

Excited about Mission!

February 2010

Dear Friends,

I am hoping to send this letter out every month, with details of events and reports on past events. Please let me know of Outreach Work and Events that are happening in your area, so I can feature them in the letter.

Thank you for taking time to read this and pray through the items mentioned.

I would love to hear from you if you would like me to come and speak with your church about outreach or discipleship. Please contact me at Church House or email me doc@thewru.co.uk

Yours in His service

Andy Wilcock

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Please click on the blue links

Events coming soon

- Griffydam - Holiday Club (Feb Half term)
- Jump - Holiday Club (Feb Half term)
- WofA Spring Event - Sharing your Faith (20th March)
- Bethel Community Church - Holiday Club (Easter)
- YPD South Awayday (24th April)
- YPD North Area Sleepover (25th, 26th June)
- Faith Mission in Cawston

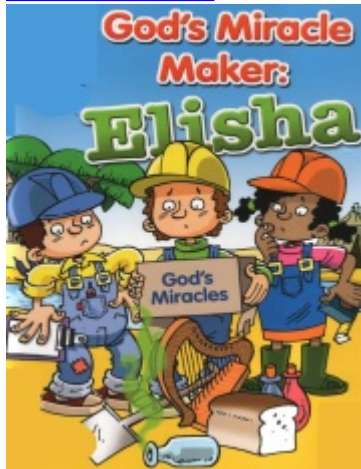
Giving thanks – Report back

- School Prayer Day in Sheffield
- Women of Action - Resource Manual (**New!**)
- A personal invitation to come to our Church in Oldbury
- Prison Ministry in Ashby

What can I do?

Events coming soon

Richmond in Sheffield (Feb Half Term - Tue 16th, Wed 17th, Thur 18th)



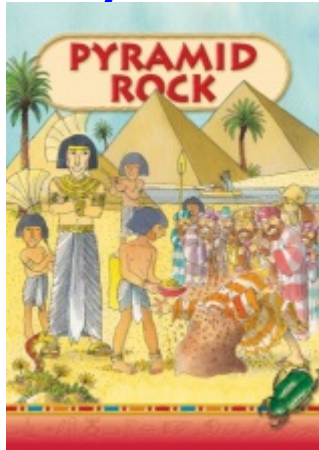
Holiday Club - Elisha (For ages 4-11)

Family event Thursday night 6:30pm

Pray for.....

- Kids who attend
- Church helpers - energy & excitement
- Weekly Youth Club on Thursdays
6:00pm - Juniors - 6:30pm - Seniors

Griffydam nr Ashby (Feb Half Term - Mon 15th, Tue 16th, Wed 17th)



Holiday Club - "Pyramid Rock"

25+ kids have booked already

Pray for.....

- Kids who attend
- Church helpers - energy & excitement
- Monthly Kids Work on a Thursday
5:30pm Ignite (school years 5-9)
6:45pm Wired (school years 4-6)

Jump nr Barnsley (Feb Half Term - Wed 17th & Thur 18th)



Holiday Club - based around the "Esther Veggie Tales"

DVD

Headed up by Will Partridge-Underwood - YPD

45+ Booked

Pray for.....

- Kids who attend
- Church Helpers, Will & Andy
- Family evening event on the Thursday
- Weekly Kids club - PowerPack (40+ attending)

Women of Action – Spring Event (March 20th - 10:30am to 3.30pm)

An awayday looking at **"Sharing Your Faith"**

Venue - St James Church, Old Hill, Highgate St, West Midlands, B64 5SE
'Bring and Share' Lunch

A packed programme of Interviews! Craft! Drama!

DVD! Ideas! Fellowship!

Bethel Community Church (Easter - Thur 8th & Fri 9th April)

Holiday Club - Supported by YPD - Will Partridge-Underwood

Pray for.....

- Church helpers, Warren Evans, Will & Andy
- Preparation & planning for this event
- Building of links into the community

YPD South Area Away Day 2010 (For school years 6+)

Sat 24th April @ Aldermans Green (Coventry) 2pm to 8pm

£5 per person - All inclusive

Please contact Will for further details will@ypd.org.uk)

Faith Mission Evening @ Swanton Abbott

Friday 14th May

YPD North Area Sleepover 2010 (For school years 5-9)

Fri 25th to Sat 26th June @ Jump Church (Barnsley)

"God for You" Mission - through Faith Mission - 6th to 13th June

Norfolk - Aylsham, North Walsham, Buxton, Urpingham

including our Cawston, Colby Long Road & Swanton Abbott Churches

More details to follow nearer the time

Pray for.....

