



Beautiful Feet?

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Do you like mystery stories? I do. Among my favorite are those by Dorothy Sayers and Agatha Christie. When I read them I get caught up in the story, the characters, and solving the mystery. Unlike being a detective in real life, I can just sit, read, and solve the mystery (actually, I rarely figure out who it was before the end.)

I mention mystery stories because in books, movies, and television series we are spared the details of the “pounding the pavement” that solving the crime takes; we usually just get the highlights and don’t see the reality of all the dead ends. This afternoon as I walked the Scientific Campus area for 3 hours putting up posters, I reflected upon how ministry can be like that, too. When I think of the verse in Romans 10:15 “And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How **beautiful** are the **feet** of those who bring good news!’” I rarely think of the “pounding the pavement” those feet do in the process of bringing the good news.

You see for a few weeks I have wanted to get an English Club underway. I think this would be a great way to meet and serve students – help them practice their English conversational skills. From there I hope to help them hear more about Jesus and what He has done for them.

Getting this English Club started has involved many steps: finding out what has been done in the past by some of the Americans serving here with Campus Crusade for Christ, seeing if there are resources already put together, talking to people about when would be a good time, looking for potential locations in the Scientific Campus area, asking a café owner if we can meet there, designing a poster, making copies, and putting those posters up around the campuses.

The process also involved taking steps down roads that seemed promising at first but turned out to be dead ends. For example, at church I met a student who goes to the Scientific Campus, speaks English, and knows the Lord. “Perfect!” I thought, “She will be able to help me and invite students to come.” But it eventually became apparent that she was not in a place to help.

With all that preparation work behind me, I am excited that the first English Club is Monday, November 12th. Please pray God will use this opportunity to bring me in contact with students with whom I can talk with further about Jesus. Thank you for you “sending” me to bring the good news!

Because God is merciful,