

June 2018



Dear Friends...

From the GROW Management Team

Dear Friends,

The last time I wrote we were in the New Year season reflecting and planning for the coming year. Now we are already looking forward to the end of the school session and planning for the work to be completed over the summer season. How time flies!

This means that our annual AGM is fast approaching. Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday 14th June at Glenrothes Baptist Church (now Unicorn House in Glenrothes). The AGM will start at 7.30pm but if you would like to join us for fellowship, sandwiches and sweets beforehand please come along from 6.30pm. The AGM is always a good opportunity to thank God for his provision during the last year, to hear about the path GROW has taken in the last 12 months and to look to the future, with its promise and challenges. If you would like to join us for the meal, please let me know so that we can estimate numbers. (Chris Hay, 01592 741 245 or email chris.hay@blueyonder.co.uk)

In the last 2 or 3 months the Management Group and Trustees have been busy reviewing the work that has gone into the production of a new website. At the start of the next session we will be hosting an event to launch the site. This will also include an interactive session with Oskar showcasing the work he has done in schools. It will also be an opportunity for us to continue to update our existing database and contact details in line with the new GDPR legislation. As ever, SU have provided valuable advice and information to Associate Trusts at the recent annual conference relating to our obligations and if you are on our email database you should have already been contacted by us about this. Look out for the date and venue to be confirmed shortly.

Over the school holiday period SU runs a full programme of activity weeks. Please pray that they will be a fun and inspirational time for the young people and for all the volunteers who, by giving of their own time, make them possible. Please pray especially for Bruce Lockhart, Oskar and the team at Elie, week beginning 16th July, and for the team members who are then coming to Collydean Baptist to support a week of activities there. Many of our local churches also host holiday clubs – let's rejoice that so many young people will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message over the summer.

Matthew 18:4-5

“The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child. And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me.”

May the good weather continue, and may you enjoy a peaceful summer!



Hello...

Oskar Forbes – GROW Outreach Worker

Hello,

As I write this, we are well on the way to the end of the school year and I can hardly believe that it's been almost two years since I started my time with GROW. When I look back over the last few months, there is so much to give thanks to God for and it's a privilege to be able to share some of that with you now.

Back in February we took several children and young people, from Glenrothes, to Lendrick Muir where they were joined by other children and teens from across Fife, Perth & Kinross. The weekend, which looked at the story of Nehemiah, had a Lego theme and it was very encouraging to see the children and young people exploring God's word and learning more of his love for them. Most of the children and young people who came from Glenrothes are still fairly new to SU weekends and it was great to see them make new friends and enjoy the environment and activities that Lendrick Muir can offer. It was particularly encouraging, for me, to hear some of the older teens, share with their peers, the difference Jesus has made to their lives.

This year our Easter assemblies provided us with a great opportunity to partner with Gideons International. The assemblies focused on the importance and power of stories and allowed us to explore the Easter story, as the greatest story of all. As part of the S1 assemblies in both Glenrothes and Auchmuty High Schools, I had the privilege to interview Paul Wallace, from Gideons, who shared part of his testimony with pupils before they were given the opportunity to take a copy of the New Testament & Psalms for themselves. The pupils responded well to the assemblies and I hope that we will have the opportunity to work with Gideons again in the future.



I am very pleased to be able to report that we have started our new intergenerational project, Gener8, at Glenwood High School. The pilot course will see two groups of people (one younger and one older) attend a series of workshops exploring stereotypes, family and technology, before coming together for three afternoons of fun and mutually beneficial activities. Thank you to all of you who have donated old technology to the project and I look forward to being able to give a more detailed report at the AGM later this month.

Recently I had the privilege of going back to Glenwood High to lead the certificate RMPS class through a revision lesson, exploring origins and a Christian view on creation. I was joined by David Smith from St. Ninian's Church and Liam Morton, the youth worker for Collydean Baptist Church. One of the pupils commented that they "liked the fact that [we] were able to break down what [they] have been taught a bit more." They continued stating "it definitely helped me understand things a lot better."

As always, there is so much more that I could write about and so much to look forward to over the coming months. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Please pray for all those involved in running summer holiday clubs, residentials and any other number of outreach events of the summer months. Pray that God would guide us and that the children and young people would come to know more of his amazing love for them.

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 14 June – Glenrothes Baptist Church: 7.30pm

If you would like to be notified on a monthly basis of GROW items for prayer please contact Oskar by phone on 07598804183 or by email at youthworker@grow-trust.co.uk