

Prayer

Please remember our work in prayer:



Give thanks for the young people who have made commitments to follow Jesus in the past few months

Give thanks for the positive working relationships we have with partner organisations and churches

Give thanks for the young volunteers growing in faith through our work

Give thanks for the open doors in schools, and ask for God to guide our team as they respond to this calling; and that they can respond to the huge demand in a way that reflects God's glory

Give thanks for the generosity of Crown Terrace Methodist Church in hosting us for so many years, and for Deeside Christian Fellowship's offer of a new space: pray that we settle quickly into our new home and that it provides the right environment for the ministry as it develops

Ask for a good response to our appeals for finance and volunteers; that God will raise up His people to support His work, allowing it to continue to bear fruit

Ask for God to stand alongside the team as they are out over the summer; that the foundations of long-term work are laid; and that more young people are reached with the Good News

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Make a difference!

Pray for us, our work and the young people of the North East. We'll happily share our work with your church or group. We're always looking for **volunteers** of all ages and skills. We also need **financial support** - whether in your will, a regular donation of as little as £5 a month or a one-off gift. All helps us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Welcome!

Welcome to our latest newsletter. A big thank you to those responding to the last newsletter's appeal: giving has enabled us to extend Steven's full-time work by six months to March 2014. This is mostly one-off, so for the work to continue long-term we still need people committing £5, £10, or £20 a month. **Visit our website and click "Give"**. Please read on, and commit all that you see in prayer.

Office move

Due to changing needs as the ministry develops, we're moving office as of 31 August, 2013. Our new address will be:

Deeside Christian Fellowship Church
Binghill Drive
Milltimber
Aberdeen
AB13 0JE

Our phone number will also be changing but hasn't been confirmed yet. Meanwhile, please either email us or call Steven's mobile on 07754914340. We're really grateful to Crown Terrace Methodist Church for their many years of generous hospitality.

Fort Rocky

Fort Rocky is a fun-filled, activity youth weekend, designed to give young people an amazing time away from home with their mates. It's also a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a new, exciting and significant way. This year's Scottish weekend is at Whithaugh Park in the Borders, on 13th-15th September. You can find out more on the British YFC website at:

www.yfc.co.uk/what-we-do/residentials/fort-rocky/



Summer events

We've a busy summer ahead. A few specific things to pray for are:

Cage outreach, 22-28 July, Oldmachar

Partnering with YMCA, 29-30 July, Edinburgh

Cage at Imagine, Inverurie, 6-10 August

Cage soccer school, Shetland, 4-11 August

Cage outreach, 16 August, New Deer

Outreach Report

Steven Hamilton updates us on recent mission and outreach work

"As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgement to come, Felix was afraid and said, 'That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.'" (Acts 24:25)

Paul was in a sticky situation, in a long running trial case under guard, yet the gospel he preached was still full, not watered down, but still full of righteousness, self-control and the judgement to come. Wasn't a popular nor 'convenient' message for Felix and it isn't for many young people today. Many think there will be time to think about that.

But we do not own time. Ellon Academy pupils were impacted with this recently as one of the lads died tragically and suddenly falling off cliffs. As one of the school chaplains, I was involved in the week following the event and "what is to come" was a popular topic in some of the conversations I had. This confirmed the Lord's call to us to Ellon Academy: we will be going in more regularly – weekly – into the school at lunch times from August. Please pray for this.

Help with Cage Towing

Our cage football project takes sports mission to young people across the North East. We need more drivers with towbars on their cars to tow the cage to and from the Aberdeen base. Expenses will be covered. Can you help our vital work in this simple way, either as a one-off or regularly? **If you feel you can help or know someone who can, e mail us on office@nesyfc.org.uk, or text Alasdair on 07720 837311**



I have also been involved with St Devenick's Church in Bieldside, helping out with the youth and the kids. I also spoke at a weekend away for some teenage boys from Deeside Church. The biggest theme in both these contexts was a message for young people heading off to university, away from home – often 'Christian homes' – and church, with a chance to choose their own path. Important to pray for our young people going away that they may stand in their faith, and also that it would encourage the churches that have worked with them growing up! One of our volunteers, Darren, will be going down to Perth for uni. Please pray for him, that his spiritual development would continue.



Good News!

We all know the joy that comes from knowing Jesus and accepting Him into our lives, and the greater good that works out in our lives as a result. It's

a real privilege for us to see God at work in the lives of the young people we work with. We'd like to share a few stories of what God is doing with them.

We've changed the names of the young people involved to respect their privacy.

Samuel and Nigel from Oldmachar have stopped getting drunk with peer pressure and instead have become positive leaders with younger people and also good examples to their peers. Also taking an interest in overseas work.

Naomi from Meldrum Academy, with mental issues, and a broken family with ongoing difficulties living at home with mother (also with mental issues, divorced once with a number of boyfriends after with other 'step' siblings along the way) and being eventually kicked out. Also difficulties at school. Is now a leader in Formartine youth group, living independently, studying at uni.

Norman from Kemnay had just arrived in Kemnay and not made friends. The Cage really helped. Two years down the line he has plenty of friends and attends youth group.

Please pray thanks for God's work in these young lives, and pray that all the young people we work with can encounter His loving grace and power.

