

# Excited about Mission!

**March 2010**

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Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding anything in this letter. I would love to hear from you, **especially if you want ideas or help with outreach in your area!**

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## Take a look at these ↓↓

[MP3\(s\) - Fulwood Conference](#) - "Love your neighbour" - November 2009

Great teaching on evangelism to [download or listen online](#).

- Rico Tice - 4 talks on Evangelism (Rico is the author of "Christianity Explored Course")
- [Iain Murray](#) - 2 talks on [Wesley and Evangelism](#)
- Richard Coekin - 2 talks Evangelistic leadership and priorities for the Church

## "I want 10 of Those"

<http://10ofthose.com/> - A fantastic place to buy excellent books to bless others in ministry, discipleship and evangelism. Great deals the more you buy! Started and run by Jonathan Carswell. Their mission statement - ["Supporting Christian mission through the provision of quality Christian resources"](#)

## Events coming soon

**Prophetic Conference** - [Bethel Community Church](#)



**Bethel**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Loving God, loving people... seeing a community transformed one life at a time"

Friday 5h March 7.30pm & Saturday 6th March 10am to 2pm

Please see attached image for further details.

**Women of Action – Spring Event** (March 20<sup>th</sup> - 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 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Easter 2010 - Passion for Life**

### **A Passion for Life: Luke's Gospel (NIV)**



This stylish edition of Luke's Gospel is the perfect thing to give away at *A Passion for Life* events.

It features an introduction giving practical advice on how to read the gospel, a reading plan to get through Luke in 40 days, a map of the key places mentioned in Luke, a glossary of people and places in Luke and a section on what to do next.

There are great deals when you buy in bulk - 100 copies works out at just 50p per gospel for example.

View sample pages here

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

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> April @ Aldermans Green (Coventry) 2pm to 8pm

£5 per person - All inclusive

Please contact Will for further details [will@ypd.org.uk](mailto:will@ypd.org.uk))

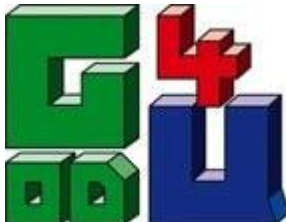
## **Faith Mission Evening** @ Swanton Abbott

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

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

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> to Sat 26<sup>th</sup> June @ Jump Church (Barnsley)

## **"God for You" Mission** - 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June through Faith Mission



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

**Richmond** in Sheffield (Feb Half Term - Tue 16<sup>th</sup>, Wed 17<sup>th</sup>, Thur 18<sup>th</sup>)



## **Holiday Club - Elisha (For ages 4-11)**

Organised by Martin Ludbrook and Jim Bradock. A fun packed programme was enjoyed by 16 Children over the three days.

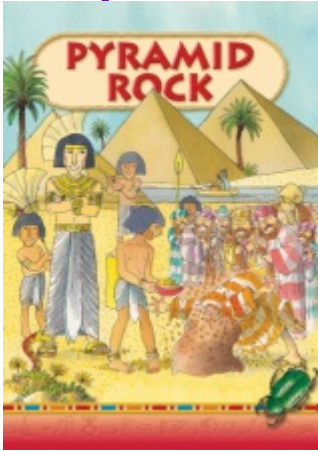
Activities included Puppets, Serial story, Oil filling jars craft. A weird instruction relay - to illustrate Elisha's instruction to Naaman to wash in the Jordan.

They included Run back to your team

- shouting "Weeeeeee"
- rubbing your tummy and patting your head
- Hopping etc,

This game was also played at the Family service on the Sunday morning. Please continue to pray for the ongoing work on Thursday's at 6pm

**Griffydam** nr Ashby (Feb Half Term - Mon 15<sup>th</sup>, Tue 16<sup>th</sup>, Wed 17<sup>th</sup>)



## **Holiday Club - "Pyramid Rock"**

Chapel in the Valley Holiday Club 2010

Our holiday club ran during half term with around 30 children coming each day. Most of the children who came were from our kids clubs although there were a few new faces too. Using the Scripture Union Pyramid Rock material, we spent 3 days looking at the story of Joseph and seeing how God is a planner, a helper and a provider. It was really exciting to share how God is the same God today as He was for Joseph and just as He had plans for, helped and provided for Joseph He can do the same for us. We continue to pray for the children and particularly those who shared their prayers with us for their family and friends.

