



Front cover of the
'NISCU SUNDAY Pack' 2019

62 lessons in
26 schools talking to over
1,597 children in the period
up to Easter.

Impressed?

I am!

This happened in North Cumbria, as part of our Easter programme.

The trend in schools these days is to say that Jesus did not exist. Happily NISCU is able to say that he did and was able to share this with all those children.

Apparently..

... a teacher at one of the schools did a bit of YouTube research ...

...and discovered, to their surprise, that there are many references to Jesus' existence. So it is not only children being given the good news; teachers are as well.

No doubt similar statistics and stories can be related across the whole of our NISCU patch, but it is a sobering thought that very few of the kids

spoken to will have church connections and would have little or no knowledge of the Easter message. In many instances NISCU is their only contact with the Gospel.

In another area a town has around

500 students attending secondary school
550 in primary, and only
10 -15 kids attending something church based once a month.

All this just illustrates the importance of NISCU. The assembly or the school club is often the first time a child hears about Jesus Christ. The NISCU team is working hard to establish links and partnerships with churches so that school is not the only place they can learn about and hopefully accept Jesus for who he is.

The NISCU teams are the sowers. We would love churches to be the reapers. Some are, but not enough. We would love to be able to employ more workers and open up new areas.

Opportunities come our way at regular intervals, but we are unable to oblige. Finances just do not permit. Business could help enormously by contributing to our funding and get the tax breaks as well!

Please give prayerful consideration to supporting a vital work.

Recent research shows..

**In 2019, NISCU provided
14,759 hours of employed
work across all of
our areas.**

14,759

**Last year we visited 279
schools across all of
our areas.**

279

**If we spent every single
moment of our time in school...**

(not preparing lessons, or meeting church leaders, or encouraging supporters).

**...We would only be able to
spend 1.4 hours per school per
week.**

1.4 hours

It's
all
about
JESUS

The story of Jesus told to
1000's of children at Christmas and Easter

In brief around the areas

The new academic year

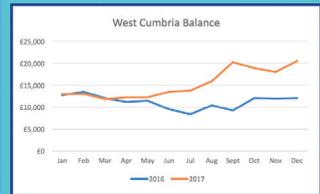
The first term of a new academic year is always busy! Working with Secondary school pastoral teams on transition for

their new intake, building relationships in clubs where pupils have moved on, and of course the second half of the term is filled with Christmas roadshows and lessons.

In all of it, we praise God that we are busy, that schools enjoy our work and keep on inviting us back to deliver more.

West Cumbria

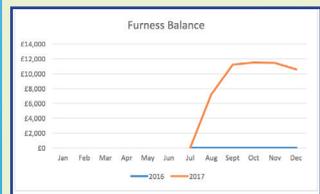
September 2018 we employed Ruth on a 1 year contract working in and around Aspatria so that Lynn can be released to spend some of her time focussing on Maryport.



It is our intention that this work will become sustainable.

Furness

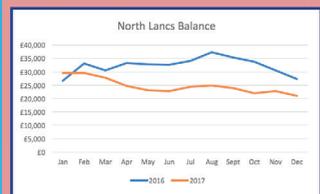
Charlie continues to work in the secondary schools in Furness. We are now looking at how we can work more closely with local churches in reaching pupils that need our support, particularly in a heavily rural area.



Keep praying for good relationships.

North Lancs

The team continue to work in many schools across North Lancs, and we were also given a gift to employ an intern to work specifically in the Garstang schools, so lots and lots to thank God for.

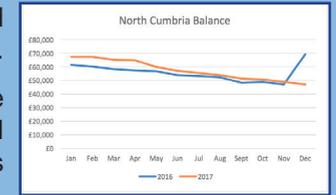


They are now looking at how to equip volunteers to build their listening service provision across many schools in the area.

North Cumbria

Sadly Trudi left the North Cumbria team in November to get married and live in Manchester, we wish her the best and thank her for the many lives that she has touched and inspired in the year she was with us.

Fiona has joined the team to fill the role, and we pray that the team will continue to grow the provision across North Cumbria.



Eden

One of the main focus' of our work in Eden has been to build the Support Group that oversees the work in the local area, keep praying for this.

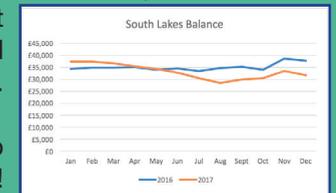
We now look again to how we can support our rural localities better.



South Lakes

We have been reminded of the value of prayer in recent months. God has answered so many...school doors being opened, Support Group roles being filled and workers being blessed.

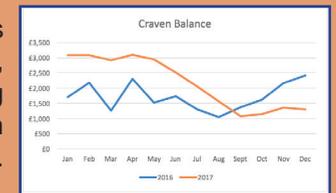
Please continue to pray!!!



Craven

Sadly, Sue left the Craven area and moved to the Isle of Man in July.

We have extended Bev Scott's mandate into Ingleton and Bentham, and it has been really encouraging how she has continued to build on the work that Sue established.



A message from the CEO

As you can see from the front cover of this edition of 'The Business', we spent a lot of our time during Autumn 2018 finalising the new NISCU Sunday Pack for 2019.

