



# ICE Newsletter

## Autumn 2008



### From the chairman

Welcome to our summer newsletter, though at times I'm sure you will agree it has not felt much like summer at all! However the last few months has been a really dynamic time for the staff and directors of ICE and I hope this update gives you a flavour of the excitement that is moving the work of ICE forward, as well as reflecting on the past year's events.

Sadly after Christmas Kay left the team and moved on to pastures new. We wish her well in the future and give thanks for her work and the lives of those she touched in our Primary schools. This gap in staffing meant Hannah was under some pressure to carry out the work on her own; she had to adjust her timetable but continued to fulfil her commitments with her usual energy and flair. Reading through the end of year evaluations was a joy, when school's management referred to her work as "a fantastic support" and as a "professional input with enthusiastic delivery".

The directors decided to delay replacing Kay until September as new plans were being put in place for an exciting partnership venture with a local church. More later!

Secondary school work also has grown and developed thanks to the dedication of Rich's leadership and the regular, reliable presence of his team of associate workers. Their commitment ensures that **all** our city secondary schools have a Christian youth worker visiting on a regular basis; hopefully this will increase even further in 2008-9, particularly in St. James' High School.

In May we held our annual service of celebration; this year St. Leonard's Church was our host and we are grateful to David and his team for a warm welcome. John Allen was our guest speaker and gave us some insights into the early years of Exeter ICE and encouragement for the future.

Over the past few weeks we have moved our office to Richmond House at the YMCA premises on St. David's Hill. Many of you will remember this as being our base in the early days of ICE. We have enjoyed almost six years at Wrentham Park and our lease was coming to an end when an invitation to join our Christian friends in more appropriate-sized and pleasant surroundings was offered. We will be holding two "Open Days" in September (see "Dates for Diaries" page 8) between the hours of 10 a.m. and pm. Please do call in and see the place for yourselves and meet some of the staff and directors. The director featured in this term's edition is Tim Mason, our longest serving director.

The last important news is that from September we are doubling our full-time staffing establishment. In July we appointed Anne-Marie Cohead as a lead worker, to work alongside Hannah in the Primary schools but also sharing her time with St. Michael's Church, Alphington; their congregation are funding half her salary. There she will have the opportunity to be a link between the two local schools in Ide and Alphington and their churches, which will enable the outreach work done by ICE to be built on in a community context. This is such an exciting project and one we hope will be a pilot for future development.

Our second appointment is a lead worker for the secondary schools to extend the work across the High Schools, especially in St. James School. The young man appointed is called Ed Bird and he has skills which will add greatly to the existing team. We have included photographs of these two new young people and in the next newsletter we will be hearing more about their background, as well as their hopes and vision for their jobs here in Exeter.

As you can imagine the directors have had to think and pray hard about appointing these people and have taken a BIG step of faith in terms of funding both posts. We would ask that as we approach this new phase in our work you might consider becoming a regular financial supporter of ICE or if you already give perhaps could enhance your giving. We realise that the present climate of "Credit Crunch" may seem like the wrong time to ask but this is God's Timing and His work needs to be done. If you feel you can respond to this need please get in touch with our treasurer, David Northcote – Passmore on [treasurer@icetrust.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@icetrust.co.uk) telephone 01392 367692 or myself [suenoden@icetrust.co.uk](mailto:suenoden@icetrust.co.uk) or from our website locate Partnership Funding form to download the paperwork.

We look forward to seeing you in September. Please keep us all in your prayers

Your friend in Christ, Sue Noden

## **Secondary Schools' Coordinator Report**

Wow what a year it has been for all of us working in our secondary schools! During this time I have seen various changes both in the work and in associate workers involved.

It has been a source of encouragement to see how the work continues to grow and is making a difference to all parts of the school communities! As well as the students we have also been able to support staff and parents. It would be impossible in this space to describe everything that is happening, so if you would like to know more about what God is doing in a specific school, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be more than happy to arrange to visit your church or to talk with you in person.

I would like to devote this news letter on how all this work has been made possible. It is through the various members of the Secondary Schools Team who come from a wide variety of backgrounds, from many different churches and who give their time to working as ICE associate workers. Sadly some of those workers will be moving on in the coming year to "New Beginnings" of their own. I would like to thank **Laura Workman** and **Mitch Temple** who have both been working with Dave Poulson in ISCA and West Exe during this past year. Laura and Mitch have built great relationships with both staff and students there; Mitch himself has been faithfully working in ISCA during the past couple of years and like Laura is a member of Riverside Church.

