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Camp is coming...

Summer's arrived, it's less than one month till young people from across the south lakes area start packing bags full of clothes, shoes, cricket bats and tuck shop money, less than a month until friends are reunited for another week of summer fun and for some to meet friends for the first time. For some young people they will be returning to camp excited about worshipping God and eager to go deeper with him. For some it will be a new and somewhat nervous experience - stepping off the coach into the middle of chaos, but for them it could be the start of their journey in discovering who God is. But for everyone it will be a time to rest and to focus on God and the relationship with him that is offered to all of us.

Please pray for everyone on camp that they would go deeper with God and learn more about this relationship, whether that means beginning it for the first time or re-igniting it or strengthening what is already growing. We want the best for each young person on camp, so in advance...THANK YOU for all your prayers!!! Katy



NISCUCU News

We all send Katy with our blessing as she journeys on in her walk with God. A new and exciting chapter in her life. Young people come into this kind of work and often move on after a few years, it is the nature of growth. We are all sure Katy that you will do very well. May God continue to bless and guide you. Please do pray for the executive and those on the interview panel as we seek to appoint a part-time person to assist Hannah in serving the schools of South Lakeland.

Please also lift Hannah and her husband to be, Bod, up in prayer as they wed on July 10th. Have a truly wonderful day Hannah we will all be thinking of you.

Also we have news of Jon Cook moving on, to work full-time in church ministry; leaving his post as Chief Officer of NISCUCU in the autumn. At the time that he was interviewed for the job in September 2008, Jon indicated that he saw his long-term ministry in church leadership and that he would commit himself to NISCUCU for two years. His church (Kings Church at Penrith) have asked him to take on paid leadership.

All in NISCUCU are obviously very disappointed to see Jon leave NISCUCU as he has made such a significant impact to the work of the charity. But we recognize that if the Lord moves a person on, that move will be for God's glory and the continued building of his kingdom both in the place to which the person is moving and also in the organization being left. The trustees are not downhearted as they face up to the challenge of filling the post with as short a gap as possible consistent with finding the right person.

I would therefore ask for you to pray for the trustees as they go through this process of seeking a replacement. The post will be advertised as soon as possible, but nationally this will not be before the July edition of the appropriate publications because of the dates of their publishing deadlines. We currently have funding promised for the Chief Officer post until the end of 2011, but will need to be sure that money is available until the end of 2013 before we can actually make an appointment. This is a second matter for prayer regarding this appointment. The post will be open to applicants from within NISCUCU and outside, so thirdly please pray for suitable people to see the post advertised and to apply.

Change is always unsettling, so please pray for all in NISCUCU, in whatever capacity, to have contentment in the Lord's timing and processes through the next few months. Jon has always made it clear that his long term goal was to work for the church full-time, and that opportunity has arisen.

Pauline Kelly. Chairman

THE CAMP SHARE SCHEME

Camp 2010 is now only 1 months away! Each year NISCU South Lakeland has to raise over £800 in camp subsidy. This money is used to cover the costs of young people who would otherwise be unable to come on Camp and also to offset a portion of the leader's costs, who so generously give up their time.

So would you like to join our camp share scheme?

Each share costs £10, so if we sell 50 shares we've already got £500!

If you would like to be a shareholder please fill in this form and return it to us. We'll then get in touch with a camp update helping you to pray specifically for the holiday and also see how your money is being spent. If you are a UK Tax Payer you can help us even more - please tick the box and we will send you a form to fill in which means we can claim back the tax on your donation.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP SHAREHOLDER

I agree to buy _____ shares at £10 each

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please send this form with a cheque made payable to **NISCU South Lakeland** to:

The Treasurer, NISCU South Lakeland, The Shakespeare Centre, Yard 76 Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4HE.

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Christopher John Bennett

Chris Bennett died on 16th June 2010, after a short illness. One of the last conversations we had was a phone call from Chris, asking me to support his re-election to the NISCU South Lakes committee, so that he could continue in his role as prayer convenor. He was duly elected at the recent AGM, but was sadly unable to resume his role. This desire to serve reflected Chris's great passion for prayer, and for seeing young people come to Christ and be built up and nurtured in their faith.

When we came to live in Sedbergh in the 1970's, we quickly found in Chris and Elizabeth kindred spirits in Christ, who were already involved in youth outreach work in both the town and Sedbergh School, where Chris spent his entire teaching career. We became firm friends and have remained so ever since, with many good memories of times spent together.

Chris came to the Lord at one of Billy Graham's early crusades in London. For the rest of his life he passionately served God and took every opportunity to share his love of Christ and nurture faith in others. Many down the years have come to faith as a result of Chris's influence and witness, and indeed some of these were present as we shared in thanksgiving for Chris's life at the inspirational service on 25th June at Heversham.

Chris was a larger than life character at times, but totally focussed on his Lord and on introducing others to Him. He was a man of high intellect, with a passion for God's Word, for prayer, and for serving. He will be sadly missed, and we send our love and prayers to Elizabeth, the boys and the wider family circle.

Sandy Roy

Camp:

Camp is from the 1-7th August, please keep this week in your prayers - we still need to find a mini-bus!

New Worker:

Please pray for the new worker who will be getting to know the area and settling in over the next couple of months. It can be quite a lot to take in all at once!

Junior Leaders' Weekend:

From the 16-18th July, the junior leaders for camp will be gathering together to play cricket and study God's word. We'll be looking at some of the leaders we meet in the scriptures.

Clubs and Assemblies:

Please pray as Katy and Hannah finish off all their clubs and assemblies and roadshow over the next couple of weeks before the summer holidays arrive.

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