



COACHING
FOR CHRIST

**Lives and communities
transformed by Christ
through sport**

Isaiah 60 v 22

The smallest family will become a thousand people, and the tiniest group will become a mighty nation. At the right time, I, the LORD, will make it happen."



Ministry Update

In May the team were invited to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate CFC being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (2020) and also our Founder Stephen Crawford being awarded the B.E.M. - what a privilege and blessing for Christian work to be recognised and what a lovely day we had!

On return we were straight into our summer season with summer camps in churches throughout N Ireland, a number of which were first time camps and with return visits in the diary for 2023. The in late August we travelled further afield to Cordoba, Spain – a very welcomed and worthwhile trip since our time there in 2019. We ran 4 camps daily for a period of 1 week with a team of 12 coaches and helpers and had opportunities to meet the local officials of each town who are delighted with the work of CFC in Spain – so much so we have been asked to travel next year again for 2 weeks. Our partners in Cordoba are Francis and Nathalie Arjona. Francis has been the Spanish field national Director of ECM Spain for 22 years, he is the pastor of the Church in Pozoblanco. Pray for Francis and Nathalie - their church is one of the very few evangelical churches in an area of 100,000 people. They do incredible outreach and are seeing many accept Jesus as their Saviour.

New Full-time coaches and intern - Our full time team has two new coaches - Kyle Crawford, full-time coach (more from Kyle on the second page), Louis who was our intern last year. In September 2022, Niall joined our a team an an intern. Niall has been an under 18 player for CFC and so has a great heart for the work and we are delighted to have him on board.

Full time team - We very much value our Monday morning's - a time to spend as a full time team in prayer, Bible study and planning. These are rich times, something that we have always done since the Ministry began 18 years ago. The first half of 2022 we studied leadership and in Sept we began our study on Vision.

Monday's help equip for the week ahead for the daily work in schools and Youth Academy - short reports follow.

Schools

Our schools ministry started back in September and already we are:-

- Reaching approx. 1,600 kids and staff weekly
- Having opportunities to share at Scripture Unions

• Refereeing in Schools Ballymena District competitions

Opportunities to pray and supply Bibles

Pray for our schools work

- we have many other schools inviting us in but we need further schools coaches and helpers
- for opportunities with both young people and school staff

Youth Academy

We have had a brilliant start to the season with our pre-season in August. We had the privilege of taking 80 young people on tour to Newcastle United, which proved to be a real success. We had training, matches and team times which will be memories for a lifetime. Our team times were very powerful with many conversations and prayer happening afterwards.

Please pray for the members of the U19s squad who have all moved onto university and jobs now. We had some incredible experiences with this group and even now have Niall in as one of our interns.

The league season has got off to a flying start with 6 teams in the SBYL this year all competing well in their divisions. Our minis programme has commenced with 80 kids coming from U5-U8s.

Our social and development programmes are also back with a massive increase in demand. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we look forward to the next year and the future as to how we continue to grow the Youth Academy.

**SAME PASSION
RENEWED VISION**

New Full-time coach



We are delighted to welcome Kyle on board as a new full time coach. This is his experience so far:-

This past 9 months in ministry have been fantastic! I was finding my feet for the first 6 months which allowed me to have an insight into how each area of the ministry worked and operated. The past 3/4 months have seen me move into the Youth Academy to help Rodney develop this area and help improve the coaches, players and overall structure.

This year I am in Dunclug College with Rodney where we have the opportunity to take a GCSE module based on Coaching and Leadership with pupils in year 11 and in Cullybackey College with year 10 boys PE along with the after schools football. At the primary end I am coaching with our new intern Niall Pogue in Buick Primary and Ballykeel Primary!

A lot of great work going on and I'm loving it.

Volunteering Opportunities

Interested in volunteering with us or know of anyone who is?
Contact us by email - admin@coachingforchrist.org.uk



The CFC
family is
growing



We are celebrating the arrival of two babies

Zach Thompson

born to Erin and Mark
and

Ellie-Jo Colvin

born to Ali and Jo Colvin
Unite Gym Managers

Prayer Warriors

Would you be interested in joining our prayer warrior team?
Contact Allison by email on admin@coachingforchrist.org.uk

For prayer

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- Salvation within the Youth Academy and Schools.
- The sale of the building.
- For land for our new facility
- Pray for wisdom as we move forward.
- Coaches to volunteer in our Youth Academy and helpers and coaches in schools.

We are so thankful for you, your support, your encouragement and your prayers, may you be blessed abundantly.

Thank you!!!

NLT Matthew 25 v 40

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’”

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