

UK Summer Camp 2016

MON 25 JUL to MON 01 AUG

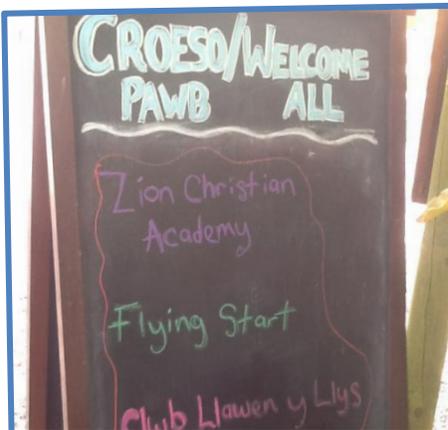
This year's summer camp of Zion Christian Academy C.i.C took place in Towyn, Abergele, North Wales area . A total of 19 children between the ages of 3 to 14, accompanied by 9 adults took part in this year's group holiday tour that was situated along the sea coast bordering Wales in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland and Ireland. Lyons Winkups Holiday Park provided an ideal venue for residential activities due to excellent self catering accommodation including an on-site secure play area and swimming facilities; with convenient stores and supermarkets readily available nearby.

Bro.Burt Asbill and 4 Parent drivers facilitated the process of movement, i.e. from our various homes to the camp site. Travel by all persons who planned to attend was hitch free, with no adverse call for relief due to breakdown or otherwise.

AM TUE 26 JUL [Day 1]

We started our Tuesday with a time for some 'Zion songs' and prayer. A brief discuss was given by Sis Bola Aganna, of what to expect and look forward to and who to contact if in need for help and support. The morning continued with a short exhortation form Bro. Burt, titled, '*Being a Responsible Child*'. Prayers were made and the session closed for lunch.

PM
After lunch, activities centered around supervised play and recreation; these were limited to the camp site. A light evening session of worship was conducted afterwards and some insight was provided on what should be envisaged for the next day, with a plan for an early start.



AM WED 27 JUL [Day 2]

Prayer and briefing time on Wednesday morning provided a means to recap on the inspiration that came from Bro. Burt yesterday. Bro. Kayode Aganna, coordinated that quiz, he said, he was particularly delighted and surprised at the high level of retention that was exercised by 5 to 6 children who were in attendance. After our time of praying together that morning, we made our way to the Greenwood Forest Park in YFelinheli which was about 42 minutes drive from the holiday park, where we had been expected as 'Zion Christian Academy'. The writings 'Zion Christian Academy' was seen on the board for some extra recreational activities that was scheduled for the day.

PM
The best part of the afternoon was spent at Greenwood Forest park with opportunity to participate in a number of family oriented activities like the 'Solar Splash' and the 'Jungle Boats'. Considerable amount of time was spent at the 'Craft & Art' area as some of our children seized the moment to do some engraving and painting of their own. By 17:00 hrs, it was time to head back to the Holiday Camp.

AM

THUR 28 JUL

[Day 3]

The prayer and briefing session started off with an impression from Bro. Burt to ask if any child had a question. A puzzling thought in Ecclesiastes 3:3a about, 'A time to kill'. With a question, 'Why is there a time to kill?'. Bro Burt was able to expound on the idea with reference to Revelation 6:9. After a detailed discuss that lasted for almost an hour, two children wanted to know, how to get born again and what it meant. Further details and explanations were provided on the topic and an altar call was made, to which 6 children became 'born-again' by acknowledging their sins to God and asking for forgiveness and by expressing faith in the blood of Jesus. These souls where led to Christ and prayed over.

PM

We envisaged that it will be best to go to bed early as the next day's activity to the Great Orme Railway was timed for 12:20.



AM

FRI 29 JUL

[Day 4]

Friday started off with a brief session of singing and praying and an opportunity to listen to what the Lord had in mind for us that morning. Bro. Burt was inspired to talk about the significance of numbers in Scriptures with particular emphasis on the spiritual meaning of numbers from one to ten. Most of the kids enjoyed the discuss and took notes while they were listening.. Afterwards, we made our way to Llandudno, which was about 34 minutes drive from the camp. Tickets were collected, the tram was boarded and we took the journey up to the 'The Summit Complex' and back down to the 'Mines' with a guided tour of prehistoric records dating back to 4000 yrs. The journey back down provided that rare opportunity to take some pictures of the Orme & Llandudno Bay and Pier.



AM**SAT 30 JUL****[Day 5]**

The prayer and briefing time started much earlier; i.e. about 10:30 hrs with some time spent listening to an exposition of the meaning of '5' in scriptures. Bro. Burt hinted that that number stands for 'Redemption' & 'Grace' and he gave some detailed examples through the scriptures and a story of being a life guard and what happens when one is stuck in 'quick sand' and that the world at large is quick sand and that God is extending His redemptive hand to whosoever will reach out to receive salvation and redemption.

**AM****SUN 31 JUL****[Day 6]**

Prayer and briefing time provided an impetus for Bro. Burt to expound on the three natures and compartments that constitute; man as they relate to the tabernacle, that Moses was instructed to build by God. This discuss provided a time for sober reflection as we were all reminded that 'Salvation' represented by the Brazen Altar is just a starting process in our walk with God and an activity; mainly centered around the outer court. Hence, the requirement of God does exist for us to make advances through the door into the 'Holy Place'. We were also informed that once we go through the gate we are making a covenant with God, which means that we envisage to go all the way with Him i.e. God, through the door into the 'Holy Place', passing the veil into the the 'Holy of Holies'. These ideas provided much though for future contemplation.

PM

The Barbecue event kicked off with a planned convoy to the shops & supermarkets to purchase some essentials, by 17:00 hrs the fire was lit near 'The Beaches Hotel' Prestatyn. The weather, however, was not ideal as it was windy and cold with a covering cast and some light showers, but with a lot to eat and so much open space to run and play around in, it turned out to be a good time with smiles on our faces.

AM**MON 01 AUG****[Day 7]**

Our aim before 09:30 hrs; was to ensure that all housekeeping activities were completed, luggage was out of our cabins and that all keys were handed over to the receptionist at the office. Suffice to say, by 10:30 we succeeded in completing this process. Having done this, the journey back to our various onward destinations commenced. Some families went to a nearby town called, Rhyl for some more fun and excitement at the 'Sea aquarium'. By the evening, after a number of individualised detours, most of those who attended this year's week long holiday camp were reported to have reached a milestone toward completing the remaining weeks of their long vacation. The 2016 holiday was a blessed venture in many respects as a number of Children made a new & fresh commitment to God through our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is now left to us and our parent partners to ensure that this work of grace waxes stronger and stronger in their hearts with each passing day. We trust; that the grace of God is sufficient for the challenges and decisions that lie ahead - *working out one's own salvation with fear and trembling. Philippians 2:12b (Emphasis mine)*