



Director's Jottings

Dear friends and supporters. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

At the time of writing I am enjoying a less hectic pace to work and looking forward to a relaxing holiday with Rachel and Alfie. A sign of the times is that this year it's just the three of us going on holiday as the girls are either working or going on their own ventures with friends! Megan, after finishing university and spending a few months traveling, has now moved to London where she is currently on placement with Saatchi & Saatchi (the advertising agency). She is enjoying the variety of the work and being independent! Ellen is at Cambridge Building Society and has had a slight change to role which means she now works in two branches in Cambridge rather than five. Millie has completed her first year at Impington 6th form studying performing arts; it has been a tough but enjoyable year, like her father she enjoys the practical more than the theory! Alfie has enjoyed his first year at secondary school, he seems to have taken to the transition really well, particularly now he is able to participate more fully in sport again. Rachel continues to juggle a number of roles amazingly well: how she knows what we are all doing and when is beyond me! As for me it has been a very busy but enjoyable term, although not helped by having sleeping difficulties. Thankfully, and due to prayer I am in a good period, do pray this would continue. It would be good to feel refreshed in the morning!

Please do pray for us as a family.

The term has been full of activity with the summer tour (140+ schools on the theme of Respect), INSPIRE Prayer Spaces, It's Your Move, chaplaincy, requested Cool Choices sessions, on top of the administration and preparation that goes with it! Thankfully we have a great team of people who make this all happen. Over 70 people each year give time and commitment to the mission of GenR8, beyond this are a host of people who pray, support financially and cheer us on. It may sound a cliché, but without them GenR8 would not exist and around 40,000 children would not have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. For a great many children this may be the only time they have this opportunity!

Moving forward the challenges look enormous! Not only will we be continuing the initiatives we are currently running, we will also be looking at how we can grow in some areas: opportunities exist with prayer spaces and It's Your Move, to name but two. In many ways the easiest bit is running the initiatives, but of course they all need finance and prayer support too, and we need to be wise in the decisions we make.

Please pray for the future of GenR8.

GenR8 Showcase Evening

We would like to extend a warm invitation to our GenR8 Showcase evening on Tuesday 18th October. It's an opportunity to hear and experience more about our work and why we do it! The evening includes drinks and nibbles and an opportunity to meet members of the GenR8 team. We would love to see you there.

RSVP - julias@genr8.org

'Prayer can be more than words.'

Student - INSPIRE Prayer Spaces.

Encouragement for GenR8

We all love encouragement and for GenR8 it is no different. At the end of last term we were blown away by some postcards we received from a Cambridge Churches Pathfinders group, one of which is below. It's fantastic to know that this group of children pray for us regularly:

Dear GenR8. We are really grateful that you have used your life to share the amazing word of God. Thank you for coming into schools to encourage us to tell our friends about God. We hope that you keep telling the great news of God! – From Mary, Ginevra and Laura.

We have also been greatly encouraged over the last few weeks by new people joining GenR8. As many of you know 'new team members' has been a feature of our prayers for some time now, and although this remains an ongoing prayer need as people's circumstances change, it's great to have the encouragement of people catching the vision for our work and committing to it:

- Lynn and Nick (treasurer) joining the team as trustees. Lynn is also volunteering for INSPIRE Prayer Spaces as is Becky Campbell.
- Bev and David applying to be part of our assembly presentation teams.
- Rebecca who has joined as an assembly team bookings co-ordinator.

We would like to say a big thank you to Rob Allin who is stepping down as treasurer and trustee in September. Rob has done much to help establish GenR8 as a trust, both financially and in other areas.

Please pray for all the volunteers in GenR8.

"Thank you for inviting me to your end of tour review and BBQ. I felt so welcome and at ease. It was great hearing about what you have been doing and I am looking forward to getting involved." - Bev

Pilots

Well not that sort of pilot! The last term saw one pilot scheme take place with plans for another taking shape:

INSPIRE Transition – Following three of our 'Its Your Move' sessions in the morning, Liz Currie and our team of volunteers ran afternoon INSPIRE transition prayer spaces. Students could reflect on, and if they wanted to, pray about any of the issues raised and concerns they had about their transition to secondary school. These pilots proved very successful and have led to bigger plans being considered for 2017!

INSPIRE Permanent – From September we are planning to work with four churches, helping them set up and run a permanent prayer and reflective space in their local primary school. The aim of this one year pilot is to see what works - and what doesn't! - with a view to being able to resource more churches in strengthening their relationships with schools in this way.

'Prayer Spaces make a recognised contribution to pupils' learning, spiritual development and well-being'



BiTs & Pieces

It's Your Move

2 teams, 11 young people, 26 schools, 851 year 6 students = a great week!

Autumn Assembly Tour

Pray for our 'Saints' theme for this coming term. We hope to have five teams visiting schools locally as well as our two affiliate teams in West Norfolk and Gillingham (Suffolk).

Train Up – Sat 24th September

Pray for this training day for those who work with children. With a number of great workshop leaders it should be a valuable time. For more information and booking form contact Julia Stone: julias@genr8.org



Cool Choices

Pray for the 19 sessions (16 schools) already booked in for our Sept/Oct Cool Choices visits.

"...as usual, it was a very thought-provoking and entertaining assembly. The children always enjoy your visits. My own daughter who is in Year 4 talked about it when we got home, without prompting." – Deputy Head Teacher

'To God be the glory, great things he has done' - FJ Crosby

Further Prayer Points

- Preparations for our 'Showcase evening' on Tues 18th October.
- For a central team bookings co-ordinator.
- Pray for our staff team Debbie, Helen, Julia, Kathryn and Liz.
- Pray for ongoing research towards the possibility of a part-time worker.



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