

As we speed to the completion of four years of employing a youthworker, we have reflected on our working practice and spent a long time planning and praying over the future.

The latest hot news is that we have secured funding to continue the project and have offered Dave a new, permanent contract, which he has accepted and will continue from November.



...from the chairman...

Another year has passed since I wrote anything for the COOL newsletter.

My first task is to express thanks to everybody who has made COOL happen over the last three and a half years. Firstly, I would express my great gratitude to God for all that He has enabled to happen over that period of time. Unless 'He builds the house, we labour in vain'. It is He who has guided us by his Holy Spirit, and provided for us through the prompting of His people, near and far, in prayer and financial provision. Then I would want to thank Dave for his untiring work and Ruth for all her support for him, as all Christian work has its times of frustration, as well as joy! I would wish to thank the Management Committee for their faithful participation in committee meetings, some of which are quite prolonged, demanding perseverance and attention span. Whilst reluctant to mention people specifically, in that all make a great contribution, I would especially like to thank Jill, our secretary, for all her hard work, Alison Beaton, our treasurer, for all the work which she fits in to her busy schedule, and Colin Carmichael from SU for all his journeys over from Inverness to support Dave and the Committee. We continue to be very grateful to the heads and teachers of the local schools in allowing Dave access to their schools. Last, but by no means least, a big 'THANK YOU' to all of you who are reading this, who have faithfully responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to support the work in prayer, financial and other provision.

Dave's present contract expires in November so the Trustees, Management Committee and, of course, Dave, have to make decisions about the future of the work. We are unanimous in believing that the work should continue for a further period and it has been agreed to continue Dave's contract which he is willing to accept. Naturally, any contract is offered in faith that God's people will continue to pray and provide for the work. Local financial provision has continued to increase over the past year from individuals and an increasing number of the congregations in the area. We have also been awarded a grant by the Church of Scotland Parish Development Fund for three years for which we are thankful. (Many thanks to Jill for completing

an extremely arduous application procedure!) A further application has been made to the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland for funding and we would ask you to pray for a successful outcome for this application. The provision of a house for Dave has also been a big answer to prayer and this is nearing completion. We would wish to thank Chris Macrae for the continuing use of the house in Kyle during this long period of waiting. During the year the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland recommended and funded an Organisational Review for COOL. We are acting on the recommendations, as time permits, so that COOL is run efficiently and to ensure accountability to our supporters. Dave continues to build relationships with young people throughout the area and is a very helpful link as young people transfer from their primary schools to the High School. We have recently seen the distribution of 'youth orientated' editions of the Bible to many of the school leavers from the High School and trust that the Holy Spirit will use these Scriptures to enrich their lives. An additional holiday Bible club was introduced in the past year and other holiday clubs extended in various ways. We hope that the Peru project, in which Dave has initiated involvement, will stimulate the young people of the area to the needs of a very needy world and above all, in a very small way, help the young people in Peru. At the six monthly planning meetings, as well as reviewing what has been achieved, we continue to seek God's way forward for His direction in the work to be undertaken.

I would conclude with two portions of Scripture written by Paul (both taken from the NIV):

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up.' (Galatians 6 v 9)

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever, Amen.' (Ephesians 3 v 20 & 21).

Malcolm Gardiner
Chairman, COOL

...news in brief...

Amazon Hope II arrives in Kyle for 24 hours on 19th September.

Half the S6 turned up to meet with Dave before the exams and really appreciated their new Bibles with contact details of the four chaplains.

Following the great success of the area prayer meetings, three more are being run this term in Kyle, Lochcarron and Kyleakin.

June 4th: the four district holiday club teams meet for a joint training day in Lochcarron.

Dave & Ruth hope to have possession of their new house by the time you read this!

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 opportunity to distribute Bibles to S6 leavers
- a conclusion to Dave and Ruth's housing arrangements
- encouraging responses from amongst the S6 pupils, showing interest in the gospel
- the massive opportunities in all our schools to provide Christian education
- increased local funding and the grant from the Parish Development Fund

Please pray for:

- the use of the S6 Bibles by the Holy Spirit
- the four Holiday Clubs happening in July and August for children and teens
- wisdom to identify the opportunities that God wants us to devote our time to
- new S1s as they visit the High School at the end of May and move up in August
- seven pupils from Applecross and others from the district attending SU holidays in the summer, and some who went at Easter

Treasurer: Mrs. Alison Beaton.
Ashcroft, Erbusaig, Kyle, Ross-shire. IV40 8BB

Secretary: Mrs. Jill Clayton.
Windy Ridge, Balmacara, Kyle, Ross-shire. IV40 8DH

Chairman: Mr. Malcolm Gardiner.
Headcorn, Erbusaig, Kyle, Ross-shire. IV40 8BB

Youth & Schools Worker: Mr. Dave Mockett.
Taigh Allt an Dòchais, Braeintra, Stromeferry. IV53 8UP
Tel: 0774 3556709 E-mail: Dave@coolsu.fsnet.co.uk