

I had the privilege of being born into and brought up in a Christian home. Both my parents were Christians and from a very early age I was taken along to church in the morning, Sunday school in the afternoon and then church again in the evening. I could have told you the message of salvation inside out. I had it all in my head, but not in my heart and life. I knew I was a sinner but never had taken any step of faith to have my own sins forgiven. In May 1987, during a mission, I saw two of my brothers and my sister come to put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This really spoke to me about getting saved, but a voice inside kept saying you are still young, you have plenty of time. A few years later my other brother got saved, and again this really spoke to me, as now my whole family were saved and on their way to heaven except me. Time slipped by and week after week I heard the gospel. Then one Sunday night in October 1993, I attended our church service as usual. The speaker was our own pastor. The Lord spoke clearly to me and I knew I needed to be saved that night. Although I was never really a bad person, I still knew that I needed to be saved. So that night I spoke to Pastor Ward and he led me to the Lord after church.

I wouldn't say life has been easy since I became a Christian. There are times when things have been difficult and hard, but God has always shown me that He will never leave me or forsake me. After finishing school, I attended university where God showed me time and time again that He was in control of my life. At times I wondered why things were happening, but God always showed me that His way was the best way, if I had patience to wait on Him. During university I had the joy of seeing one of my house mates come and put her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. She remains one of my best friends today and I thank God for her.

After finishing university, Stephen and I were married on 21st July 2001 and moved to live in Coleraine. God has really been with us both over our time together. He has blessed us with the gift of Joel (30/4/03), and God willing another baby in December 2004.

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