

PRAYER LETTER

June - August 2017

Welcome to the NISCU schoolworkers' prayer letter.
Come and hear news from the teams and find out how you
can be involved and support your local schoolwork.
We hope that you enjoy the read.

NISCU AGM Celebration
West Cumbria
Thursday 15th June
Moresby Church Hall 7.30pm
You are warmly invited, bring a friend



Come and celebrate... God is at work in schools and communities

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News from the NISCU West Cumbria Team

Last summer two local secondary school students were on a Christian camp and whilst there they felt they heard God speak to them. Subsequently they decided to rise to the challenge of setting up an activity in school that offered prayer, fellowship and getting deeper into the Bible. They were very keen that it would not clash with, but compliment, the QM (Question Mark) club which has been running for many years. After some time spent with the students it was agreed that they would set up another club in school. They also began coming along to the QM club so that they could have input there, which would give continuity for any students who wanted to come from the QM club to the new club. In doing so they began to have conversations with existing QM students as to how the club should function now that there was a new club also in school. This led to an idea for a new style QM club to emerge where topics would be discussed and debated around tables in a café style atmosphere totally led by the students themselves, followed by feedback from each table and a concluding message. The students put an idea forward to create interest about the launch. This was a poster and advert for the daily school bulletin with a big question mark on it: no words, no explanation! This went out two days before the launch. They then put an advert out that explained what it was all about and which invited people along. The first new style QM club was launched and four new students came along. This was the beginning! We are praying for these students and all that God would do through them, and we are expectant about the difference they will make in their school.

Praying for schools, financing Christian schoolwork or getting involved in your local school could not be easier. If this story has struck a chord with you or your church and you are interested to know more, get in touch: lynn.graham@niscu.org.uk or on 07568567539.

Come along to our **AGM Celebration** on 15th June at Moresby Church Hall 7.30pm. And there is an exciting opportunity to come and find out more about the work of NISCU on Saturday 24th June with our **Summer Get Together** from 10.30-4pm at Newton Rigg College. Sign up using www.eventbrite.co.uk. Food for thought!

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We could tell you countless stories of how NISCU has affected the lives of children and young people, and it is thanks to our supporters across all of the NISCU areas who make it possible for us to continue in this work.

If you are wondering how you could get involved, it's as easy as 'ABC'...

ASK & RECEIVE

Sign up to become a member of our prayer teams in your area:

1. Visit www.niscu.org.uk/areas,
2. Select your area
3. Send an email to the designated person for your area, asking to receive prayer bulletins.

Help our local teams by going in to your local school and supporting our work:

1. Visit www.niscu.org.uk/areas,
2. Select your area
3. Send an email to the designated person for your area, informing them that you would like to help.

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To become a financial donor, either visit www.niscu.org.uk/giving and follow the links for further giving options, or use the form on the back of this booklet.

Feel free to email admin@niscu.org.uk for more information and help.

To find out more information regarding the work of NISCU in your area either

Visit our website: www.niscu.org.uk

Email: admin@niscu.org.uk or see

www.niscu.org.uk/contact-us/ for a list of area contact emails

Phone: 01524 732764

Or write to: NISCU, 57 Lancaster Road, Carnforth, Lancs LA5 9LE.

Prayer Diary

June

- Tue 6: QM club at lunchtime in Cockermouth School
Wed 7: QM Club at lunchtime in Keswick School
Wed 7: Sharing about the NISCU work at Ladies Group
Emmanuel Church, Workington
Wed 7: Allerdale PPT to be confirmed
Thu 8: Experience Pentecost at St Phillip's Eaglesfield,
Paddle Primary School visiting in the morning
Thu 8: Thursday Club at lunchtime in Beacon Hill School
Tue 13: QM Club at lunchtime in Cockermouth School
Tue 13: Copeland PPT at Bransty School
Wed 14: QM Club at lunchtime in Keswick School
Wed 14: Allerdale PPT at St Herbert's School
Keswick [2 assemblies]
Thu 15: RE Session in the morning at
Mayfield SEN School, Whitehaven
Thu 15: Thursday Club at lunchtime in Beacon Hill School
Thu 15: Workington PPT at St Patrick's Workington
Thu 15: AGM Moresby Church Hall 7.30pm
Mon 19: Year 6 Transition lesson at 1pm,
St Herbert's Primary School in Keswick
Tue 20: Year 6 Transition Lesson at 9.15am,
Seaton Junior School
Tue 20: Year 6 Transition Lesson at 1.30pm,
Fairfield Primary School Cockermouth
Tue 20: Copeland PPT at Bookwell School, Egremont
Wed 21: Year 6 Transition Lesson at 10am,
Flimby Primary School
Wed 21: Allerdale PPT at All Saint's School, Cockermouth
Thu 22: Workington PPT at St Mary's School, Harrington
Fri 23: Interview day for new NISCU worker

QM (Question Mark) Club:

"What is life about? Who am I? QM is a club for life's big questions and a place to have fun, with games, video clips and space to think.

