

Happy New Year!

Another year brings with it exciting developments alongside many things to give thanks for during the last term.

As I prepare to head off to Peru to see the work of the 'Amazon Hope' and SU Peru, we also start to plan for the numerous summer events and initiatives, together with our now routine work in 12 schools and their communities.



### ...from the youthworker...

The main feature of the first half of last term was the annual S6 ethics and belief day, organised by the Christian Support Team. This year we looked at the theme of personal philosophies: how we arrive at what we believe and whether it makes sense. The response from the students was very positive both during the discussions of the day and in their evaluation forms. More significantly, some good relationships have been formed with this year's S6 which we have not had in the past. We are conscious that the majority of these young people will leave the area for work or university come the summer. To maximise our work this year we wish to give Daily Youth Bibles to every S6 leaver, just as we give books to P7s, which will cost about £9 each. If you would like to help us achieve this goal you could sponsor a student £1 a month throughout the school year. Please do contact us if you could help.



We have provided three High School assemblies this term including Remembrance Day and Christmas, with Rev John Murdo MacDonald. I also supported the Gideon's assembly with Alastair Fraser from the Free Church providing New Testaments for S1s.

With the Christmas season just passed, it was good to be able to visit all of our primary schools save Plockton. This was in addition to the usual assemblies in Glenelg and some RE work in Sleat. It was especially good to work with the children in Sleat to run their own assembly.



During the October break, myself and Colin MacDonald walked the Great Glen to raise money for Peru. Thanks to support from many of you and a baking sale organised by Jill Clayton, we have raised in excess of £2000.

Youth groups in Lochcarron, Glenelg and

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Kyleakin have continued and Ruth and myself have agreed to help in Kyleakin once a month. COOL ran a weekend work party to the Crusader centre,



Combruith, in Comrie in early December. Just 12 of us attended but it was a very successful weekend exploring worship and community through cooking, Bible study, praise, art, video work and maintenance for Crusaders. The video depicting Psalms 8 and 19 were used the following week in our Christmas WOTP.

I have led some family services in Strath and Sleat including Harvest Thanksgiving in Broadford. We were pleased for Rev. John Urquhart to dedicate Joshua in September for which our families were able to attend.

Two area prayer meetings for Lochalsh and South Skye have been held in Plockton and Kyleakin. Both were really encouraging events, praying for our young people, which we hope to repeat in Glenelg and Lochcarron before Easter.



To conclude we would like to thank you for your support through another year of COOL's work for the gospel. We would love to see as many as are able in Auchtertyre Primary School on February 4th at 7.30pm for our third annual celebration. Updates on the work will be given from local people and I will be bringing a report from my visit to Peru. My diary is as ever available online which this month includes an itinerary for Peru. *Dave.*

### ...news in brief...

Dave flies to Lima on 18th January to see the work of the Amazon Hope.

The Badenoch Centre, Kingcraig, will be used for our weekend away on 4th March.

This year we hope to be able to give Daily Youth Bibles to S6 leavers.

Dave & Ruth have finally purchased a plot of land near Achmore and hope to build early this year.

COOL are part way through holding four area prayer for young people meetings; Glenelg and Lochcarron to come.

Planning meetings for summer holiday clubs throughout the district will happen before Easter.

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:

- a new, full-time RE teacher at Plockton High (see September's newsletter)
- a warmly received S6 day amongst the students
- encouraging prayer meetings in Lochalsh and Skye
- open doors in all our local schools for gospel input
- funding to allow the Peru visit to go ahead

Please pray for:

- increasing support and awareness of the work of COOL
- money to be able to support new initiatives as well as the ongoing work
- S6 pupils as they make decisions regarding the future
- Increased discipleship through events such as Friday Nights @ Dave & Ruth's
- an unhindered and quick house build for Dave & Ruth

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