



Young Life prayer letter

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'When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." '

Matthew 9:36-38

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As we look at those around us who are not yet saved, let us have the same attitude as the Lord Jesus - a compassion which stems from love. Let us also seek to do all we can to reach as many people as possible with the gospel, mindful that "the harvest is plentiful" (though we may not always feel this is the case!). As we take stock of Young Life Holidays and perhaps beach missions over the summer, it is easy to think that much more would have been possible with the right resources. However, we are called to act here and now, so let's be joyful and thank the Lord for the many gospel opportunities over the summer. Let's pray for all those people who attended Young Life Holidays and beach missions - and pray that the Lord would indeed raise up more workers.

Nathaniel Elcock - YL National Co-ordinator

Young Life Holidays 2008

This month, our prayer letter reports on all the Young Life Holidays which have taken place over the summer. Please pray for all the young people who attended.

Proverbs 3:5-6 on the camp which every camper could recite from memory by the end of the week. We produced a DVD this year which shows all aspects of



a great camp which is fun to come on and one that is sure to challenge spiritually. Many young people either trusted Christ or came away more committed to Him.

As well as the sports and spiritual side to the camp, we also have a tremendous amount of fun. Each day a leader becomes the 'duffer of the day' for mistakes made on the previous day. Luke Pibworth was the star of 'duffer' this year, especially after trying to dry the duffer shirt in a microwave oven!

Brecon - Phil Bushby



Brecon is a sensational venue. The beacons are beautiful and the school facilities are simply outstanding. The main difference

on camp this year was the poor weather but somehow this managed to make the camp even better as the four teams spent longer getting to know each other and working hard towards the camp cup. We offer a range of sports on the camp, from the traditional football, rugby, cricket, netball etc., to the more unusual, such as archery, fitness suite, dodge ball and handball - and even the frankly bizarre: the water games and water fight which are always a 'Friday Favourite'!

Martin Clowes was our main speaker this year and we really enjoyed hearing his talks which were based on Matthew 5-7, and discussing them in our small discussion groups. We learnt

Knock 1 - Barry Grayburn

We had a great time on Knock this year with a number of young people being challenged. After the climax of the meetings, one boy is thinking seriously about the gospel, whilst one girl has made a commitment and another has made a re-commitment. Another camper is lacking assurance and needs our prayers for

an understanding of sin. We were encouraged by a camper sharing his testimony of how he was converted on a previous year which the team had found a difficult year. Another camper converted on a previous year has been helping others in the group by sharing his testimony. One camper has shared of the difficulty of not drifting as a Christian and another finds it difficult in the school situation. Other campers have begun to understand the meaning of the gospel and we need to pray that their understanding is deepened.

Knock 2 - Graham Leng

We had a happy week with happy campers, and a lot of children from both Christian and non-Christian homes. The weather was good when we needed it. We thank God for safety in all the activities and good opportunities for conversations with many, especially in Quiet Time groups.

Pray for:

- a 12-year-old boy from a non-Christian home thinking seriously about salvation but worried about the effect on his family
- a 14-year-old boy with a troubled background, wanting help to pray.

Misterton - Ben Pibworth



This was our second year at the purpose-built campsite in Misterton near Doncaster, where we had forty 14-18-year-olds from around the country.

We had a great camp atmosphere and despite some rain, generally good weather. We are really thankful to the Lord for a blessed week. Praise God also for our dedicated group of leaders who have a real desire to serve the Lord.

We had many activities through the week including archery, team sports and a trip to Alton Towers. Alan Steele spoke each evening on 1 John, focusing on how we can know that we have eternal life. In the morning Bible times we were looking through the gospel of Mark.

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Please continue to pray for a number of campers who were helped by the teaching and asked serious questions during the week. In particular, pray for three campers who we believe became Christians as a result of the week.

Sligo - Chris Frazer

Praise for:

- influx of last-minute bookings
- several teens counselled for salvation, others seeking assurance
- encouragement from American Christians staying at the centre.

Pray for:

- a 12-year-old girl seeking assurance of forgiveness
- a 12-year-old boy from Dungannon who prayed for forgiveness and asked the Lord into his heart
- a 14-year-old boy from a difficult background who was difficult on camp but stayed behind for counselling; 15-year-old and 12-year-old girls who were counselled and prayed for
- a 12-year-old girl who professed faith but is worried about what her friends will think when she gets home.

Other News

- Older prayer partners might like to know that Mrs Ruth Phillips received her homecall on June 13th, aged 99. She was the wife of Rev Stanley Phillips who succeeded the founder of NYLC, Mr Frederick P Wood, as director of the movement at the end of the 1950s.
- 'Holidays of a Lifetime!' is a new book by Trevor Knight, documenting the history of UBM, from the earliest days right up to the present time. It is Trevor's very personal account of the impact and influence of UBM on the lives of many. RRP £4.95, available from the UBM and YL offices.
- An events brochure detailing all our national and regional events for the next year is now available.



Dates for your diary

Oct 17th - 19th: Midlands Houseparty