

Report for Moulton Church Family from Kaushal David, February 2008

Liberate

We continue to increase in number at Liberate. We have gained another 8 pupils recently. However, there is no official membership and requirement to pay a subscription. The regular group of the 8-12 pupils attend though not all attend at the same time. In a typical Liberate day we meet at 12:50pm and have lunch (pupils bring their own) and wait for those who have lunch at the dining hall to come along. After about 20 minutes, I raise a discussion question for the day. In the past we have attempted to answer questions such as, Can we save the planet? Should there be punishment for crime? What should we do to alleviate world poverty? Towards the end of the discussion I attempt to bring in the Bible's view on the question. However, often the discussion can go on a tangent. It is very interesting to listen to a teenager's view on these matters- especially, views of those who are not from church going families. We have recently started playing group games during the last 10 minutes. I feel it is the right time for us to seek wisdom in making this a formal Christian group perhaps, in September 2008.

Blue Door

Since the launch of the Tuesday's Blue Door we concentrated our efforts on establishing, retaining and stabilising the older teenagers that we did not want to lose. We have a regular 34 young people and up to 45 some weeks (both groups). Significantly, the age group for the Tuesday's Blue Door has been the older year group (14-16). However, there are many (from clique of friends) who attend both Tuesdays and Thursdays. The newly introduced "Pause for Thought" slot was not well received initially. There was resistance from one or two who felt that they did not feel that they were particularly Christian. During the 'Pause for Thought' we examined the lives of people who contributed significantly to society. For example George Muller, William Wilberforce, Florence Nightingale and such like. We found that their Christian faith made a significant contribution to their social action. We also watched Christian testimonies and later started examining the purpose and meaning in life. I am pleased to say that now, it is becoming more accepted and they are not surprised about the Christian content. Thursday's Blue Door still retains the music practice element. Recently we purchased a Drum Set, a Bass Amp and a Guitar Amp utilising the Small Grant Funding provided by Northamptonshire County Council. Every first Tuesday of a month we make a trip to do an outside activity. We have been trampolining, ten pin bowling, tobogganing and gaming at Laser Zone. We need to think of creative ways of promoting Thursday's Blue Door to a younger group, especially years 7 and 8 as we lost a few newcomers in the new term due to other school-related activities. Blue Door will not have had the success it had had but for the very hard work of Debbie Shirreff, Janet Ward, Margaret Chmielewski, Chris Hamson, Helen Olden, Anthony Ward, Mary Buswell, Jane Jones and Jane Cosby. We are very appreciative of James Kitchener who was appointed by the County Council to monitor Blue Door

Moulton College

The ministry at Moulton College has passed a significant milestone. Our prayers have been answered. Last October we had a student who wanted to start a Christian group within the College. However, at that time I felt it needed more support from other students and clear objectives and an ethos. After many discussions and consultations and prayer, during December 2007 we resolved to start a prayer group in February 2008. We had our first formal meeting on the 5th of February. There were 4 students and more had expressed an interest in attending the meeting. We will be meeting every Monday from 12:45-1:25pm. The available time during lunchtime is limited because students take a bit of time to get there after lunch. Rosie Green very kindly volunteered to prepare a few sandwiches so that we could meet promptly and have a time of fellowship. There was agreement among the students as to the structure, to have an opening prayer, 10 minute exposition of the Word, 1 song of worship, 10 minutes for prayer and to spend the rest of the available time discussing a mission strategy for the college. There is open discussion in becoming a part of a larger group such as UCCF.

Prayer Points

Please pray for wisdom on how to take forward the Christian Groups at the College and the School.

Pray for more students to come forward to be a part of the Moulton College Christian Union.

Please pray for wisdom in promoting Thursday's Blue Door to a younger group of students and keeping it separate.

Pray for more male volunteers for Blue Door.