June (cont)

- Sat 24: NISCU Summer Get Together at Newton Rigg from
10.30am to 4pm. Sign up at www.eventbrite.co.uk
- Mon 26: Year 7 Assembly at 9am Cockermouth School
- Mon 26: Year 6 Transition Lesson at 10am,
St James Junior School, Whitehaven
- Tue 27: Copeland PPT at Valley School, Whitehaven
- Wed 28: Allerdale PPT at Borrowdale School
- Thu 29: Workington PPT at Beckstone School
- Fri 30: Year 6 Transition Lesson at 9am Dean Primary School
- Fri 30 : Year 6 Transition Lesson at 1pm Brigham School

July

- Tue 4: Support Group Meeting 7.30pm
- Thu 6: Workington PPT at Seaton Academy
- Wed 12: Year 6 Transition Lesson at 1.30pm,
Paddle Primary School
- Fri 14: Year 6 Transition Lesson at 1pm,
Derwent Vale School
- Mon 17: NISCU Team Day
- Thu 20: Last day of the term
- Sat 29 Jul – Sat 5 Aug: Cumbria Christian Youth Camp

**Please pray for all our church partners in the weekly and
monthly secondary clubs**

Mim Rainford, Rachel Philips, Alan Rainford, Itzel Herrera,
Ian Harvie, Alison Riley, Adrian Thompson, Jenny Sloan,
Fergus Pearson, Michael Sloan, Sudharshan Sarvananthan,
and Darryl Boustead

Hello from Primary Puppets

'Great is thy faithfulness'

Have you ever wondered about our visits into our local schools? What stories we have to tell, where we witness God at work even in the smallest of things. We thought it would be encouraging to hear some of these stories from last term.

Sometimes we face challenges in unexpected ways:

Brenda: 'What a morning! I was late because of the school run, Gillian was late and was worried as she couldn't see Angela's car. She thought Angela hadn't arrived because of all the road closures and resurfacing work going on in Cleator Moor. What a relief when walking together into the school car park we saw Angela's car!'

Angela: 'I'd been advised when contacting the school to try and get through as soon as possible. So off I set, collecting Yvette on route, and headed to the end point of the road closure, where I explained to the workman controlling the access point that we were due into the school up the road. After a delay we were asked to drive towards the school where it became obvious to us that we wouldn't be able to access it as the tarmac outside the school was being laid! So we had a front seat view of the resurfacing work! Finally we gingerly made our way as directed into the school. We'd made it and on time too!'

Brenda: 'We got on with putting up the theatre and getting everything ready when one of the poles came apart! It hadn't happened before. Gillian and Angela finally fixed it back together in time. What a morning!'

Angela: 'After a busy assembly we left the school to find no evidence of the earlier holdups! Having got Yvette to her workplace I followed her in to see if I could catch the head to make a booking. [The day before I'd rung the school with the dates]. It seemed an impossibility as I was told he was busy, however suddenly he became available! A booking made, I departed and on arrival home decided to ring another school and immediately spoke to the head there, so another booking confirmed!'

Joanie: 'In the smallest details we recognise God's great faithfulness. Dad's hospital appointment came for a Thursday instead of the usual Wednesday.... but in the afternoon, so I could still make it to puppets. Wednesday it had taken me an hour to get to Workington, but on the Thursday we got straight through the roadworks on green - FOR GO!

Julie: 'Easter in schools has been AMAZING! So many opportunities to share a clear message of God's love. Schools requesting an Easter assembly! In the song 'I'm special' there was a real sense of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit from spontaneous clapping to the quiet, reflective song.

There was an awesome presence of the Holy Spirit, as children shared what they had learnt from the Easter assembly. Here are a couple of their responses: "I now know that God is real." "I know that Jesus would risk His life, even for an old man." "I know that we are all special to God."

Joanie: 'Jesus said I am the living one, I once was dead but now I am alive forever and ever Amen'. These words from the puppet song were being sung and actioned as the children returned to their classrooms after the assembly.'

We give thanks, praise and glory to God for His great provision each term as we reach out into our schools. Here's to many more stories to share

Angela

Prayer Points

- Please pray for the final school visits this term that all those watching may be touched and challenged by the messages we bring in our different assemblies. [Allerdale continue with 'Forgiveness' and the other teams with 'We need each other']
- We give thanks for God's hand in the planning of the new assembly for the Autumn Term. We ask for His continued hand in bringing the final pieces together, especially the required sound track for the puppet play.
- We continue to ask God's guidance for the future of the puppet teams and the need to find new volunteers.
- Please keep praying for God's protection on the health of the team members and their families, and for safe travel on our roads.

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**NISCU All age AGM Celebration
with songs and stories**

*The most
Un-AGM
AGM!*

7.30pm Thursday 15th June 2017

St Bridget's Church Hall, Moorsby CA28 6RR

Prayer



Breakfast

*You are invited to come and pray
for local children, young people,
leaders and schools*

8 - 9am

On Thursday 14th September 2017 at

Christ Church Rooms South Street

Cockermouth CA13 9RU

Please RSVP to lynn.graham@niscu.org.uk
to book your breaky.

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