

Occasionally in life you get to be part of something really special. ncounter summer 2011 was one of those times. There is so much to say and such little space to say it in, please do go www.realityyouthproject.co.uk to look at the full report. Below is proof that God really can use anyone!

Sunday – BBQ and Commissioning

The week got off to a fantastic start with an indoor BBQ, worship lead by young people and people sharing stories of the last 10 years of ncounter. It was a humbling experience to hear how God had used ncounter in their walk of faith.

Monday and Tuesday – Training

Our theme for this year was demonstrating God's love and Power. We had worship, teaching and mini projects going out into Woodgate to do just that!

Wednesday-Friday – Social Action 1

Half the team were based in Woodgate and projects included litter picking with the City Wardens, gardening for the Housing Department and working alongside City Parks as well as sports on the park and more Acts of Random Kindness, surveys and praying for people on the street!



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do and he will give you success"
(Proverbs 2 vs 6)

On behalf of 70+ young people and leaders that took part in ncounter summer thank you so much for your prayers and your support in so many different ways. Also thank God for the young people who took part and for those we meet who encountered God. Pray that God will continue to show his love and his power to those people and for the local churches as they follow them up.

Wednesday- Friday – Social Action 2

The other half of the team were based in Netherhall and got stuck into litter picking, graffiti removal, gardening, sports and detached work. The local church also opened as a cafe for local people in the afternoons and was packed!

Monday- Thursday – Evening Activities

This year we had 4 big teams based in Countesthorpe, Whetstone, Broughton Astley and Netherhall made up of several churches, each reaching out to local young people in lots of different and creative ways.

Friday Evening – Celebration

All back together for an evening of food, worship and sharing stories of what God had done across the teams during the week. A great evening of praise to the one who made it all possible!

New Year, New faces

It is so encouraging and we feel so blessed that Reality continues to grow. From the end of September we will have 18 people on the team, God is good!

We have new faces joining our Youth Team. After 5 years with Reality Becky Murgatroyd is moving on to Study full time at DMU and we are pleased to announce that we have appointed Emily Oelrich as the new Trainee Team Leader at Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church. Emily will be starting at the end of September and will be a great addition to the team. Becky will of course be missed by us all. Her big heart especially for broken young people has been an example to us all and the legacy that she leaves at Church is a bunch of young people who love Jesus and want to make him known to those around them. Becky leaves with our love and our prayers and we look forward to what God has for her as she steps out in faith into the future and the next part of her journey. Luke Wigston also joins us on a gap year based at Whetstone Baptist Church working alongside Charlotte and will be much needed company for Martin!

We have just almost doubled our events manger post to 15 hours a week. We are delighted that Becky Gradden has agreed to the increase in hours which will be a huge bonus as we look to double the amount of young people on our ncounter extra weekends, and look to do our bit in reaching 300 communities across the UK by 2013!

Helen will continue to lead Abundant Life and with new appointment Polly as Administrator and sessional worker, and 3 more sessional workers, Mike, Davy and Philipa ready and raring to go (and 2 of the Real Care babies with new heads!!!) it promises to be yet another exciting year bringing hope to a largely lost and hope-less generation.

We also have 4 students on placement with us from DMU. Mike and Ben (both third years) will lead that team and Dumisani and Leanne will both be doing their second year placement with us. Part of Leanne's role is as lead youth worker at Narborough Youth Club which is new partnership between Reality and the Parish Council there.

Please pray for all of the new members of staff as they settle into their new roles. Please pray that our faithful God will once again provide for us financially as we need to raise another £10k for this coming year!

Family News



Our wonderful Family Holiday on the Isle of Wight

Another school year is upon us and there are lots of changes this year. Naomi is moving into her last year at Greenfield Primary and Isaac and Joel are now in Years 3 and 1 respectively. Rehearsals are about to get underway for Naomi's next dance show, Isaac's first season of competitive football has just kicked off (with expectations high after they reached the final in a pre season tournament) and the big thing in Joel's life is tennis and having just acquired his very own Andy Murray racquet he is ready to take on the world of tennis!

For Gem it is massive year starting a Foundation Degree in Educational Studies at Leicester Uni, taking on more hours at Greenfield Primary school as a class room assistant working with a student with Cerebral Palsy and continuing to keep the books for Reality (where she has acquired the name hawk eye!). Please pray for all of us as a family as we all get used to the big changes ahead this year.

Thank you so much for your continued support we really couldn't do it without you, we thank God for each and every one of you.

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