

give thanks for...

- good responses to the gifted Bibles
- a great weekend at Alltnacriche
- provision of funds for Peru
- responses to the gospel
- all our volunteers

pray for...

- those sitting exams
- the team travelling to Peru
- Holiday Club preparation
- God to give us vision for His plans
- the new S1 students

 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (PROPOSED)

- 8 - 9 May SU Staff days, Larbert
- 14 - 18 May Work experience student
- 28 - 31 May Parish Prayer for Youth meetings
- 16 June Highland Harmony Singers
- 24 June Churches Joint Communion
- 2 - 6 July Skye & Lochalsh Holiday Club
- 4 - 23 July Peru work party
- 9 - 13 July Glenelg & Kintail Holiday Club
- 6 - 10 August Lochcarron Holiday Club

MAY 2012

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Although only one school leaver is joining this year's Peru trip, we are pleased that two of our keen fundraisers over the years are able to come, as well as the mother of a former school leaver who herself was unable to join us. All money has now been raised and we're looking forward to flying out on July 4th.

As well as the Peru trip, I have been encouraged to take a Sabbatical break this year so am planning to spend some time seeing the work of Martins Memorial church in Stornoway. This means that I will not be available for any summer holiday clubs, although I am busy with the teaching and resource preparation, as all the parishes are using the same material this year. However, after ten years I am hoping that it will be a valuable time to reassess what we're doing and seek vision for the future.

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Ten years of COOL under our belts, but we have no plans to relax. Daily life goes on and perhaps now is the time we need to be more aware of the needs around us.



MAY 2012

- ALLTNACRICHE 2012
- WORK EXPERIENCE
- FUTURE PLANS

ALLTNACRICHE

The highlight the spring term was the annual Alltnacriche weekend. This year's group was quite a young group and it was good to see a number of P7s from the youth groups join us.



The weather was excellent which certainly helped the enjoyment of the weekend, which included Laser Strike, ropes course, wide games and quiz based treasure hunt. Having experimented with seminars for the teaching last year, we decided to repeat the format on Saturday, giving each person the opportunity to choose two seminars to attend, whilst on Sunday we invited Pete Gilbert of DNA to come and speak. Although it was an early Sunday service as Pete had to be back at his own church immediately following, his message was inspired and around ten young people responded during the closing prayer desiring to discover more of following Jesus, some for the first time and some on their ongoing journey of faith.

LOHCARRON

The road between Achmore and Lochcarron was closed between Christmas and Easter and we really felt this in our work. It proved difficult

to organise any joint events out of school and Friday Nights @ Dave & Ruth's really suffered. Those from my side of the road closure had a much smaller group, which sometimes made meeting impractical, whilst those in Lochcarron had very little interaction with COOL all term.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

We were extremely grateful to local councillor Audrey Sinclair and Highland Council who arranged for Calum McKenzie of Plockton to provide a ferry service on the evening of our Tenth Annual Celebration, allowing a minibus of people from across the loch to attend. Andy Bathgate of SU Scotland preached and I was very grateful and touched for the show of appreciation from COOL's supporters for the generous gifts given to my family and I.



SCHOOLS



In March I had the opportunity to support a Christian Focus Week in Duns with a partner Trust, BCYT. It

was an exciting week, very similar to Plockton, and especially encouraging to work with Sarah Strang as she ministers with Viz-a-Viz this year. Locally we have continued to provide assemblies in the majority of our primaries as well as

an Easter service for the High School. Eight young people performed a sketch for the Easter reflection which seems to be well received. The summer term began with the annual School Leavers' assembly, advertising the Peru work party for 2014, and giving Bibles to the S6 leavers. Although not all were present, a number have since asked me subsequently if I had any Bibles left, and we have given out around 35 this year. As I write we approach the end of the S4 work experience week in Plockton High. It has been good to have Peter MacDonald of Glenelg join me for the week. We've managed to complete five P7 visits to give out It's Your Move books and pray for the Primary leavers, take four assemblies and do some filming for COOL. Peter writes:

“For work experience me and Dave went to the primary schools doing primary 7 visits. We did some assemblies and assembly writing. We have also done some filming for people who want to know about COOL. And on Friday I will be doing the talk for an assembly.”



He successfully delivered the talk for Broadford primary assembly this morning!