

Chequer Tree Camp 2010



When thinking about camp 2010 the other day, I wondered about the small group of people gathered together to start planning Chequer Tree Camp 1987. I would have been just two months old when the first group of children started arriving for the very first camp!

I doubt very much they would have thought ahead 23 years to what camp looks like now. But because of their faith and enthusiasm children's lives are still being changed 23 years later. Thousands of children have been to camp over the years and it is so exciting to see how God has worked in their lives and the lives of the leaders (some of which were campers!)

So I want to thank that small group of people and pray that we will have the faith and enthusiasm they had as we plan and prepare for Chequer Tree Camp 2010.

I also want to invite you to be part of this. Can you get involved as a leader? A prayer Partner or sponsor a child to attend camp? If you would like to get involved contact us at the office, we would love to hear from you! - Faith

Week 1

24th July - 30th July

Week 2

31st July - 6th Aug

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CHANGES!



Since the last newsletter there have been several changes in the FT office. The most noticeable is the changing team. Gavin and Maz have sadly left us, to join a very exciting project in Bradford.

Gavin will be leading the Eden Project at Buttershaw Baptist church. 'Eden projects work with local Churches to see young people as the answer and not the problem for Estates across England.'

They are settling in well and enjoying the local cuisine, Yorkshire puddings and curries! Maz has already been into the local secondary school to visit the Christian Union.

To find out more why not visit their church website at www.buttershawbaptist.org.uk you will even find Gavin's blog all about what he is up to.

We are currently looking for someone to join us. This person will work with both the Medway and the Maidstone team. It is an exciting time for us, even if it leaves us a little under pressure! Our associates have been fantastic at filling the gaps and everyone has pulled together to keep up the work.

Please pray for us as we search for someone new.

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The Bible Lesson

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What's in the Bible? How do you find your way around it? Is the Bible relevant? Is the Bible true? These are all questions that our new Bible lesson attempts to address. The lesson was offered to a number of our schools during terms one and two and thirteen of them responded. During this time the lesson has been very much a 'work in progress' but we feel now that we are arriving at the finished article!

Will you go to heaven if you're not a Christian?

It has been great to see so many children responding positively to the Bible. It's not just a rather boring black book written in funny language that is gathering dust on the top shelf! There are all sorts of Bibles; some you can easily slip into your pocket, some that look like comic books, some with lots of pictures, and some written back to front! When asked, 'would you read the Bible if you had a version like these,' most children put their hands up! Children have found out that the Bible is not just one book, it's more like a library containing many books which

When was God born?

have something relevant to say to them today. They have seen that the Bible is an international best seller that has been translated into more than two thousand languages. They have become proficient in finding the chapters and

Who was God's Mum and Dad?

verses of any book in the Bible. For many it has been a real 'eye opener'.

The lessons have been exciting and rewarding. They have provoked many challenging and searching questions! Here are some of them! We look forward to many more lessons in the future! - Richard

Why didn't Jesus just come as a grown up?

So, is there really a place called hell?



Hallelujah

Amen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Your Kingdom come!

Now is the time

Everybody needs to hear

Words of truth and love

Young and old alike

Eternal life

Available to all

Revealed in Jesus!

Family Trust Celebrate Christmas!



a little later than planned due to the snow!

Are we making a difference?

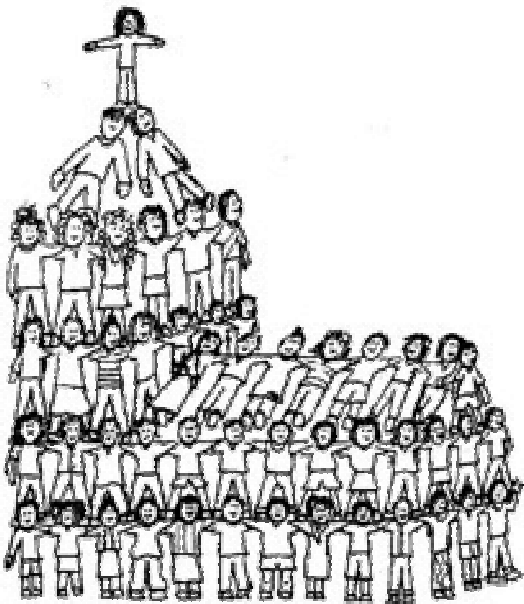
If the Family Trust ceased to exist tomorrow would anyone notice or care?

