

**give thanks for...**

- The Gospel!
- Colin's first year as chairman
- COOL committee & volunteers
- Partnership with SU Scotland
- The love and support of our communities

**pray for...**

- The Peru team funding and preparation
- The Friday Night group of young people
- Guidance for the year ahead
- Sandy Deans at the COOL celebration
- Financial support

 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (PROPOSED)

- 18 Jan COOL Committee
- 5 Feb **Annual Celebration, Dornie**
- 13 Feb TearFund Peru orientation day
- 22 Feb SU North Team Day, Aviemore
- 19 Mar Glenelg Youth Club trip, Inverness
- 24 Mar Lady Claire MacDonald Cookery Demo.
- 27 Mar Easter Day Joint Communion, Kyleakin
- 26 Apr School Leavers' assembly, Plockton High

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MacLeod will be joining the Christian Support Team in Plockton, delivering the New Year assembly.

 PERSONAL NOTE

Continuing Colin's theme of thankfulness and support, I would like to firstly extend my heart felt thanks to all those who gave generously of their time and money, uninvited, over and above your regular giving when my car had a significant defect just before Christmas. My car is essential to most of my work (as proved by the various taxi services provided by Jon and Ken's vans!) and to be without it puts significant extra pressure on all we do. For the car to be out of action just before Christmas also jeopardised our plans for Christmas with my sisters in the south of England, but everything went fine and I am hoping that the car will last for a lengthy time to come!

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As we start another year, it is good and fitting to look back with thankfulness to God on the year past and look ahead with excitement and expectation to see what God will bring about for us in the year ahead.



It has been my privilege to chair COOL for the past year and firstly I am extremely thankful to God for His incredible gospel of grace and salvation with which we go out to the young people in our communities. I am also thankful for Dave, our committed and dedicated Youth & Schools worker who practically does this on a daily basis and to his family who support him. I could not have got through this year without the dedication and support of the band of COOL volunteers who make up the Management Committee along with Colin Carmichael from SU Scotland and of course the invaluable help and advice I receive from Malcolm Gardiner who continues to support me in the role. God really is faithful in His promises.

As we look ahead, I would like to assure all of us who support COOL that we are looking to maintain the excellent progress and stability that the COOL project



has developed over the years. There is no bright new vision of sweeping changes. COOL works — it has been built on faithfulness to God

and sensible, hard work from a great number of people and we look to maintain this valuable ethos into the future.

COOL, similar to many projects, is supported on three levels: Prayer; Volunteering; and Financial. The three cannot be separated in any project that looks to be successful. It has been the strength of COOL over the years and as we look forward it must be remain our priorities for the coming year.

I am thankful for the number of people who are praying for COOL, it is the 'engine room' of our project. We cannot do anything without prayer and we look to develop and build on our regular prayer meetings in local communities and seek to encourage more people to pray both individually and as part of church prayer groups or prayer partnerships. Please pray for the continued sustainability of COOL and especially for Dave as he pastors and deals with difficult situation in the lives of the young people he ministers to.



I am deeply thankful for every one of our wide band of volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents for the good of COOL and the furtherance of the Gospel to young people in our area. All are crucial for the running



and maintenance of our project and the integration of youth work across the area. There is always room for more, so if you are looking for a challenge, please let us know and we can talk about volunteering opportunities with you.

I am also deeply thankful to God for moving in the hearts of so

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many generous people to enable them to give so freely of their finances to make COOL sustainable. We are completely financed by freewill offerings and are deeply grateful to everyone who gives so generously to keep the project running. The need of new supporters is ever with us and we would prayerfully ask you to consider giving regularly to the work of COOL if you do not do so already. If you do, please continue to do so: your financial support is crucial to our continued survival.

So as we move into 2016 we place ourselves in God's hand and seek His will in all that we do. We seek to diligently commit our time, talents and finances to Him and trust completely in His provision.

Colin MacDonald, COOL Chairman



YOUTHWORK

The year ahead presents another exciting opportunity for a small team of school leavers to spend some time volunteering in Peru and the flights are now booked! Six of us fly to Lima on 30th June until 22 July, where we meet up with Sarah Strang. Sarah is on placement for her degree,

and will act as our interpreter at the end of her stay. This of course necessitates a few more fund raising events. Amongst others,

Glenelg youth club are making plans to help out and Lady Claire MacDonald will be giving a cooking demonstration, 24th March in the Lighthouse Centre.

Friday Nights is returning to Braeintria. After an 18 month break, we are excited to announce the return of Friday Nights @ Dave & Ruth's! Next week I'll be back in the schools and we are pleased that Rev. Rory