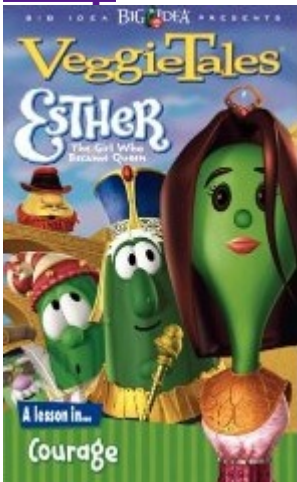
We had a fantastic team leader and team involved in the club but it was very much a whole church event and we are so grateful to God for His amazing provision in all aspects of the club

**Ongoing 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 17<sup>th</sup> & Thur 18<sup>th</sup>)



## **Holiday Club - based around the "Esther Veggie Tales" Video**

This was a 2 day holiday club based around the story of Esther. We used a great resource called 'Veggie Tales' it animates the story in a fun and thought provoking way. So YES we told the story of Esther using cucumbers, peas, and all sorts of other vegetables!!

We had around 50 kids each day, aged 5 - 14

It was a great all-round team effort with Andy Wilcock and myself fronting the group times, the church helpers making sure the important stuff happened, like feeding every one with a hot meal, craft and signing them in, etc...

**Crafts** included - Jewelry making, Esther place mat & Crown

### **Think time**

What would it be like to be Queen?

Courage - Video clips of people jumping off cliffs - are they Brave or Stupid  
We then looked at how Esther saved the Jews by speaking up and risking her life. And also how we have Jesus who gave his life to save us.



## Family event

Nearly 100 parents and children enjoyed a very entertaining two hours (thanks to Will). We started with an amazing buffet from Ian Sykes inc. and after some games we looked at what we learnt about Esther, the kids performed a little sketch of Mordecai's Parade. One mother said she had not enjoyed herself so much for a long time. (Well Will was running it!)

**Pray for** the ongoing work of Powerpack Thursday club - which includes a tuck shop, Wii and PlayStation games, Table Tennis and snooker and a 15min session looking at the Bible and our relationship with God. Also a family who attended all three meetings, who's father died on the Friday of Half term. Michael Mumford took the funeral at Jump and spoke very well. Nearly 200 people attended and 30 people had to stand at the back. The eldest daughter sang a song her father taught her (unaccompanied) in the service.

## Testimony - The experience of God's calling



It was in the early hours of the morning during my stay in Glenfield Hospital, Leicester, following a heart attack in November 2009, unable to sleep and seeking comfort from visualising in my mind a favourite photograph of mine taken at a wedding in 1977 of my beloved wife Kathy and our two daughters, Denise then 4 years of age, and Elizabeth two years of age, that I suddenly experienced a glowing warmth within my body spreading upwards and across my chest from left to right. At that moment I felt completely at peace with myself and my brain began to transmit messages of God's presence, that I had been saved from death and that if I placed my faith and trust in Him all would be well with me. It was a sacred moment leaving me in no doubt as to God's existence, a response to the prayers of my family. Over the course of the last three months my heart condition has been stabilised through the use of medication, and I have undergone numerous stress tests to identify the extent of the damage to the heart. Recently I underwent angioplasty to have a defunct artery cleaned and three stents fitted. The effect of having faith and trust in the Lord gave me the fortitude of mind and body to face those ordeals with the confidence of being in the trusted hands of the Lord's gifted physicians and surgeons. Praying prior to undergoing those treatments had a calming effect upon me. My way of life from that moment has been transformed. I have become a Christian, having confessed and received forgiveness for my sins. I can now look forward as a child of God to eternal life with the Lord. My priorities in life have changed, being retired I occupy lots of my time educating myself in the ways of the Lord by reading the Bible, joining in fellowship at Dorrington Chapel, where I married Kathy, in worship and Bible studies. I pray several times daily and have formed an intimate fellowship with the Lord, who through the Holy Spirit is guiding me towards righteousness and goodness. Several weeks ago I prayed to the Lord seeking guidance as to how I may serve Him. That prayer has been answered through the chance meeting with Andy and his invitation to me to write an account of my spiritual experience in this Prayer Letter. It has provided me with the opportunity to personally bear witness as a testimony to God's continuing miraculous work and to spread word of His compassion and love for us all.



May God bless you.

Hugh Kinnard

## **How can I help?**

- **Pray** - please share this letter with your fellowship - print it out and take it to your prayer meeting
- **Starting your own prayer meeting** - Its very simple really - just meet together and pray. You don't need to hold it at the Church building - and it can be for just 10 minutes. I heard of two sisters aged 90 who lived in a nursing home. Morning and afternoon they in each others bed rooms and prayed for 15 minutes. As parents we approached our Head Teacher, asking to start a prayer meeting for the school. We didn't know how we would be received - her response was "great and we will see what effect it has on the Children". In other words she was expecting results in her school from our little meeting of three (two or three parents and the Lolly-Pop lady)!
- **Sharing your faith** - get an idea
  - from this prayer letter
  - or the Newly published WofA outreach manual
  - or from the WofA Sharing your faith day - 20th March
  - or phone, email me - I would love to hear from you

Then get on and work it out in your own area and context.

- **Contact** - 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, made payable to "Wesleyan Reform Union".