

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." Matt 7 v 7

Praying to a generous God!

"How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him?"

I am often bowled over by people's generosity. NISCU is testament to that. Thank you to all of you who pray, give and volunteer alongside us. The "ask, seek, knock" passage in the Bible points out that we have a Father in Heaven who is more generous than the most generous person we know on earth.

A few weeks ago in our Week of Vision and Prayer Jonny set himself the challenge to walk prayerfully from Carnforth to Garstang via Heysham over 2 days. Thirty miles, stopping off at 6 churches and 17 schools along the way. This event completely surpassed our expectations - with 47 prayer supporters joining us, 12 Headteachers taking a break to stand alongside us to pray, 5 schools who stopped all their lessons to bring every child outside to greet Jonny and be prayed for, 2 assemblies Jonny popped into and 3 schools who sent out a group of smiley children.

With banners, cheers and high fives it was an emotional journey. At Ellet St John's Primary every child stood waiting in the playground singing "My Lighthouse" for all of Galgate to hear.

I have a lump in my throat writing about it. There are so many Christians who care deeply about our children and young people, so many Headteachers who value what NISCU offers, so many children who are an inspiration to us. It was a bit overwhelming to be honest.

We are also praising God that since September we have been able to visit 47 local schools and that our videos still reach a good number of school children every week. Since first filming in March 2020 we have made more than 150 different videos and had over 22,000 views (many by classes or whole schools)!

If any of you are worried about the spiritual poverty our country and educational establishments are facing, please turn to our wonderful God and know that He gives generously to those who ask Him.

Debbie

Jonny's Prayer Journey

During our recent Week of Vision and Prayer Jonny walked 30 miles across the North Lancs area, praying with more than 1000 children, school staff and niscu supporters including some of you! Thank you for praying with us!



Asking

Asking questions is something that happens a lot in clubs and lessons, especially where children don't have a church background. It's always an encouraging sign that they are thinking about what they have heard, and a wonderful opportunity to respond with the Gospel. For example, in my Easter lessons one boy was full of questions about the crucifixion. As I explained that Jesus could have avoided the cross but chose to die, the boy said, 'I have one big question: WHY?' So I was able to explain that Jesus loved us so much that he died in our place.

As we encounter so many children, young people and adults with big questions like these, we need to keep coming to God to ASK him something of our own...that he will call them to salvation and they will respond. *Sarah*



Seeking

As well as our day to day, or week to week, routines in niscu, we also make it our aim to keep seeking God for his direction for the future, and to provide us with wisdom and understanding about where young people are at and how we can most effectively reach them with the good news of Jesus. Please partner with us in praying for new creative ideas as we look to see where God is moving and join in!

Jonny



Knocking

As part of my job role I regularly contact a list of primary schools in the area to ask what niscu can do to support the teaching of Christianity. Also each half term I send emails offering to bring lessons which may complement what the schools are already teaching in RE from the Syllabus.

During Lockdown we didn't hear from every school when we were sending out online class assemblies and lesson packs and since September there are still some schools who are not responding like they used to. I feel led to prayerfully continue 'knocking on doors' and trust that in God's time these doors will open/reopen. It is so encouraging when schools respond after not having heard from them for some time and I am praying this will continue to happen.

Diana

NORTH LANCS ANNUAL CELEBRATION

You're invited to our Annual Celebration, which for the first time since 2019 will be in person!

TUESDAY 5TH JULY
Garstang Free Methodist Church

Join the niscu team from 7pm for refreshments and chat, followed by updates on our work and a celebration of all God has done in our area this year!

Connect

Would you like a niscu worker to visit your church, small group or prayer meeting? Let us know! We would love to come and share about niscu!

Monthly Prayer Meetings:
1st Friday (pm) - Garstang
3rd Thurs (am) - Scotforth

Open Office Prayer Time:
Mon 20th June, 11am (Torrisholme)

For more prayer points and good news stories sign up for our Miracle Monday email!

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Any cheques sent for North Lancs need to say "NISCU" on the front and "North Lancs" on the back. Thank you very much.

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