Posting from Mark Smith; Sunday 25 November 2012

Hi Guys - I was out doing Saplings today so missed what sounds like a great morning. I wanted to share with you all a dream that I had during the week which was vivid and I believe was from God.

The church was out for a walk - a ramble if you like - and mostly we all walked on the high ground and things were straight forward and happy. Then I (and many others) found ourselves on lower ground, out of touch with the rest of the group. The way soon became difficult and hard going...there was a stream, that became a river, then a torrent...the ground became sparse...stepping stones that became further apart and I think represented hard times that some go through. We were jumping with ever increasing effort to get to safety. Just as things seemed so very hard that going on was hopeless we looked up - to the higher ground - and saw that the other members of our party were there - safe. Then was the time that hands reached down - church family reaching out to help lift those that were lower back up to join the group and reach safety. The feeling of gratitude and relief at that moment was so very powerful that I remember it strongly now, days later. There was no judgement and no hesitation...we were Rescued and Restored....It was just what God wanted and we needed. I think we all can feel that we are alone, or that our lot in life is unfair or harder than others. At that point of alone-ness we can feel judged, or resentful, or any number of other emotions. But what we need is that hand....and that is all that God wants for us too...

Really hope that this blesses you all as much as it has blessed me.