

...from the chairman...

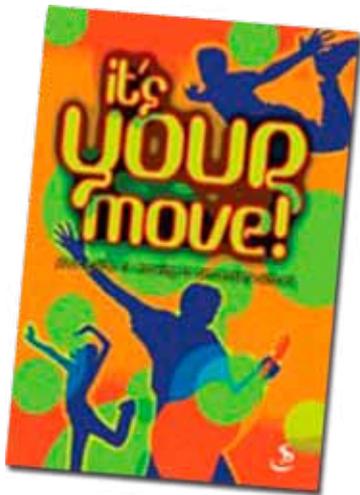
As I write (which seems to have become an annual event for me to do each May) I am aware how quickly time has passed, and that Dave has now been with us for two and a half years. When COOL was set up the initial contract was for four years and now we are well into the second half of that period. Assuming that I write again in May 2005, we will then be very much seeking God's will for what happens after the first four year period.

Once again I would wish to express my great thankfulness to God for all that He has done through another year and since the start of COOL. I am so grateful that He has prompted, by the Holy Spirit, so many in and without the area to support COOL in prayer and provision, without which the work could not continue. The Committee is encouraged by the on going financial support of individuals and charitable trusts. The input from charitable trusts is now coming to an end and COOL will become more dependent on regular gifts from individuals, which will need to double in order to meet our on going costs in the longer term. We would especially welcome your prayers in this area of the work.

The local schools in the area have continued to give Dave a welcome and we are grateful for the opportunities they allow Dave to have. Assemblies led by Dave and his teaching in RE lessons are now regular events and the young people certainly appreciate his input. Without the support of Head Teachers and their staff this would not be possible. Dave has also been able to organise other events at the High School,

introducing a Christian Band which was well received, as well as an Ethics Day for S6 students, among other events. Other school based events continue to flourish as Dave builds up relationships with the young people.

Activities outside the schools also continue, including weekends away, regular worship events particularly orientated



...from the treasurer...

This last month we have received the final payment from Lloyds TSB and we give thanks to God for this provision. Our regular local giving remains steady but we ask for your prayers that more in our community would feel a burden to support the work of COOL.

We also thank the local churches for their financial and prayer support and above all thank God for His provision for the work.

towards young people, and participation in holiday clubs in the summer. We continue to be thankful for the large number of adults who work alongside Dave in all sorts of ways to make these events happen which, without their commitment and support simply would not be able to happen.

We also continue to be grateful for the support of Scripture Union, to whom we are associated, and for the input of their regional area worker, Colin Carmichael.

Towards the end of May a planning meeting is scheduled to discuss events for the coming academic year and we would welcome your prayers that we may correctly discern God's leading. Please also continue to pray for Dave in all his preparation for the many different ways that he serves the young people of the area, that he may be inspired in the way he presents the wonderful gospel that God has given us to proclaim.

We are so grateful to God in sending Dave, Ruth and Joshua into this area and trust that through their work, as well as seed being sown, an eternal harvest will be reaped among the young people of the area.

Concluding as I started on a personal note, I would wish to thank Dave for his untiring work in the area and the support that he receives from Ruth. I would also like to once again thank all of those who have enabled the work to continue as you have prayed and provided for the work and trust that we will not become weary in supporting the work that God is doing in this part of His world. Every blessing.

...news in brief...

Alltnacriche 2004 was a great success; perhaps the best weekend we've run to date. As well as good responses to both the social and spiritual program, youth leaders were also encouraged in their ongoing work.

Glenelg youth group raised over £800 for World Vision on a 24 hr. famine, supported by COOL.

WOTP continues to run twice-termly, always with deep and profound responses from those attending, including some seeking for a real relationship with Christ.

Relational youthwork is a long process, but very rewarding to be involved in. Just recently over a coffee, a teenager asked Dave how to read the Bible.

This term we look forward to distributing *It's Your Move!* to the P7s and plan for three holiday clubs over the summer in Kyle, Glenelg and Lochcarron.



Glenelg youth after their 24hr famine for World Vision in March

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:

- those volunteers throughout the district working with our young people
- God's financial provision and leading in the work
- continuing and new opportunities in our schools
- the success and encouragement of our weekend away in March
- the response of some young people to God

Please pray for:

- regular support from more individuals in the communities
- God's direction for the next academic year starting in August
- inspiration in preparation and planning for Dave
- P7s (new S1s) who have a church connection will wish to retain and develop it
- young people who are seriously searching and asking questions

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