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LIVESTOCK MARKETS AND FARMERS

Praise God for His blessing upon our recent two-week event, “Mission: Farm Strong”, visiting 6 livestock marts, one in each county of NI, and 9 Primary Schools (of different backgrounds), alongside some 8 farm support organisations, government agencies and charities.

Livestock Marts

- Praise God for a warm welcome. May conversations, and gospel literature taken, bear salvation fruit, and farm safety messages do good.
- Please pray that the numerous health checks, across 6 marts, by Farm Families Health Checks, bring health benefits.



Driving to Mission: Farm Strong



Primary Schools

We have greatly enjoyed visiting 9 Primary Schools. The New Holland Tractor, kindly loaned by Burke’s of Cornascriebe, to drive between the marts and schools, has been an excellent “visual aid”, helping us bring key farm safety messages, and explain the most important message of all - how Jesus keeps His followers safe forever. Please pray for real farm safety benefits and for lives to be changed forever.

Message at the Mart - our new, monthly initiative in partnership with Markethill Mart, for young people aged 17+. Our second night, in February, was centred upon Bible teaching – this will be the core of our times together. We

were delighted that 40+ young people came along and engaged so well with the teaching and discussion, with many staying to chat afterwards - which is an encouraging sign. **We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month - next night will be Friday 13th March, with Pastor Stephenson as speaker.**

Speaking opportunities (including Local Churches) - Tuesday 3rd March – Kilkeel High School Breakfast (see below); **Sunday 8th March** – Raffrey Presbyterian (family service); Tuesday 10th March – Newcastle PW; **Sunday 15th March** – Farmers’ Service, Clough Presbyterian (Co Antrim). David Brown, past President of the Ulster Farmers’ Union, will also be giving his testimony; **Monday 16th March** – Kilkeel Presbyterian GB, highlighting farm safety and explaining how Jesus keeps His followers safe forever; Friday 20th March – Health and Wellbeing Evening, Magherally Presbyterian. Alongside GPs, a nurse and a mental health care professional, I am speaking about how Jesus brings us spiritual wellbeing; **Sunday 22nd March** – Sandys Street, Newry; **Tuesday 24th March** – Seniors group, Kilhorne Parish Church, Annalong; **Tuesday 24th March** – Derrycrew Faith Mission – sharing about Rural Chaplaincy and preaching; **Sunday 29th March** – Council for Mission in Ireland evening, Tyrone Presbytery – alongside Rev Nigel Craig (University Chaplain)

Other Opportunities and Needs - Tuesday 3rd March - speaking at Kilkeel High School 6th Form breakfast, as part of the Scripture Union’s outreach. This annual event is usually attended by almost all Lower and Upper Sixth, as well as some staff, making it an amazing gospel opportunity. Please pray for the unction of God’s Spirit as I prepare and speak. May God change lives forever through this week of outreach and encourage Christian pupils and staff; **Thursday evening 5th March** – Hilltown Hotel Bible Study. Please pray for God to speak, through His Word, the Bible, in an almighty way.

