

give thanks for...

- God's Spirit at work
- the ministry of Viz a Viz
- New opportunities for the gospel
- youths praying for their friends
- a busy and productive year

pray for...

- those seeking the truth of Jesus
- Christian young people sharing their faith
- continued good relationships with staff
- our Alltnacriche weekend
- our financial troubles

 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (PROPOSED)

- 5-7 January SU Bible Teaching
- 29 January Apologetics Day, Kyleakin
- 4 February COOL Annual Celebration
- 25 - 27 March Alltnacriche weekend
- 7 April PHS Easter Service
- 27 April S6 Bible Distribution

JANUARY 2011

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A critical financial situation faces COOL, and if substantial additional income cannot be found in the immediate future, COOL will no longer be able to offer Dave full time employment after the coming summer. As the trust is now well established, previous funders expect us to be able to raise the financial support we need locally, if local people recognise the work as worth while. The trustees are therefore appealing for 75 people to commit to start giving an average of £10 per month (or increase their current giving by this amount). Such commitments are needed by the end of February this year. Please contact our treasurer or chairman if you can help.

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At the start of the new year we remain thankful for all that has gone before, but look with some uncertainty at the way ahead.



JANUARY 2011

THANK YOU!

2010: AN EXCITING YEAR

FINANCIAL SHORTFALLS



As we enter 2011, COOL will have been registered as a charitable trust for ten years in March, and have had the privilege of Dave working for the Trust for just over nine years. Dave continues to be a respected and well known face in all of the schools, and involved in many of the church youth groups, and I thank him for his continuing hard work, and the support that his wife Ruth gives him.

As chairman, I wish once again to express my thanks to everybody who makes the work of COOL possible. As always the focus of all our thanks goes to God who has given us a mission to continue to fulfil, in making the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ known to all in our communities.

My gratitude goes to all those who pray for the work of COOL, and provide financially, as well as the many head teachers, and other staff in

the schools who allow Dave access and make him so welcome. I am also thankful for all the work that the members of the Management Committee do to enable the smooth running of the trust, the support of the trustees, and for the ongoing support from our Scripture Union Scotland regional worker, Colin Carmichael.

Full reports of the work that COOL has been doing over the past year through Dave, can be found in our Annual Report, which should be published in February 2011. If you would like a copy of this report, please contact me, or alternatively it will be able to be read on the COOL web site.

May I encourage you to continue to pray for COOL, and especially Dave, as well as the many other volunteers who work among our young people.

Every blessing to you all in 2011.
Malcolm Gardiner

“I enjoyed [the S6 conference] as I had the time to remind myself about the things that are truly important.”

“I have become more knowledgeable and confident with being a Christian since I’ve started going to your little gatherings.”

“Dave is amazingly encouraging and supportive and that is a prayer well answered by God.”

“It’s made the world of difference, Dave is a great help. We’re really privileged in Plockton to have this opportunity.”

“There’s been three, four, five of my friends that have started coming to 60 Second Club and Dave’s Club... They can quote scriptures at me... They’ve got a knowledge of God... they go to church, it’s fantastic.”

This time last year there was a sense of anticipation for God was going to do in 2010. Although we were unable to continue the SU Primary work in Sleat due to lack of volunteers, it was exciting in many ways. New friendships were built, most notably amongst older High School pupils, and our long anticipated week with Check It Out caused lots of interest amongst many pupils and some are continuing to meet to ask questions. It was a year with lots of travelling, including to family visit to Canada, taking young people to Rome and to Peru.

Our aims last year included a greater emphasis on discipling. The Check It Out week allowed us to spend a lot of time with individuals and groups praying for friends and learning about sharing our faith. This is bearing fruit and the atmosphere amongst our teenagers towards Christian things is really positive.

The end of the year was severely disrupted as schools were closed due to bad weather, however we made the most of the time available in beginning our discussion group and the chaplaincy bringing the reflections to the High School Christmas service.

The year has begun with my now regular teaching slot of the Bible story for SU Scotland, outwith COOL time and this week I provide the photography for the schools socials, postponed from December.

Reports on Peru have been posted on the revamped web site and I also started a blog to keep people informed as to what we’re involved in from week to week.