

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4 v 19





God meets our need

It's so wonderful to know that we have an all-powerful, awesome God who provides all we need. Sometimes we can forget, if we find life too easy or too hard, but God is always there! In niscu we are aware of the needs of so many people, students, teachers, churches and of course ourselves. We are so privileged to meet a few of those needs through

our work in schools, but we know we need to keep relying on God to strengthen us, to open doors and to provide the resources, which he always does, out of his glorious riches!

This term, I have started supporting the chaplaincy work at Ripley for one day a week, and already seen first hand how the chaplaincy works to support students and staff, as well as providing much of the spiritual content of the day-to-day life of the school. It is wonderful to be a presence in so many schools teaching those who know little or nothing about Jesus and discipling those of faith through clubs and other meetings, pointing them always to our great God!

Jonny



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

PRAYER

For more prayer points and good news stories sign up for our Miracle Monday email! Or invite a niscu worker to visit your church or prayer meeting! We would love to come and share about niscu!

Quality Clothes

I have a need for more patience. And I've discovered every one of the 25 schools I visited this half term need more patience too! With a big cardboard wardrobe prop, a new song based on Colossians ch3 v12 and five items of cardboard clothing (jumper of compassion, coat of kindness, hat of humility, gloves of gentleness and pjs of patience) we thought about those words Paul wrote from prison to the church in Colossae and how thankfully it's not about trying harder. God provides those qualities, we need to ask him for help. We had a vote in each school, and teachers alongside pupils always said they needed patience the most. How about you? And once you have put on patience, don't forget to regularly wash your garment in love.

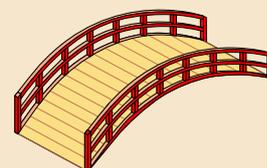
Debbie



Bridging the gap

Sometimes our role is not to meet a need directly ourselves, but to be the 'bridge' that allows a church to meet that need instead. Recently a community school contacted me to ask if I knew where they could go and view a baptism pool in a church. Unable to accompany them myself, I was able to put them in contact with a local church in Lancaster who were willing to not only let them view the pool, but to provide a church member to explain everything and answer their questions. Our greatest hope is that children and adults will link to local church families where they can grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. Sometimes meeting a need means to simply be the link that brings the right people together.

Sarah

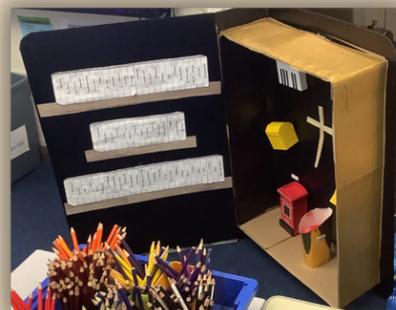


Needs of Schools

One of the roles of niscu is to support schools in the teaching of Christianity. I spend a lot of my time teaching lessons and aim to complement what they are already teaching from the RE Curriculum. Each term I send out a list of lessons that schools may be covering and am often invited in to start a topic off or draw the topic to a close and bring everything together. This term I have been teaching lots of Big Bible lessons as well as Harvest, Called by God, Creation, Prayer and Life as a Journey.

Teachers have commented in the past that niscu schools workers bring an extra element to the RE lessons as we are able to share examples of our own faith and testimony, a great way to meet their need!

Diana



Introducing NISCU connect:

NISCU connect is a NEW magazine that is published online 3 times a year during the school holidays at Christmas, Easter and Summer.

It contains information about events for children and young people that are being hosted by local churches, so that parents and carers can find out what is going on over the holidays

If your church or Christian organisation is hosting a one-off event for school aged children (5 - 18 years old) and you want us to include it in our publication, then do let us know your details by completing the form online.

Don't forget you can sign up to receive the digital publication. Why not be one of the first to receive it? Just subscribe to NISCU Connect..

To send us your information or subscribe to receive the publication as it comes out visit www.niscu.org.uk/connect



On the road again!

The schools have had to go without a Puppet Roadshow for a couple of years. We provided videos to help fill the gap, including a "Sheldon the Shepherd" nativity video filmed on a farm. But it's not the same as hearing the children's laughter and the crazy schedule of 3 or 4 schools a day for several weeks, chatting to staff, watching the time, praying that the technology works. So this year please pray that we can go ahead, that the message is loud and clear - God became a baby in order to rescue us and make it possible for us to come to Him. Pray that the right schools will get booked in and as Hebrews 12:12 says - for "strength for our feeble arms".

Debbie

Financial support this Christmas...

Like everyone else, we are aware of the current 'Cost of Living Crisis', and the costs for niscu are rising too. That's why it's both the hardest time and a necessary time to ask you to continue supporting us financially, and even consider increasing your gift, even a small amount makes a difference! We really value all of your support, which enables us to reach so many children and young people with the good news of Jesus.



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Thank you very much.