

At time of writing, having just completed our second annual report, I look forward to another busy year with ever increasing opportunities.

The highlight of last term was undoubtedly the Christian Focus Week during which a band from Soul Survivor, Watford joined us. 'Samson' (James, Hayley, John, Paul and wee Bethan) began the week by leading the praise



at Worship on the Pavement. We were pleased to welcome a group from Portree as well as many regulars from

Lochcarron, Kyleakin and Kyle, amongst others.

The worship we experienced together helped us as the team to really set the tone for the week and the

afternoon was a very uplifting time. During the week the band led the performance

lessons for music students of all ages, as well as Enhancement lessons for S4 and 5 students. Meanwhile,

Dave and Colin Carmichael (from SU Scotland) took the S1 and S2 RE classes. The classes were interactive and appreciated by both staff and pupils. As many are aware, the lead singer of Samson was

sick and not able to be with us on Tuesday which could have caused major problems. However, much prayer from

all over the UK carried us through a very educationally useful and enjoyable day arranging our own versions of Amazing Grace. Many thanks to Heather and Eleanor in music for their flexibility under pressure!

Samson led the school assembly for S1 to 3 and then a tremendous time with six of our feeder primary schools.

With over a hundred people in the school hall, the band led an extended Christian observance assembly. They also played two informal sets in the school reccie at lunchtime, and gave a lively

performance at the school disco on Thursday night. The week concluded on Saturday evening with an event in Kyle Village Hall which attracted about forty school age people along with a good number of adults including four staff members from school. The band led the evening and we explained about God's love for everyone through the parable of the Lost Son. As a first major event within the life of the schools for COOL, the week was a solid step for the future, largely thanks to the professionalism and sensitivity of the members of Samson, coupled with excellent music which was well received by pupils. A fuller report is available on the website.

Primary assemblies continued and are steadily increasing and I was delighted to be asked to join the school boards of both Kyle and Glenelg primaries. I was also pleased to be involved with the Christmas services for Auchtertyre, Kyleakin and, with Rev. Roddie Rankin, Plockton High School.

During November, myself and Colin Carmichael organised another weekend to Alltnacriche. Although we took a

smaller group of eighteen, all had a good time and together we looked at four chapters of Daniel.

I have continued to lead a Bible study in Glenelg where we have

just completed a series looking at God, Jesus, Man, Grace and Faith. As well as being greatly appreciated by those attending, it has also been good for me to meet for study with friends my own age.

Having had input into Lochcarron's GYM club for P6 to S2s, we are also about to start a monthly study for older teens with the Church of Scotland.

The year concluded with the annual SU Staff Conference and an invitation to speak at the Kyle Girls Brigade carol service.

Ruth continues her teacher training and this year starts a month long placement in Broadford Primary School. Our house build continues to stall due to unusual conditions of sale for the plot of land, and we continue to pray that this will sort itself out very soon.

The Annual Report is available from the secretary or as a PDF file on the website.



...News in Brief...

Two youth leaders were led to assurance of their faith in Christ during a recent Bible Study led by Dave.

In December, Dave accepted invitations from Glenelg Primary and Kyle Primary to become a co-opted member of the boards.

Lochduich Primary School has recently invited Dave to take monthly assemblies, beginning in January. Dave is now on the regular assembly rota for Sleat, Broadford, Kyleakin, Auchtertyre, Lochduich and Glenelg Primaries, as well as Plockton High and occasional visits to 3 other primaries.

2004 sees the restart of the Kyle Focus Group, as well as an experimental group for older teens in Lochcarron. Bible studies in Glenelg are set to continue on a regular basis.

Copies of this and past newsletters may be found on the web site, along with updated prayer requests from time to time. For on going prayer, Dave's diary is updated monthly and provided as a downloadable PDF wall chart.



Prayer Requests

Please give thanks for:

- the members of Samson and the success of the week
- the faith of the youth leaders in Dave's Bible study
- COOL's place in the community and the representation on the school boards
- new and developing opportunities in the schools churches
- deepening relationships, helped by weekends away

Please pray for:

- those involved with fund raising for COOL and for increasing local support
- the objectives for the new year (outlined in the annual report)
- opportunities to speak about the gospel with young people
- young people in youth groups would gel together and take ownership of the groups
- that the legal discussions concerning Dave and Ruth's house plot would conclude quickly and satisfactorily

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