

Aberdeen Adventures

Happy Easter!

As we think about Easter this year we believe that God wants to bring new life to many situations, and we look forward with great expectation to the next part of the year with this in mind. We hope and pray that this will become a reality for you and us, and that we will see God move in new ways in our lives, in our communities and in our nations!! HE IS RISEN!

The Lighthouse—Ian has recently been meeting with one of the guys to talk about the Bible; he has also had a couple of phone calls from a guy in prison wanting to talk and pray. It is a real encouragement to see these guys take initiative, and we pray that they will continue to seek the Lord.

Church—We have been going to a local Church of Scotland called



Old Machar and are enjoying worshipping there. The people are friendly, and there is a great mum and toddler group that Zoe loves (there are lots of toy cars!).

National Leadership Forum (NLF)—Ian is one of seven people who have been asked to work in conjunction with the National Leadership Team (NLT) of

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Scotland. This will involve meeting quarterly to support the NLT, consulting on decisions, and helping with some of the running of YWAM Scotland. It kicks off this month, and will connect us in more with YWAM Scotland, as well as give him the chance in input into national decisions.

24-7 Prayer Room, Part Two... (17th to 31st May)

God is doing something new in Aberdeen! There is a hunger for prayer brewing. We have been asking God how to move forward and He keeps bringing us back to Himself, dwelling with Him (Psalm 84), and not striving, but letting him lead where He wants to go. He must be the orchestrator, and it needs to be fueled by a passion and hunger for Him.

He spoke to us at the end of last year about reading the entire Bible

out loud in January, which we did, and are now planning to run two



weeks of 24-7 prayer in May, ending on Pentecost which is also the Global Day of Prayer. Ultimately we want to make space available where people can meet with God. We are trusting that as we put the room together God will draw people and that He will give us all the prayers that need to be prayed, for ourselves, families, communities, Aberdeen, Scotland and the nations.

www.24-7prayeraberdeen.org

Reading the Bible in a Month! (1st to 31st January)



Towards the end of last year God spoke to us a crazy notion of reading the Bible out loud in January. We allocated portions of Scripture for each day which involved reading for about 3 hours. Lots of people signed up and the Bible was read all across the city, in coffee shops, car parks, at the beach, in homes, in cars and on the radio. We had the

privilege of taking the final slot, including the whole of Revelation and the sense of God's presence was amazing.

We believe that God was investing in Aberdeen during that time. So many Christians were encouraged, and we trust that we will continue to see results.

Outreach Team from Seamill (30th Dec to 20th Feb)

Claes (who Deborah led a team to India with in 2004) and his wife Sarah brought a team for almost 2 months at the beginning of this year. They supported all the usual suspects and invested a massive amount in the Bible declaration and prayer in January. They also



worked with the youth group at a local church which has opened a way for us to work with them more in the future. This is very exciting and we are now preparing to run a young adults group for them from May. A huge "thank you" to Claes, Sarah and team!

Young Adults Group

This was highlighted as an area of need for Old Machar Church, and simultaneously God was putting this group on Ian's heart, so we knew God had plans! We talked with the church leadership about

possibilities and were met with great favour and openness. The age group is about 18+ and a lot of them are involved in youth ministry, giving a lot of time to church activities. It is a great chance to invest in them and

give them the input and support they need, as well as encouraging them in their relationships with God. We plan to include discipleship, worship, prayer and some fun stuff (of course) each week.

Family Update

Deborah is now 6 months pregnant and keeping well after battling a chest infection. (Due date is 30th July!) Her brother and his wife are expecting their first baby in September, and we are very excited to become an auntie and uncle!!

Zoe is 18 months old, learning new words by the minute, and is very attached to her toy doll called 'Baba'. (Good preparation for the

new baby, although she will have to be more careful with the real thing!)

Ian is thriving on his geek overload (website production), and Ian and Zoe are planning a trip to Belfast mid-June to see family and Ian's home church. Deborah will have to survive a weekend of r & r at home!

We look forward to family visiting in August, a family wedding in September and a holiday in October.