A provocative statement maybe but if we take a step back and look at the way we work, what results do we see?

How can it be measured? After six years in Primary School, do the children understand Christianity?

In that time, unchurched children will hear 36 Family Trust assemblies. Some of them will attend a weekly Kingsquad Club where they will hear more Bible stories and might grasp some of the truth of who Jesus is. Some may come to Chequer Tree Camp for a week in the summer. Here a few will take more steps towards a life changing experience.

Sometimes it feels as if we are just scratching at the surface. BUT, if



we put all that into a bigger melting pot with the added ingredients of local church activity, individual Christians getting involved in schools and lots of prayer, I believe we will see fruit from our labours! Will you co- work with us to rescue children from the enemy's clutches?

Schools are where the children are, that is where we can reach them. Is God calling you? It's a matter of life or death.

Annabelle Blackaby



When an email came through asking if we could produce anything to enable a Russian child to access the lesson Faith took up the challenge.

Иисус
Jesus

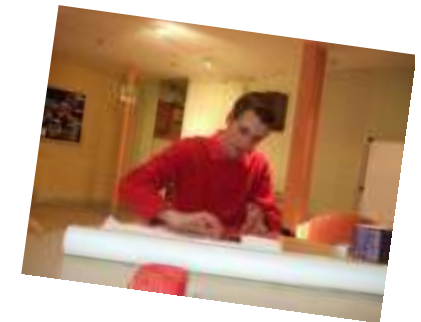
Ветхий / Новый Завет
Old / New Testament

Библия
Bible

'The teacher was really pleased that the lesson was accessible to all. The boy looked very chuffed as he brought his page full of answers to me but marking them proved a little tricky!' - Faith

We have felt really blessed by the number of donations we recently received for Bibles. Thank you to everyone who donated, it makes a huge difference during lessons.

We also had lots of people volunteering to cover the Bibles to keep them in good condition.



Thank You

January

5th - Lenham

Prayer @ 12:30 (All welcome)

6th - Loose Inf & St James the Great

7th - North Borough & West Borough

8th - Laddingford & Platt

11th - Discovery & Palace Wood

Brunswick House

12th - Borough Green & West Malling

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13th - Wateringbury & Brookfield Inf

14th - Oak Trees & Loose Junior

Staplehurst & ABC town

15th - Bower Grove, East Borough & ABC tovil

18th - Marden & Allington

Thurnham & Madginford

19th - Hollingbourne & Platts Heath

Prayer @ 12:30 (All welcome)

20th - Ditton & St Peters, Aylesford

21st - St Paul's & St Michael's Inf & Jun

22nd - Brookfield Junior & Offham

25th - Shernolds (First time to visit)

& Molehill Copse

26th - Harrietsham & Sutton Valence

Prayer @ 12:30 (All welcome)

27th - Bellwood & Sandling

Headcorn & Hunton

28th - St John's & Aylesford

29th - Ulcombe

February

1st - St Marks's Eccles, Greenfields & Parkway

2nd - Lamberhurst, Leybourne & Mereworth

Prayer @ 12:30 (All welcome)

3rd - Leeds and Broomfield & Senacre Wood

Five Acre Wood

4th - The Cedars, East Farleigh & Ryarsh

5th - Yalding

6th - Chequer Tree Camp Core team

7th - Family Service at St Margaret Barming

8th - Coxheath

9th - South Borough

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10th - Trottiscliffe, Lunsford & Roseacre

11th - St Margaret's Collier Street & Kings Hill

12th - Barming

Term 4

22nd - Shernolds

23rd - Lenham & Platts Heath

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Headcorn & Roseacre

April

1st - Staplehurst

Sandra Weedon

Faith Woodcock

Annabelle Blackaby

Richard Blackaby

Jude Johnson

Yvette Rayner

Roger Flaherty

Barbara Williams

Katie Reynolds

Monday

Barming
Mereworth
St Michaels

Tuesday

East Borough
Molehill Copse
Lenham
Eccles

Wednesday

Harrietsham

Thursday

ABC
North Borough
Marden
Ulcombe
Laddingford
Coxheath

Friday

Madginford
Senacre Wood
Brookfield Jnr
St Johns
Boughton Monchelsea
Pluckley