

At the start of this new session I am conscious that we are about to begin the final 12 months of the initial contract between myself and COOL. This a significant time as I reassess what I've done and hopefully plan in such a way as to allow the work to continue for a further period. The committee are busy 'profile raising' with a view to securing funds for a second contract, whilst the summer has given me much inspiration for how this year should proceed. ☞

...from the youthworker...

Since our last newsletter I have personally visited all of the new S1 intake for Plockton High, as well as some going to Portree. We were pleased to extend our area to cover Elgol Primary as one of the girls opted to attend Plockton High.

The summer was jam packed as I led clubs in Kyle, Glenelg and Lochcarron. We used the SU material, Xpedition Force, in all three venues and I wrote a teenage program, Xalt, based on the same Bible teaching: from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday. In summary:

- over three weeks, 180 youth contacted.
- first SU club in Lochalsh led by Dave.
- team-led devotions and new teenage program in Glenelg.
- excellent response to Xalt in Lochcarron: group request regular Bible discussion.



The school break finished with a week at Soul Survivor in Somerset with Sandy Deans and three others from the south of Scotland. Over ten thousand young people attended and gave me the opportunity to see what other parts of the UK were doing in Christian youth work. Soul Survivor has a major influence on current youth work and it was great to listen to the latest ideas and be inspired.

So to the new year. At WOTP last Sunday (12th) I outlined my hopes for the coming year to the teenagers and prayer supporters. I believe it's time to step up what we are doing in COOL. Friday nights at Dave & Ruth's have restarted as a weekly Bible meeting for anyone of high school age. The hope is to feed into WOTP from what we discover together. We may travel to 'X-Stream' in Inverness on occasions. I am planning a work party weekend to a Christian centre so that, in the context of the Bible teaching, we

will also do, for example, some cleaning or painting. As a result of our work in Lochcarron over the summer, we are actively supporting a new Free Church youth group and continue to seek to encourage all those who came along.



New for this session is "a year for year", an initiative seeing every S1 student prayed for on consecutive days throughout the year.

All these plans I have shared with local young people and leaders and have received very positive responses.

We look forward again to our S6 Conference on October 1st led by the CST, tackling 'decisions and influences.'

Finally, another major event on the horizon is a trip to Peru with The Amazon Ferry Trust in January 2005. Plockton High has approved me setting up an overseas project for S6 students, possibly in 2006 and I travel



out to see the work first hand and how we can link up. I now begin raising £1000 towards costs. (Any help would be most welcome, as this is personal fund raising and will not be taken from COOL funds.)



www.amazonferry.com
www.soulsurvivor.com

...news in brief...

This year, every S1 at PHS is being prayed for throughout the year with our new initiative, "a year for a year."

Dave flies to Peru on January 18th to begin establishing an overseas project with **The Amazon Ferry Trust**.

Friday nights at Dave & Ruth's now meets weekly for high school pupils to discuss and learn together.

Lochcarron Free Church has started a **new fortnightly youth group** following our work at the holiday club.

Date for your diaries: next annual celebration for COOL on **Friday 4th February 2005**. Venue and times tbc.

...from the committee...

COOL is passionate about sharing Jesus with children and young people. To support this ministry we are holding a series of prayer meetings around the area towards the end of the year. Please make every effort to attend your nearest event as we pray for the needs of children and young people and the work of COOL. In partnership with this we will be distributing a questionnaire to gather your ideas for COOL and how best it can represent the needs of your area. Please look out for this and we thank you in advance for your valuable responses.



You can generate funds for COOL by doing your online shopping at UshopUgive. By doing so, on average COOL will receive a 2% donation of your total spend and this doesn't cost you a penny. It's quick, it's free and with your help it will generate significant funds for COOL. You are shopping anyway, so when 'Ushop' ensure 'Ugive' to COOL.

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:

- over 60 children and 30 helpers at the Lochalsh Holiday Club
- the new steps taken in the Glenelg and Kintail Club, with new teenage contacts
- the great response to the Lochcarron Xalt and Xpedition Force, despite numerous hitches
- inspiration and guidance given over the summer months (see last newsletter!)
- a very positive start to the session in all aspects of the schools' work

Please pray for:

- discipleship of teens through new groups and initiatives
- an increasing engagement with the Christian discussions at Dave's Club
- a new, full-time RE teacher at Plockton High
- those heading off to university or work this month
- regular support from more individuals in the communities to continue the work

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