

May 2019



Dear Friends...

From the GROW Management Team

Dear friends,

we are already into May! However, as Easter was in late April, I don't feel it's too late to be wishing you all a joy-filled Easter season. Marking the events of Holy Week and Easter in our ecumenical services in Glenrothes is always a good opportunity to catch up with friends from GROW. Above is a photo from Easter morning sunrise on Falkland Hill.

Since our last newsletter the main focus for the Management Group and Trustees has been fabric as the GROW office has changed location. After many wonderful years at the "Y" GROW has been offered the opportunity to occupy an office within the newly refurbished Glenrothes Baptist Church premises. After some deliberation we have accepted their very generous offer. Oskar now has his own space and a great view over to East Lomond. We are indebted to our friends at the "Y" for the central location that they have provided and for all their support over the years to our workers and to the Trust in general. I know that we'll remain in touch and we continue to pray for the valuable work that they carry out in the town. We are also very grateful for the donations that we received for office furniture, ably constructed by Mike and Craig.

As we are already into the month of May, the focus is now on planning the remainder of the summer term and GROW's commitments over the summer season. For the Management Group, that means the AGM on Thursday 6th June at 6.30pm at the Salvation Army Halls. Invitations will be out in the next couple of weeks but please put the date in your diary. Our thoughts and prayers are also with all the young folk who are taking exams at the moment and those anticipating either moving from Primary to Secondary or leaving their school years behind to move on to new challenges and opportunities.

As this is the last newsletter of the 2018-2019 school session, may I wish you all the good things of summer – warmer weather, the opportunity to relax and be refreshed over the holiday season and to appreciate the beautiful part of the world that we are fortunate to live in.

Psalm 8:1,3,9: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"



Hello...

Oskar Forbes – GROW Outreach Worker

Hello,

And a belated Happy Easter to you all! The Lord is risen!

The year of change has continued for GROW over these last few months and as I prepare this edition of the newsletter, I am sitting in our new office at Glenrothes Baptist Church, where we have been located for a little over a month following our move from the YMCA. We were based at the “Y” for twelve and a half years and I would like to take the opportunity to share my own personal gratitude to the staff at the Y for all their support and friendship over the last two and half years. I would also like to thank those at Glenrothes Baptist for their warm welcome over the last few weeks. I am very grateful for the provision of our new office and excited for the opportunities that it brings.

Back in January we had our SU Primary and Secondary weekend at Lendrick Muir. Over one hundred children and young people from across Perth, Kinross and Fife came together for our cutlery themed weekend where we explored our Biblical theme, a Banquet with Jesus. As ever, the weekend was filled with fun, laughter, great fellowship, and some highly creative costumes, as our young people met together to explore the Bible through the accounts of the Wedding at Cana, the feeding of the 5000, the parable of the Prodigal Son and the parable of the wedding feast.

In February, the Xchange Group at Glenwood High School held a doughnut drop-in over a Friday lunch time, in place of their regular meeting. The drop-in was inspired by the group wanting to take part in SU’s SHINE event. The group, joined by those of us on the school’s chaplaincy team, gave out 142 doughnuts to pupils and staff as well as tea, coffee and hot chocolate. SHINE is

an outreach programme organised by SU and takes place in schools across the whole of the UK. If you would like to find out more you can visit the website at: <https://www.shineinschools.com/>.

Over the last couple of months we have also been involved in delivering assemblies in the local high schools, focusing on the topics of Love and Easter. Our Valentine’s assembly gave us the opportunity to partner once again with Gideons International, as we delivered an assembly together at Glenrothes High School and our Easter assemblies focused on the topic of Hope and the living hope we have in Jesus’ resurrection. Both assemblies allowed us to introduce pupils to the work of Tearfund, who celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.

Finally, for now, I am happy to report that our second movie night took place on 27 April. Seventeen young people came together as we watched Cool Runnings, ate pizza and shared together in fellowship at Collydean Baptist Church. Our third movie night will take place in June so please look out for more information in the coming weeks.

If you would like to hear more about any of these events (and others that have taken place over the last year) please join us for the AGM (details below) in June.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.



Upcoming Events

GROW PRAYER MEETING

Monday 13 May: Thornton Parish Church – 10.00am

GROW AGM

Thursday 6 June: The Salvation Army Halls – 6.30pm

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