Germany DNA Infusion Conference (20th Apr to 8th May)

The conference blurb includes the following: "DNA refers to the essential genetics of our missions tribe that we believe God wants to multiply into successive generations of YWAMers for health and fruitfulness....As we understand how our values as a tribe are rooted in the Scriptures and the character and nature of God, we will be able to inwardly expand our faith and

outwardly initiate fruitful ministry all around the globe. Growing together, we will be able to find the seeds which we should plant and multiply into future generations!"

www.ywam-sf.net/dna/index.html

We have a great sense of expectation for what God wants to do in this time. We believe we will be

further equipped to fulfil our ministry, and greatly encouraged by what God is doing around the world.



CLAN News (18th to 24th of Jul)

The theme of the conference this year is "This is our God", focusing on the nature and character of God. As part of the Young Adults team we are seeking to implement this for our Bible study and seminars as well as the week as a whole. There will be teaching, ministry, worship and fun, all of which our team of

12 are organising! We have two more weekend planning meetings



before the event in July. Ian is co-leading the week itself, overseeing the program and bringing spiritual direction. Please pray for wisdom and focus on God; that we would do our part and that He would reveal Himself to the young adults!

www.new-wine-scotland.org

Websites

Last year God spoke to Ian about buying some software which would make websites easier to make, to make sites for ministries that couldn't afford a professional one. In the last few months six ministries have asked him to design sites for them,

including Somebody Cares, CLAN and 24-7 prayer Aberdeen. This is a great honour, challenge and is also very rewarding. One major piece of work is online booking for CLAN, something that has been required for some time. It will make access-

ing information on the conference and booking easier, and the office staff will appreciate it too! The sites will mostly be live by the end of April, so please pray for wisdom for Ian and for the spiritual impact of the sites to be realised.

Our First Team Member



Crystal Cryer, originally from Oregon, now from Tyler, Texas, will be joining us (visa permit-

ting) in the summer, for at least 5 years. Ian and Crystal did a School of Intercessory Prayer (SOIP) together at Seamill in 2005, and it is with a heart for prayer that Crystal returns to Scotland. She has just completed a course with 24-7 prayer called Springboard, designed to

launch people into a city to establish a prayer community. This is something God is calling specific people to in Aberdeen. Crystal led an outreach to Aberdeen in Oct last year, during which God laid our city on her heart. In her own words she felt that God had "set her up!"

YWAM's Foundational Values

YWAM International is based on 17 core values; here are numbers eleven and twelve:



11. EXHIBIT SERVANT LEADERSHIP

YWAM is called to servant leadership as a lifestyle, rather than a leadership hierarchy. A servant leader is one who honors the gifts and callings of those under his/her care and guards their rights and privileges. Just as Jesus served His disciples, we stress the importance of those with leadership responsibilities serving those whom they lead.

12. DO FIRST, THEN TEACH

YWAM is committed to doing first, then teaching. We believe that firsthand experience gives authority to our words. Godly character and a call from God are more important than an individual's gifts, abilities and expertise.

(To see all of them go to http://www.ywam.org/contents/abo_doc_values.htm)

Global Economic Crisis

In closing, we want to acknowledge the Global economic crisis. We believe that during this time it is becoming more evident that God is the only one that is constant and reliable. Many other

things that people have put their trust in are letting them down on a daily basis, but God is continuing to prove Himself to be faithful. We trust that we will all know the security of this as we walk through

the reality of the worldwide economy in turmoil, and we thank our financial supporters especially at this time for their generous and sacrificial giving. We greatly appreciate your support.

Prayer Points

- Safe travel and a fruitful time at the DNA Conference in Germany (April 20th to May 8th)
- The prayer room running May 17th–31st and continued strategy for city wide prayer initiatives
- Balance between personal relationship with God, family and ministry
- Continued health and development for Zoe, and wisdom for us to be Godly parents
- Crystal's visa process, and increased finances to enable her to come
- Details and planning for CLAN Gathering 2009
- God's continued practical provision in housing, prayer support and finances
- Office space in the town centre (we are currently operating out of our house)
- Wisdom for Ian as he takes on more responsibility with the National Leadership Forum and CLAN

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