

 PRAYER

give thanks for...

- Sarah's appointment
- safe and significant travels in Peru
- The commitment of those on the Trust
- good relationships with our local schools
- seeing God at work over the summer

pray for...

- Sarah's work with COOL
- those starting new University terms
- our strategy day
- friends around the world
- Good conversations with this year's S6

 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (PROPOSED)

3 Sep	An Evening with Billy Clark
7 Sep	Back to School with God, Dornie
18 Sep	Vine Trust meal with Princess Anne
29 Sep	Scottish Opera (Peru fundraiser)
2 Oct	S6 Big Questions day
26 Oct	Gideons Bibles for S1
3 Nov	COOL Strategy Day
19-22 Nov	Prayer for Youth meetings
4 - 6 Dec	SU Scotland Staff Conference
20 Dec	Plockton High Christmas service

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Friday Nights @ Dave & Ruth's has reconvened, ably supported by Sarah, and I am now preparing the material for this year's S6 Big Questions day at the beginning of October.

 COOL

Over the summer we welcomed Fiona MacDonald on to the management committee. Fiona lives in Ratagan, has three school-age sons and attends Grace Community Church in Kyle.

In November the Trust, young people and local youth volunteers will be taking a day away Saturday in Inverness to consider our strategy of youth work and seek God's vision for the work. As well as welcoming some external speakers, it will be a time to consider what COOL offers our local communities and how best to fulfil our aims.



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At the start of our new session, it is really exciting to be welcoming a new sessional worker to the team. As a former student of Plockton High School she has grown up with COOL, and is already having a significant input into the work...



SECOND WORKER FOR COOL

SUMMER UPDATE

WORK IN SCHOOLS

WELCOME TO SARAH

The big news for COOL this term is that we are now employing a second worker. Sarah from Lochcarron, who is a former pupil of Plockton High School, will be working alongside me for eight hours a week until Christmas.

Sarah writes: "I am delighted to be joining the work of COOL with Dave during the Autumn term. I have worked in a band with Viz-a-Viz ministries for the last year, touring the UK and abroad working in high schools alongside local churches, and I hope to use some of the skills I learnt over the year in this short (but God-willing purposeful) term with COOL.

I will join Dave in his work one day a week, working in the High school and primary schools. I can only join in what God is doing, and my prayer for the term is that God will use this time to benefit the on-going work of COOL in the area."



SUMMER

It was good at the end of the last academic term to visit all of my primaries and meet with the P7 school leavers. These visits allow me to talk about moving to high school, give out the It's Your Move books which many of you have given money for, and pray for each P7 by name. In the High School it was my year to bring the closing benediction to the End of Session Ceremony and was pleased for those in Dave's Club to help write it.

Although much of June was spent preparing video and materials for this year's holiday clubs for four parishes, I had little involvement in the running of the clubs. I did manage to get along to some of the youth activities in Kyleakin and Lochcarron, but the clubs ran very



successfully, reaching over 200 children and young people.

I left with the Peru work party in early July with the Vine Trust. This year's local team became very close and were very enthusiastic for the work amongst the boys and continued support of COOL's involvement in the coming years. We already have some fund raisers arranged this month for a potential visit in

2014! A full report is available on our website or by request.

This was my first summer attending a wedding of a former young person of COOL, as John Strang (Sarah's brother) married Heather in Erskine. Ruth and I will also be attending the wedding of Sandy Deans in October. We're all getting older!

SABBATICAL

Following ten years of service for COOL, I was offered a Sabbatical period. At the end of the summer I took two weeks to do some more reading, and attend the communion weekend at Martin's Memorial Church in Stornoway, the fastest growing church in Scotland. Ruth has cousins in the church so I had a very enjoyable time staying with them. The church welcomed fifteen new members over the weekend and I was privileged to speak briefly to the young people one evening.



SCHOOLS

Although, following my Sabbatical time, I have only been back in schools for a couple of weeks, I certainly hit the ground running. We were privileged during the first week of September to receive a visit from Billy Clark, the International Relations Director of SU Peru. I have worked with Billy on numerous occasions in Peru, and he was in Scotland as a speaker for a Vine Trust schools conference in Edinburgh.

On the Monday evening this year's work party team gave a report in Kyleakin Village Hall and Billy then spoke about the work with the boys, and spoke of how valuable visiting teams are to the work. He and Ruth Shillaker then spoke in an assembly at the High School on Tuesday morning. This was nothing short of a ground breaking assembly, warmly received by staff and students alike some suggesting it was the best assembly they had ever been to in Plockton. After a visit to Kyleakin Primary school, who are in the process of forging links with the SU funded school in Kusi, Peru, and a discussion with higher RME students, we then took Billy down to Edinburgh with ten of our students for the conference on Wednesday.

The Global Citizenship Forum looking at issues of world hunger was a thought provoking and inspiring day for over 300 senior pupils from across Scottish schools. As well as Billy, there were speakers from Scottish Institutions and also SU's work in Tanzania. The ten from Plockton will be expected to give a report to the school and organise an event to raise awareness of the issues discussed. Tomorrow evening (18th September) Duncan Ferguson and myself will be attending a dinner in Inverness, with special guest speaker The Princess Royal, who is patron of the Vine Trust.

Last week saw another visit to Edinburgh following SU staff days in Lendrick Muir, to see Ruth Shillaker who has just started at Queen Margaret's University.