

McClure Mumblings



Steve & Debs serving with The Navigators in Southampton

December 07



Above: A bleak day on the Tennyson Trail, Isle of Wight (NAVS weekend Away 2007)

"Therefore since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart"... "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 4v1 & 12v9)

This past term we have been studying Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians and we have been incredibly challenged by how relevant it has been for us. It has been a hard term for us due to the various changes going on in our lives but it has been one in which God has proved His grace to be sufficient for all of our needs. It is clear that God has led us and worked things out for the best!



Family News

Tabitha is enjoying our new house and her new found freedom of having a cat-flap. Neo is currently AWOL but we are hopeful of a swift return after several sightings.

We are looking forward to the first Christmas in our new house and Steve has been frantically building our new shed and flooring the attic. We currently have two individuals from the group staying with us at the house.

"Changing times...Jobs, houses and new opportunities"

At the end of our summer mission in July, we stood overlooking part of the Songjefjord in Norway and talked about what we thought God had for us in the future. We reflected on the need for Debs to find a job, for us to move house and for Steve to go full time with NAVS. As you are aware, God generously provided Debs with an interview and subsequent job a day after returning from Norway. He then provided us with a fantastic house which is perfect for our work with students. He has now made it possible for Steve to become full-time with NAVS as he handed in his notice at James Hay this week and will be finishing on 15 January 2008!! We are very grateful to God for the adventure of faith on which He has led us and we are excited (though a little daunted) about the future. We are amazed by God's amazing provision of a house, a job which Debs really enjoys and we are looking for that same God to provide for our needs as Steve goes full-time with NAVS. We will be beginning to do some fund-raising after the Christmas break. Once again we have seen God's faithfulness and His working in ways beyond what we could have imagined.

Our Calling: To advance the gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of labourers living and discipling amongst the lost

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Encouragements – God has been doing great things in the ministry this term and have seen a number of new people join the group. Our new house (pictured above left) provides a new homely feel to our Thursday evening meetings and has also allowed us to have individuals from the group staying with us.

Discouragements – We were disappointed with the failure to start up a Christianity Explored group or our lunchtime discipleship group this term. Looking back however, this has actually been a blessing because of the limited time & resources we have had available.

Weekend away – As ever this was a tremendous opportunity to spend time with one another and think about discipleship. Pete & Gillian Dowse joined us for a wild weekend on the Isle of Wight (see picture on front page) and Pete shared on the sufficiency of God's grace. At the end of the weekend there was a real sense that the group had gelled together, relationships had deepened and as a group, we were more willing to share our weaknesses and struggles.

Leadership – We have been indebted to our team comprising of us, Dave, Jane, Lowri, Lydia, Steve and Tim. Many of you will know that Dave will be spending the next 2 years serving with OM on the Doulos ship. We are sad to see him go but excited to be sending those in whom we have invested to serve elsewhere!!

Links with Norway & Latvia



We were privileged to have some of our friends from Norway and Latvia joining us for our ministry weekend away at the end of November. The picture above shows Inna, Lidija & Luba from Latvia and Olav from Norway along with some of those who have visited them in their countries. We are hoping to return to Riga for a weekend in February and are thinking about possibilities for another summer trip to Norway & Latvia as well. We are eager to keep up these relationships with those we know in these countries.

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Please pray for...

- A restful, stress-free and encouraging Christmas period for us while the students are away
- A smooth transition for Steve as he begins to work full-time for NAVS in January
- An ongoing sense of God's presence with us as we trust God to provide for our needs
- A continuing trust in God for help and strength as in weakness we minister to others
- A continuation of the deepening of relationships within the group and ongoing openness in talking through our struggles in a one-to-one and small group setting
- God to continue bringing into our midst those in whose lives He is at work, both students and those who would work with us in helping those students.
- Dave Callaghan as he heads off on his own adventure of faith around the world

Thank you for your partnership with us in prayer...

Steve & Debs

Planner – Spring Term 2008

Sun 22 - 25 Dec – Visiting family in Shrewsbury
Fri 28 - Sat 29 Dec – Visiting family in St Albans
Mon 7 Jan – Start of Spring term
Mon 21 Jan – Fri 1 Feb – University Exam period
Early to Mid Feb – Proposed trip to Riga
Mon 11 – Fri 15 Feb – CU Mission Week
Fri 14 Mar – End of Spring term



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