

Dear Supporters,

What a year 2018 has been so far for NISCU Eden! The opportunities within schools in this area continue to present themselves. There are lunch clubs in the secondary schools across Eden where young people come, play games, eat snacks, get to know some of the different Christian workers in their communities and have the opportunity to engage with questions about God, the Bible and the impact Jesus can have in our lives and our world.



There are primary schools in our area with whom I have had no previous links who have become really welcoming and keen for me to help them develop more understanding of Christianity within their schools – how exciting! There have been ‘Prayer Spaces in Schools’ events in a variety of schools and watching children from age 4 to 18 think about their place in God’s amazing universe, discover more about their uniqueness and value, and con-temple some of the ‘Big questions’ at their own level has been so powerful. We may not know what happens to the seeds of faith that are sown in these lives but I pray

NISCU’s aim is to provide children and young people in education in the north-west of England with knowledge and understanding of the Christian Faith as presented in the bible, and to support children and young people who choose to express their Christian faith in their community.

that God will provide other people in their lives to help to water the seeds and be there when they have questions.

It has been great to be able to work with different Christians in a number of these ventures, especially in the run up to Easter. It would be great to develop more links with volunteers in the area, there are so many different ways we could support the schools in our area. If you want to know more about the work I would be more than happy to meet with you, just get in touch by phone or email!

I also send out a weekly prayer email, giving information about what is happening in schools that week, please email me if you would like to be added to that list.

Ruth Evans



A message from Nick

Hello all,

Thanks to God!

He has saved us, and so we can be a blessing! As last year, we are finding that more and more schools are asking us to do more and more in their schools. God continues to open doors into our communities in our schools. This year, we have continued our clubs, lessons and assembly work across our areas. We have also been asked by schools for more support with their pastoral teams, and specialist RE teaching, and so we are now delivering listening services and 'Understanding

Christianity' training for teachers in a few schools, pray for us that we may be able to meet the demand as more schools ask for these services.

*I will save you, and you will be a blessing.
Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.*

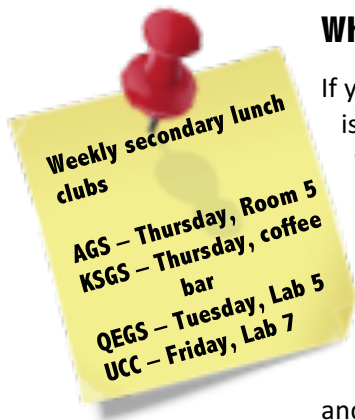
Zechariah 8:13 (NIV)

Thanks to you!

And the reason we can be a blessing, is simply because of your support through 'giving of your time to pray', 'giving of your time to be in school' and 'giving of your finance', we continue to be able to reach more children and young people with the hope of the gospel of Jesus. Praise God, and a sincere thank you, to you.

Let your hands be strong.

The cry of my heart this spring, is that we would 'not be afraid', but that we would 'let our hands be strong'. In speaking with school leaders across our areas, the urgency for help in schools is reaching a breaking point. We know that we live in a climate where budgets are being cut, talk to a head teacher and you will quickly see the reality of this pressure on them, and their staff in their schools. This is a huge burden and can be easily supported by people who care for their children and schools' communities. So, I say to you, and please pray this back to us 'Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong'. As we see the size of the task at hand, God reminds us that we need to do our little bit and together we can make a big difference.



What can you do to help?

If you are not already on your local prayer list, then that is a really great place to start. Also, we are working with Prayforschools.org to try and support local people praying specifically for their school. If you would like to join this, see the information on our website, www.niscu.org.uk/pray4schools/. Finally, if you know somebody who doesn't know about our work, then why not share with them what we do...their 'little bit' can really add to the work and make a big difference!

God bless you all,

Nick Klein CEO and the NISCU Management team

How can I support NISCU or get involved?

ASK & RECEIVE



Ask & receive - Be a prayer supporter by joining one of our prayer groups, or by receiving regular emails with prayer points from across the area.

Beautiful feet - Be a visitor at school, there are many ways of getting involved in our schools, from baking cakes to listening sessions and running clubs, or helping out in assemblies.



*And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Romans 10:15

CHEERFUL GIVERS



Cheerful givers - Become part of our financial support team giving a small amount through standing order monthly or through a one-off gift enabling us to support over 1,600 children in schools in the Eden area.

To find out more information regarding the work of NISCU in the Eden area or to find out more how to support us either:

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