

 PRAYER

give thanks for...

- successful summer activities
- Church unity in our youth work
- Our close relationship with local schools
- fresh ideas
- God's continued provision

pray for...

- the release of gifts amongst young Christians
- new funding partners for our mission field
- the Check it Out week
- wisdom over program planning
- the touch of the Spirit

 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (PROPOSED)

- 1-5 Oct S5 & 6 trip to Rome
- 28 Oct S6 Annual Big Questions conference
- 15-19 Nov Viz-a-Viz Check it Out week in PHS
- 30-2 Dec SU Scotland Staff Conference

OCTOBER 2010

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 COOL

Firstly, I found the time after the summer to refresh the COOL web site, from where all relevant documents can be accessed. For regular users, you'll have noticed the demise of Dave's Diary. However, this has now been replaced with a blog. Whilst updates won't be every day, we hope it will give you a picture of the daily life of COOL. As we now set out on our tenth year of ministry together in the Highlands, grant funding gets ever more difficult to access and income now falls below expenditure by about £8000 per year. Whilst we are so grateful for the small group of regular givers, and those who support us in many other ways, such as volunteering, one-off gifts, and easyfundraising.org.uk, more needs to be done. If you know of churches or individuals from across the UK, who have a love for the Highlands and are excited about what God is doing here, then we'd love to hear from you!

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As we come to the end of a busy summer with diverse opportunities, we begin to plan new strategies for the work in our Highlands communities.

SEPTEMBER 2010



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

'WORKING TOGETHER'

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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The summer work party to Peru was perhaps one of the best I've been on. The whole team was a little smaller than previously,

which allowed the team to bond more closely, even though our contingent was the largest I had taken. We were based mainly in the jungle at SU's Kimo site which is perhaps my favourite site, and the work itself was more rewarding due to what we were able to complete in the time. Perhaps the only real disappointment for some was that there were no boys living there as yet, but we can be assured that our and your contributions will allow boys to move in more quickly. A fuller report will soon be available on our web site or can be requested from Moira Lane, our correspondence secretary.



IMAGINE

A few days after returning from Peru, our family took six young people from the Strathcarron area across to Imagine for a week of camping and learning together. The young peoples' conference gave us another opportunity to experience lively worship, some excellent Bible teaching from Andy Hickford and seminars revitalising our youths' faith. Significantly, each night after the teaching, prayer ministry was received



by and from our young people to encourage them in their Christian life back at school.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Back from Imagine and straight into the Strath & Lochlash holiday club, our first joint event club between two neighbouring parishes. I had written material on the gospel of Luke, using a Dr. Who theme, and we had a great time throughout the week, seeing around 50 kids each morning. Glenelg and Kintail had helped write and used the material in July and I had been able to attend the final night sleep over with their teenagers.

As the Skye based club was only mornings, it also gave me the opportunity to get across to Lochcarron on a couple of afternoons to take part in their teen program. Overall, around 170



primary age kids came to clubs this summer, with around 60 high school young people in afternoon programs, which we give thanks to God for.

CHURCHES

Since returning to school in mid August, we have already had two joint events for our youth program. The first was a day of Bible teaching with Rev. Dominic Smart of Aberdeen, in Lochcarron Church of Scotland. About 15 young people and 10 youth leaders met to worship, listen to Dominic, eat and pray together. It was a great day to 'be' church together as we thought about the Mission of God. Secondly, following a similar format, a dozen youth leaders met in September to think about our vision for discipling young people in the year ahead. Malcolm Gardiner brought the Bible teaching from 1 Corinthians and after lunch we spent some time assessing our current situation and hearing each other's desire for future ministry. The unity expressed together, both in our fellowship and through different parishes having exactly the same thoughts, was a real blessing, and we would like to encourage even closer link up in the year ahead. Specifically, a smaller group will meet to pray about the possibility of an area wide, all-age event where Christians can be encouraged to discover and develop their gifts.

'CHECK IT OUT'

The big event in school this term is the Viz-a-Viz week during November. We are already meeting with school staff to plan an exciting



timetable for music, PSE and RME and funds are beginning to come in.