastor André Bay** warmly welcomed us. The large room in the Christian school where they meet to worship was well-filled and during the service, I was able to share a brief word of testimony before then preaching on **Psalm 93** (a Psalm of **'Omnipotent Sovereignty'** – with due acknowledgement for this title to C H Spurgeon). Refreshments followed and, once more, many meaningful conversations were had, expressions of appreciation were received and cards, giving ministry web-site details, were handed over. **André** and his wife **Masha** (and their 3 children) then welcomed us to their home for lunch (along with **Clive and Angie**, an 'unsaved' English couple we had become friends with over the previous 2 weeks as we travelled around New Zealand by ship) and we enjoyed a hearty meal and rich fellowship before being driven back into Auckland by **André**. Again, please pray for **André**, his elders and also **Clive & Angie**.

We are SO grateful to the Lord for all His goodness and mercy that truly and richly followed us all the days of this combined ministry and vacation trip – wonderful memories of people & places

Since May, the following articles were also written and posted to the ministry website.

'FORMER CATHOLICS FOR CHRIST' Conference in Springfield, Illinois: 17th–19th May 2019: This article gave links to VIDEOS of all the talks given.

'MARY'S DOWRY': Rome restates claim to ENGLAND This article affirmed that Rome intends in May 2020 to claim that England has been returned to them as 'Mary's Dowry' in fulfilment of 11th and 14th century 'myths'.

CREFLO DOLLAR:

Facebook post of 25th June 2019 This article alerted people to an upcoming conference (advertised on Premier Radio) that Mr Dollar and 'Apostle' Bank Akinmola would be speaking at. Very apt names for 'peddlers' of the so-called 'Prosperity Gospel'

Is the Mormon star KOLOB a location for "Thou Fount of Every Blessing?" This article warned of how a much-loved hymn was 'hijacked' by Mormon girl singers by the inclusion of mention of 'KOLOB' – a star where Mormon gods supposedly live.

Ecumenical YOUTH Organisations: 'Youth for Christ' and 'Youth with a Mission' This article detailed open ecumenism at the Irish HQ of YFC and also concerns about YWAM.

BENNY HINN – 'REPENTANCE'? Facebook posts September 2019 This article exposed the sham of Mr Hinn's supposed renouncement of the 'Prosperity Gospel'. He was simply airing concerns about the 'marketing' but not the 'message'

'CROWN JESUS MINISTRIES': OPENLY PROMOTING ROMAN CATHOLICISM. This article warned of this local ministry's hosting of a speaker (Ron Huntley) from 'DIVINE RENOVATION' – a through and through Roman Catholic ministry from Canada. They were also hosting DAVID LEGGE who has been openly ecumenical in recent years.

Encouraging feedback:

Greetings in Jesus Name Dear Bro. Cecil. Thank you for your article re Benny Hinn. I totally agree with you and I thank you for posting this. The Lord bless you and Margaret. JJ I appreciate this Cecil. Info on this ministry (Crown Jesus Ministries) is important and helpful especially as they are now targeting the South (of Ireland). KM

In conclusion, I would ask you to please continue to pray for the Lord's work here at **'Take Heed'** and, once again, if you would like to continue to support **'Take Heed'** practically, then please make use of the yellow **'support letter'** - **see page 5**. **ONLINE DONATIONS** in support of **'Take Heed'** can also be made by going to this link –

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With continuing gratitude and all good wishes in Christ for 2020

Cecil Andrews

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