



Dear friends

Sometimes it's good to let others speak for you...

'Those of us who managed to be at Histon last week for the GenR8 Showcase evening were treated to a comprehensive offering of information spanning the full breadth of activities involved in their ministry - I, for one, had not realised quite the extent of activities... going far beyond the taking of school assemblies! Very informative and giving a great encouragement to prayer.'

'Just a quick note to say how much I enjoyed the Showcase last night - it was great having more insight into what is going on in the individual areas of GenR8 ministry. Watching the xcellR8 video, it was good to reflect on the part GenR8 has played in our kids' lives - encouraging them in their faith and helping develop their leadership skills so that they in turn can encourage others in their Christian walk. You are all doing a great job, long may it continue in God's strength.'

'Thank you so much for coming to Kaleidoscope. It really does help to understand what it is our mission partners do when we pray for them in church or through the prayer diary. Being able to pray in an informed way gives the group, which consists mainly of 70, 80 and 90-year olds, an important role in the church.'

During the amazing Higher Tour to secondary schools in the local area in October, on the school bus, one of our youth club members described the Higher Cambs school day as *'Just like GenR8, but for teenagers!'*

'I left the post office just after 3 in the afternoon realising my mistake as soon as I rounded the corner as I was surrounded by children coming out of the secondary school heading home. I walked quickly past a group and could hear them laughing and then the familiar chant of the GenR8 waves - so, as I always do, I decided to embrace it and turned around and did some more. Of course, they loved that and continued with a seal of approval etc. They forgot the round of applause and loved it when I reminded them of it. As I rounded the corner, they said 'Goodbye Carol' which was amazing in itself and then one of the boys shouted "GenR8 - you are what made my childhood" I heard another one say "GenR8 - they were the best".

'Just a bit of encouragement - I met the new head at school yesterday, she joined in our collective worship planning for next term, and the first question she asked was "Do you have GenR8?" We could happily say yes!'

'I was so impressed by your presentation and thought that it spoke equally well to the younger and older pupils. It was fast paced, with the clear message of including Christ in Christmas.' – Head Teacher

'The mirror reminded me how much God loves me'; 'Asking questions made me curious about Christianity.'; 'The question's one made me think about God and how he made everything.'; 'The snowflake made me happy thinking about how God thinks I'm special.' - Children at our December Inspire prayer space days.

Thank you for taking the time to read this prayer letter. I have been greatly encouraged this term by so many positive comments and feedback from schools, churches and individuals towards the ministry of GenR8. It's fantastic to know that we are having an impact and making a difference. As always, we are indebted to those of you who pray, give, volunteer, and take an interest in what we do. **THANK YOU.**

- 🌸 For the trustees of GenR8 as they face the challenges ahead in 2019.
- 🌸 For Rachel, Megan, Ellen, Millie and Alfie - as family members are increasingly in different locations!
- 🌸 To continue to be faithful to God's voice in the good as well as the testing times.
- 🌸 For volunteers to join our assembly teams, and for an assembly team booking co-ordinator.
- 🌸 For all the activity this term including 16 Cool Choices sessions (Jan), Children's Worker Network (Jan 14), Inspire at Babraham (Jan 14), XcellR8 weekend (Feb 15-17), GYL (Growing Young Leaders – March 23) and our Easter assembly presentations (March).

'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16 - NIV