- Sian Edwards
- Planning for the event
- Training for followup

Giving thanks – Report back

Hampden View – Schools prayer day (Sheffield)

Thur 11th Feb 2010

For the 3rd year now we have been involved in a prayer day at our local school.

Ourselves and two CofE churches, have taken each of the classes through a half an hour experience of prayer.

It was very well received and appreciated by all the staff and pupils, and included exercises such as a Large Heart printed on card and the kids were invited to stick and Plaster on the heart and write the name of a person who they are worried about or is ill. We then got them to think about writing to, visiting this person or making them a card.

Praise God for the openness of the school, and the way God has touch many peoples lives through this simple event.

Andy Wilcock

WofA – Resources manual - New!

The Women of Action have just published an Outreach Resource Manual, specifically for Women reaching Women. It is 80 colour page packed with ideas. A free copy has been sent to every church, so ask to see it. (Either your WA or Church secretary will have received it).

Please pray that they will be read and the ideas used and adapted for outreach bringing glory to God.

An Invitation to come to our Church

Steve Karma is the new Pastor at Ebenezer Church, Oldbury



During my seminary training, I was doing research for a paper, which the lecturer had wittingly entitled "The Death of the Church," in which we had to look at the decline of the church in England. In doing my research, I found that most churches grew through church transfers and that statistically the church in England – that is all of the denominations - would cease to exist by 2040. It was at this point that I decided to put mission at the forefront of my ministry.

Last Christmas this lead me and Abigail (who is now my beloved wife) to go door to door. Although we did not expect anyone to convert to Christ on the doorstep, we were hugely surprises at the success of our small endeavour. In fact, all that we did was spend two days knocking on people's doors, introducing ourselves and inviting them to our Christmas service.

This lead to an Indian family visiting us, a Christadelphian woman and a back-slidden brother called John (who didn't actually make the meeting but spent sometime chatting to us about how much he wanted to start back going to church). Although these were one off visits they showed us that the "fields were white unto harvest," and that we did not need, angelic visions but merely to make contact with people and personally invite them along.

Although I am not going to pretend that it is easy to approach a complete stranger and invite them along to the church service I see the only other alternative is to accept "The Death of the Church." Plus you might be surprised how keen people are to see a church that cares enough to bother knocking, I know we were.

Steve and Abigail Karma

Moira Prison Mission October 2009

During the week October 12th - 18th Brenda and Paul Busby took part in a Christian Mission at Dovegate Prison in Marchington, Staffordshire. Here is their report.

An enjoyable Christian cabaret and dinner in Derby, during the week before, hosted by Nigel Benn the former world middleweight boxing champion, raised funds for the Mission.

Prior to the Mission the Prison Director (himself a Christian) provided volunteers like ourselves with security training and advice on how we should conduct ourselves during the week. Prepared therefore we may have been but we still approached the week with a fair degree of apprehension. As always when we are about God's business we needn't have worried because all through our training (and apprehension) ten Christian prisoners in Dovegate had been praying for us, along with a member of the Chaplaincy team! These Christian prisoners have made me feel more welcome and at home than I could ever have imagined. The Mission contained periods of worship and praise in the mornings, drama, music and dance workshops in the afternoons and guest speakers (some of whom were converted prisoners) in the evenings. A worship band of mainly Christian prisoners led the music in the times of worship.

I am now going in to the prison on a weekly basis to support nurture groups set up for those prisoners taking their first steps along the Christian path.

One of the biggest thrills (apart from supporting the 30 or so prisoners in the nurture groups) is to sit alongside in the nurture groups, Christian prisoners who came to know Christ as their Saviour at a previous Mission three years ago. The ministry and influence of these men cannot be underestimated. The strength of their faith and knowledge of Scripture is very humbling and puts me to shame. Not only do they have to stand up for their Lord in a difficult environment but they are also dealing with complex personal and family issues as a result of their sentences.

Unlike many prisoners I've met in the past the men I am working with acknowledge their crimes and are finding or searching for forgiveness from our wonderful God. They are paying their dues to society but are finding a Saviour who paid the price of their (and my) sin. God is truly at work in this prison and the impact is there for all to see, including the staff - some of whom also have been challenged by God's Spirit. Thank you Dovegate prisoners for the privilege of working with you and God for the invitation.

Brenda and Paul Busby.

How can I help?

- **Pray**
- Write a letter, send a postcard to the team of a mission encouraging them in the work. Telling them you are praying for them, thanking them for all they have done in Christ's name. You have no idea how much a small gesture like this can mean to a team
- Giving
 - to the Church - Blessing the Church running the mission would be a tremendous support and encouragement (see the Year Book for details of the Church Secretary)
 - to Home Missions. The department welcomes applications for grants towards outreach, and regularly supports workers and one off missions. If you would like to support this work please send donations to Church House.