

Summer Term has been a busy one for us at GenR8 and one of impending change.

After much prayer we have appointed Lucy Mann to join us in a brand new GenR8 role as Church & Schools Development worker, working alongside Steve and the team. This role has been a step of faith as we try to follow God's leading for us. We are praying that Lucy will settle into the team quickly and start to make links with the churches and schools she will be working with, and that all the practical and financial support for this role will fall into place.



As well as Lucy joining us there have been a couple of other changes in the team. Liz Currie has stepped down as Inspire Prayer Spaces Leader, although for a short while she will work alongside Lucy as she takes over this role. Liz will be starting a new role as Chaplain at Impington Village College.

As well as Liz, Debbie Jackman, our Communications Co-ordinator, is also moving on to new things. Debbie and her husband Andy will be

moving to Bungay in Suffolk to become part of the team at Quiet Waters Christian Retreat. This is a big change for them, but they are really looking forward to serving God in this very practical way.

## A word from Lucy

Thank you for praying for someone to step into a new role in the GenR8 family, because you have been praying for me! None of us, other than God, knew who it would be until I was appointed.

As he says in Jeremiah 29:11-14:

*"...I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you..."*

I believe you prayerful supporters have been seeking God wholeheartedly, so I thank God for the plans he has for me and the whole GenR8 team.



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## Summer Tour 2017: Peer Pressure. Report from South Team

We really enjoyed the Summer tour. We thought that being a team of only three might make it hard work visiting 23 schools. However, as the script was so good and easy to learn, we felt it all went really well. We felt confident enough to say to one anxious head when she rang to tell us of an Ofsted inspection the next day that we would happily continue as planned. The Peer Pressure theme was well received by all the schools. In one school the teacher said, "If any of you have a problem at playtimes with this kind of thing come and see me and we will sort it together."

As usual the puppets were very popular. The children joined in enthusiastically with the Build Up song and really listened carefully to the story of Daniel and his friends and Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. Many of children thanked us as they left the assembly. Once again it was a joy to be able to share God's Word with several thousand children.

*Dianne Conway*

## Looking Back this term...

In addition to the summer assembly tour and It's Your Move week it was a busy time for Inspire, with visits to Bar Hill, Babraham, Barton and Oakington primary schools. In all four schools we worked alongside the local church in the set up and delivery. The churches included Bethel Baptist (Swavesey), St Peter's (Babraham), St Peter's (Barton), Comberton Baptist and St Andrews (Oakington).



We also led three Inspire transition sessions for year 6 students in Elsworth, Teversham and Wilburton primary schools. This was the second year we have had these sessions and we have found them very positive in supporting year 6 students making the transition to secondary school.

We had another great GYL (Growing Young Leaders) day back in April, with 25 young people from years 6-8 immersing themselves in what we had to offer on the day. We hope that many of them will be able to attend our October, 'reunion' Give thanks for a fantastic term!

## Looking forward...

This coming term will see us hit the ground running with 19 Cool Choices dates already in the diary for September. We are delighted that David Newton and Caroline Lamaison are joining the Cool Choices team for the first time. The term will be one of transition for Inspire as Lucy begins to get to grips with the 'nuts and bolts' of the programme. We are extremely grateful to Liz Currie and Janet King who will work alongside Lucy in three Inspire bookings this term. At the time of writing we have two schools and churches on board for a second 'Inspire Permanent' pilot scheme. This could rise to four by the beginning of September. We hope to have five local and two affiliate teams available for our Christmas tour 'The Gift', a theme we have done before. This assembly should be a lot of fun for teams to rehearse and present. Do pray for all this activity as well as our annual training day, children's network gathering, two Bite Size Train Up evenings and numerous preparation and planning meetings for 2017 and 2018!



Rev. Tiffer Robinson will be standing down as trustee this year. We'd like to thank Tiffer for all he has brought to GenR8 over his time with us and ask God to bless him in the work he has ahead. This of course means we have a need for a new trustee who is a church leader. Please pray as we seek to fill this role, that God will be touching someone's heart about this already.

## Prayers...

- ❖ Give thanks that the work of GenR8 continues to grow, reaching more children each term.
- ❖ Pray that new assembly and Inspire volunteers will come forward over the coming year, as well as a Bookings Co-ordinator for the central team.
- ❖ Remember Lucy, asking God to bless her as she settles into her new role
- ❖ Pray for wisdom as we consider how to move forward with the Communications Co-ordinator role as Debbie moves on to new things.
- ❖ Pray for all the schools we visit as they start a new academic year with all the challenges that will bring.