

Steve's Prayer Letter
 September 2017



Dear friends



For those who don't like change, my apologies, although it's nothing dramatic! We are currently thinking through the way we produce our termly prayer letters. From this month we are producing a more personal prayer letter from me, plus a more general GenR8 newsletter to inform and encourage you. Our intention will be to send both to our current supporters whilst new supporters will get the option of either or both. I hope that isn't too confusing!



I am delighted that after what seems like a long journey we can announce that Lucy Mann has joined the GenR8 team, working alongside me as our new 'Church and School Development Worker'. Lucy began in August and is busy getting up to speed with all things GenR8. Do pray for Lucy as she settles into this new role and all the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

I continue to be encouraged by the response, feedback and support we receive for our work, whether it's the 7-year-old lad who said recently 'Thank you for teaching us about God' or the inspiration from an elderly lady who has added GenR8 to the 42 other charities that she supports financially! or the timely postcard from children at a local church encouraging us to 'keep going even when the going is hard'. These are so vital and in many ways provide the fuel and motivation for me not only to maintain but also to further develop GenR8's ministry in support of children. THANK YOU.



The family is well. We have been fortunate over the past month or so to have been a family of six again. Megan moved out of London and is now looking to spend some time in Australia. Her search for work, after several placements in advertising companies, didn't result in a permanent position and she is looking at other options. Ellen is still with Cambridge Building Society, whilst Millie will soon start a dance degree at Middlesex University. I can't believe we have three children aged 18 or over! Alfie is fast catching up on the rest of the family in height and looks like he will at least match me! Rachel continues to work at Cottenham and Comberton libraries as well as managing the family home and keeping us all in check - the hardest job of all!

I realised as I was writing that I have been involved in children, youth and schools ministry in the local area for 35 years, 30 in an employed capacity! That reminded me of two things. Firstly how old I am!! Secondly that this journey started when my grandmother began praying for me 'to know the Lord'. She prayed a long time before that came to pass, but I am forever grateful that she prayed, and that God answered! Your prayers make a huge difference. I have said before that GenR8 exists because of the prayers of others - for who we are and what we do. I'm still convinced this is true.



Thank you for praying for me, the family and the work of GenR8 – Prayer works!

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado



- 🌸 Millie as she starts at Middlesex University.
- 🌸 Rachel's heel (*plantar fasciitis*) - sometimes it's hard to walk due to the pain.
- 🌸 Megan as she prepares to go to Australia.
- 🌸 For the work, as I juggle all the regular activity alongside several transitions that are taking place within GenR8 (e.g. Lucy settling in).
- 🌸 For wisdom and priorities in work and family (I often get these wrong!).
- 🌸 For all the activity this term - INSPIRE days, INSPIRE permanent, Cool Choices, GYL reunion, Bite-size Train up, Christmas assembly presentations and all the preparations!



Josiah was eight years old when he became king...he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. - 2 Kings 22 (NIV)

