

September 2018



## Dear Friends...

*From the GROW Management Team*

Dear friends,

As I write the new school session is underway, the weather outside certainly suggests that Autumn is on its way and the GROW management group and trustees have already spent time looking forward to the next 18 months' work at our recent strategy afternoon.

Whilst the team have a break from meetings over the summer Oskar has been involved in various holiday activities and we have also been preparing for what was promised in our last newsletter – an event to reveal an updated logo and launch a new website. This will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Rothes Halls, Glenrothes and we are calling it “refresh and look forward”. Oskar will also be sharing a flavour of his work with chaplains in Assemblies and following the strategy meeting we will share our plans for the next 18 months. Everyone is warmly invited, and we do encourage you, if you are able, to join us for what we hope will be an inspiring night.

Over the summer fundraising on behalf of GROW hasn't stopped either, receiving £147 from St Columba's after

an afternoon tea. We continue to be grateful to all the church families who continue to support the work so faithfully during the year.

As the new session gets underway we are also thankful for all those who assist Oskar in his work in schools, in Assemblies, in the weekly groups and who support projects such as Gener8 by volunteering. It is such a privilege to be welcomed into our local schools and to offer support to both pupils and staff there. Please pray that Oskar will have the energy and support that he needs to be able to accept opportunities, that existing relationships will be strengthened, and new ones established. Please pray too for school staff, that they may be encouraged and inspired in their vocation, whilst there is a shortage of teachers, putting further pressure on the timetables.

We look forward to seeing you at on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

God bless,

Chris Hay



## Hello...

Oskar Forbes – GROW Outreach Worker



Hello,

It's a new academic year and time for another newsletter. As I write, plans to restart SU groups, drop-ins and assemblies are underway, and the year ahead looks to be filled with many exciting opportunities to work in our schools and churches.

When I last wrote, I was able to tell you all that we had started the pilot scheme of Gener8, our new Intergenerational Project. As was reported at the AGM in June, the pilot scheme was a great success and was enjoyed by both our older and younger participants. I am extremely grateful to our older participants who took part in the project. Jim Neilson, May Wright, Lynne Turner and Anne Rennie all jumped into the unknown and joined us on this new venture. A special thanks to May, Lynne & Anne for sharing their experiences with us at the AGM. We are hoping to run a second Gener8 course after the October holidays and I am looking for new participants. If you are aged 60+, or are retired and feel this would be something you would like to be involved in, please get in touch with me or speak to any of our older participants who took part in the course before the summer and I'm sure they will be happy to tell you about their experiences of it.

Although the schools were on holiday over the summer, there were hundreds of people, willingly giving their time and volunteering to help run holiday clubs, residentials and missions throughout the country, and Glenrothes was no

exception. There were five different holiday clubs running in the second half of the summer holidays at Collydean Baptist Church, St. Columba's, St. Margaret's, St. Ninian's & the Salvation Army (all taking place between 23 July and 10 August.) It was a real privilege to be a part of three of these teams as we explored some of the parables that Jesus told, the life of Daniel, and the life of Moses, using the themes of Space, Spies and the jungle. I have also heard good reports from St. Ninian's, where they explored the book of Matthew with SU's *Mega Makers*, and from St. Columba's where they explored the lives of a number of Biblical figures using SU's new *Team Builders* material. Please continue to remember all of the children and young people who attended these holiday clubs and missions and pray that God will continue to work in their lives and remind them of all they heard over the summer. Pray too for all those who volunteered, many taking time off work to do so. Pray that they will continue to be encouraged and thank God for all their hard work.

As the year begins and there are many exciting opportunities ahead, please pray for me and the GROW committee, for guidance, discernment and a sense of God's direction as we seek to serve him in our schools and churches.

## Upcoming Events

### REFRESH & LOOK FORWARD

Thursday 13 September: Rothes Halls – 7.00pm

### GROW PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesday 25 September: St. Columba's Church – 7.00pm

Wednesday 24 October: Salvation Army – 6:30pm

Monday 12 November: Thornton Parish Church – 10.30am

Tuesday 4 December: Glenrothes Baptist Church – 7.00pm

### RESIDENTIALS

GO Conference 2018: 12-15<sup>th</sup> October (S4-S6)

Fife, Perth & Kinross Secondary Weekend: 2-4<sup>th</sup> November

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