

An Introduction from Timmy Currie

It's a wonderful privilege to be able to introduce myself as the new COOL Youth and Schools worker and firstly give thanks to God for his faithfulness and grace in my life.

As I look back I can see various different seasons where God has been with me and now us as a family. Sometimes where I feel like I have walked so closely with our Lord and some where I have felt so distant from Him, although I know He was always there for me.

I am very privileged to have been born into a loving, caring Christ centred family. As well as going to church, Sunday school and other children's meetings, we would read the bible and pray every night as a family.

Another thing that was influential in my young life was school assemblies. Not all of them, but in particular, those led by a tall bearded man from Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF); Raymond Shaw. He told Bible stories about Jesus in a way that I had never heard before. They came alive and real, and for the first time I understood them.

Following the teaching in assemblies, I wanted to know more of what Raymond was saying, so I attended a local CEF Good News club. God was creating a real hunger and desire within me to learn more about Him. The more I heard the more questions I had, and the more answers I got, the more I wanted to keep coming back to teaching about God. Jesus says in John 7:44, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him". I know now that God was drawing me, preparing my heart to enter into a relationship with Him.

I think it is hard to know sometimes in young children when they receive salvation, especially in children who have been brought up in a Christian family, or been to church all their life. I am not certain when this change took place in my life, but I am certain that it did. It may have been one evening when I was 8 years old, after I

came home from a Good News club, where I remember kneeling beside my bed with my father and responding to Gods calling.

Following my response to God, life didn't seem to change that much. I believe this was because I was already living an outwardly Christian life, but now, when I consider what happened, there was a great change inside me.

One of the most memorable things that changed was



that of my sleep walking patterns. For some time before my conversion, I would sleep walk with my arms held in front of me, and carrying a weight. I would plead with my mother to take it from me but she couldn't. After my conversion, it never happened again. This was all the confirmation I needed! God had lifted my burdens.

Many years later, in my late teens, at a Faith Mission Easter Convention, God placed a specific desire and call on my life to serve Him. At the time I didn't know what that would look like but it was a very real encounter with the living God that I will never forget. I then went on to study in Belfast for 5 years before sensing God redirecting me to Edinburgh to study at the FM College.

In my 3rd year of college we were on mission in the lovely little village of Kyleakin and my life was about to change forever! I met a beautiful and amazing girl who captured my heart and who would not long after become my best friend and my wife. As many of you know, that girl is called Janette and we now have two wonderful children, Mia and Ivanna.

In the most recent years we have been living in Kyleakin, working in my old field of civil engineering and construction, before God redirected again. I remember knowing about the advert for the COOL position but putting it off as we thought it wasn't right for us just now. After the second phase of advertisement I still wasn't convinced but I don't think I was listening very well or maybe just didn't want to hear. Whatever the case, God will always have his way and I believe he has with us just now. Although a little apprehensive, it is very exciting to be able to serve God and share His truths with the children and young people of South Skye, Lochalsh and beyond.

We have an amazing group of young Christians in our area and I long to see them go deeper with God and to shine brightly for Him. My prayer is also that more and more young people will come to know Jesus as their Saviour and will grow to love Him and live their lives for His glory.

Summer Holiday Clubs were run using Scripture union material 'Seaside Rock' based on the life of Peter.

Kyleakin We had an amazing week with 35-40 children each day, with games, songs, workbooks, bible teaching, memory verses,. The kids got involved and were attentive during the teaching and keen to be involved in the actions for the songs.



We were blessed with a good size team to run the holiday club with many being Christian teenagers who enthusiastically

took on the teaching and leading of the songs.

A mini bus ran from Plockton to Kyleakin each day to collect and return the children.

Contact was made with a lot of the parents particularly on the final day when many came along to see what had been happening during the week. Some parents who we had conversations with were interested in sending their children to Sunday school. In the evenings of the week Timmy ran activities for the teenagers with 15 attending. These included a film night and a boat trip.

We praise God for his provisions for this year's holiday club and now look to him for ways in to follow up on the relationships we made with these children and their families.

Kintail and Glenelg Our teaching in Inverinate focused around the life of Jesus from Peter's point of view. Each morning we had a visit from this Galilean fisherman (Colin with tea towel) who told us about Jesus and the difference he had made in Peter's life. Our memory verse was Matt 7:24-25. It was really encouraging to that the kids not only learned this verse but understood what it meant – that building our lives on Jesus the only foundation that will stand the storms of life. This lesson, if put into practice will be invaluable to them. Praise and thank God that He was at work through all the fun, games and silly songs.



Over 20 teenagers attended the Glenelg teenage club, with wide games and river obstacle course.

On Wednesday, thanks to a kind donation, we made and planted up wooden windowboxes delivering them to people in Glenelg and Kintail.



After the activities we had a delicious meal and then the teaching. Taking a different church word every evening covering Grace, Faith, Repentance and Sanctification we gave our young people a clear and compelling reason for our faith. We broke up into small discussion groups each evening to answer questions and help the kids to understand. At the end of both clubs we offered every child was given the opportunity to take a bible home This was met by many with warm excitement and curiosity.



We pray that God would continue to be at work in the lives of all the young people through this.

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