For those that aren't aware, we create a resource for our supporters which enables them to talk about NISCU during a Sunday, or midweek meeting in their church context.

For 2019, we are focusing on 2 facts. Firstly that a lot of children in our schools actually do know a bit about Jesus from their classes (we could argue that for a lot of these children it is because of the 50 year heritage of having NISCU into their schools to teach them about Jesus!), but our task now is to help them go from just knowing the fact of Jesus in their head, to knowing the real Jesus in their heart.

The second aspect is that sadly, it appears that only 1%-2% of the children that are sat in our schools Monday - Friday are engaging with the church in any meaningful way.

I find this particularly difficult, and now I am considering more and more ways in which we can help the local church bridge this ever widening gap between their school community and their church community.

'To help our children go from knowing the fact of Jesus in their head - to the truth of Jesus in their heart'

niscu Sunday 2019

niscu Sunday 2019

- The NISCU Sunday Pack contains:
 - A 3 (or 5) minute video of children telling us who they think Jesus is.
 - A downloadable pdf 'script' document giving you support on how to deliver the session
 - A powerpoint presentation specific for your locality
 - Usable flyers to support the session.

- Who can deliver the NISCU Sunday?
 - Any supporter, however if you would like one of the team to do it, they may be able to come to your church and deliver it with you.

- Aim: To help churches hear more about what NISCU can do, and how they can join in with the work.



www.niscu.org.uk/niscu-sunday

For more information on about the NISCU Sunday pack and how to get it, visit our website.

A message from Central Admin

I would like to say that it is with great pleasure that I announce that we are nearly at the AGM season...however I am not sure if some people see it that way!!

"I have to say though, that in my own special way, I really, really like our AGM's at NISCU".

I guess part of that is because they are not what you would call 'normal' AGM's.

Our teams this year are looking at what we actually do in schools, and how schools value the work that we do, and so if you were to attend one (and I genuinely recommend that you do!!) you might see teachers and headteachers from a variety of schools sharing their value of NISCU with us...the supporters.

And I find it particularly moving to see how the work is valued by those who we serve.



If you want to go to an AGM near you, then here is the schedule...

Wed 5th June	South Lakes - Natland Primary School @7:30pm
Mon 10th June	Eden- Orton Primary School @6:00pm
Thursday 13th June	W. Cumbria - St John's Hensingham church @7:30pm
Monday 17th June	N. Cumbria - St Peter's church Kingmoor @7:30pm
Thursday 27th June	N. Lancs- Hope church Lancaster @7:30pm
Thursday 4th July	Craven - St Mary's church Ingleton @7:00pm



To get your copy of this years' Annual Report for central, visit the Business class webpage.

www.niscu.org.uk/business-class

Staffing

North Cumbria - Fiona has joined the team and is working mainly in the Carlisle district.

North Lancs - Sarah has joined the team in the Garstang district, working mainly in the primary schools, but also with a focus on building support for Garstang Community Academy.

Central - we have the privilege of welcoming Marta a New Wine Discipleship Intern from Brazil into the team in the central office. She will be working alongside Nick supporting some of the media work that we are engaged in.



The Team, and some of the Trustees enjoying Christmas dinner - December 2018

New Projects

121 Listening Services - The first training sessions in Appleby and Lancaster have been brilliant, and now we have a number of new volunteers ready to take the next step towards supporting their local schools community.



Walk through the Bible - This term we will send 5 staff to be trained in Walk through the Bible, to help them appreciate what the course entails and also to see a different way of teaching pupils.



Expansion - one new project that I find very exciting is the concept of expanding our influence into new areas Please pray for us as we consider if, how and why we should do this.

NISCU Sunday

As well as enjoying our time together at the Christmas Team Day we also looked at the new NISCU Sunday Pack.

Discussions focussed on how can we bring a generic resource into the relevance of our local churches. Our heart is to really equip local churches to feel comfortable at engaging with their children and young peoples communities, so that in using our influence in schools, we might help some of the children and young people find a home in their local church.

For more info see www.niscu.org.uk/niscu-sunday



On July 16th we met up with schools' workers from York, Blackpool, Clitheroe and the Ripley school Chaplaincy team to hear what school and church leaders had to tell us about supporting them better moving forwards.

In all there was 32 of us praising God, sharing stories and trading ideas about how to develop our work in schools, and schools' work teams. It was an absolutely brilliant day, and we will definitely look to organising something similar again in the future, discussions of it being an annual event were mooted!

Contact us
niscu

Keep in touch



Central Office

57, Lancaster Road, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 9LE.
01524 732 764

Nick Klein - CEO:
nick.klein@niscu.org.uk

Pam Jones - Operations Manager:
pam.jones@niscu.org.uk

Ruth Robinson - Finance Administrator:
admin@niscu.org.uk



Giving

website: www.niscu.org.uk/business-class
01524 732 764

Online

website: www.niscu.org.uk



see www.niscu.org.uk/social-media



@niscu_org



NISCU is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales.
Charity no: 1135880. Company no: 7203313
Registered office address: 57, Lancaster Road, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 9LE

www.niscu.org.uk
admin@niscu.org.uk