Also moving on is **Sam Tagg**. Sam has been leading the CU at St Peter's and has been also developing the skills of some of the students by leading studies. He has also been involved in various R.E. lessons as well as running lunchtime clubs in Primary Schools. Sam is moving on to Bible school in London. Sam is a member of the ISCA Church and has also been very involved in the life of the church and youth work there.

It has been a privilege to get to know each of these people, who have clearly shown a great love for Jesus and for the people that they have come in contact with. Many thanks to each of them for all that they have done in the City, and I pray that God will richly bless them in all that they go on to do.

The rest of the team who will continue to work under the ICE umbrella in September are: **Dave Poulson** who will have a new team around him this year, though it is great to see that **Ryan Bennett** will be staying on for a second year with him.

**Dave Atallah** from St. Leonard's Church will also have a new team which I am sure will continue to develop the previous great work done in St. Peters School.

The St Luke's Team include six of us who make up the school's Chaplaincy Team: **Martin Thompson, Mike Partridge, James Grier, Simon D'Albertanson, Steve Hayes**, and **myself**. The chaplaincy work is continuing to grow both in profile and effectiveness within the whole school and this year was highly praised in the school's OFSTED report. It is so exciting that there is so much cooperation across our churches for the good of this young people's ministry.

We also welcome a new Associate Worker, **Kate Hamilton**, to the team. Kate will be joining in the work at Clyst Vale from the beginning of this year.

It is also with great pleasure that this year starts with a new full-time Secondary Schools Lead Worker. **Ed Bird** is coming to join us having spent a lot of time working in schools with the Youth for Christ mission, and who brings a lot of complimentary and new skills to the team. I am looking forward to working with Ed during this year; St James School will be one which we would like to concentrate on during the new year.

**THANK YOU** to all of the Secondary Schools Team for their commitment to God, as we see His love shown through them in our schools. It just goes to show how much of a witness it is to work together for God's glory, and for the sake of others.

Thank you also to you our supporters for your continuing faithfulness in giving and through your prayer for the Secondary Schools Team. In the next newsletter we will be asking you all to get involved in the Gsus Live and Life exhibitions being held in Exeter in December, which would help us get to know you all better.

Richard

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Hannah



Richard



Ed



Anne-Marie

# **Primary school news**

## **Newsletter summer 08**

As the term and another school year end, I look back on a very busy year with lots of activities going on! Here is a summary of the primary schools work.

### **Lessons**

This term I've been taking some R.E. lessons on creation and science, sacred texts, beliefs and actions and worship. There have been some excellent questions that children have asked me and I really believe that understanding has grown.

### **Prayer points**

- As lessons delve deeper into subjects, pray that understanding will develop and lives will be changed.
- Pray particular for one boy who said "I don't know what's the point of R.E. if I don't believe in God". By the end of the lesson he had really engaged with the material.

### **Assemblies**

My assembly bookings have continued to grow. This term we have been looking at subjects such as "Change". We've delved into how the Bible says that God wants to change us and our world. We've looked at Nicodemus and his question about what being "born again" means. We've studied Gideon and God changing a situation in surprising ways and we've studied the story of the Wemmicks, remembering how God looks at us as our creator.

### **Prayer points**

- Praise God for assembly bookings that run right through to summer 2009 in some schools who are keen to book me up!

### **Lunch clubs**

This term we have followed 2 series, one entitled "Great Escapes" – about Biblical escapes from danger, culminating in Jesus' great escape from death. This led onto our second series "Catch the Word" a series based on the book of Acts. It has been really good to delve deeper into the work of the Holy Spirit with children. I've really seen understanding grow about what it means to have God's Holy Spirit and how this impacted the disciples lives but also our own lives today.

### **Prayer points**

- Pray for those children who faithfully come week in, week out.
- Pray for us as leaders that we will be creative and flexible as lunch times are busy periods.

### **After school clubs**

My two after school clubs in Rockbeare and St Margaret's have continued to go well with good conversations generated. In Rockbeare we are following a series similar to the lunch club series above but being an after-school club we get more time to explore the material. At St Margaret's we have been following a series called "What about my world?" looking at things that we deal with in our lives and sharing how the Bible can guide us.

### **Prayer points**

- Pray that as we meet as a small group, relationships will deepen.

### **M.O.U.S.E.**

As I write I have been booked into 5 schools to carry out the Moving On Up to Secondary Education assembly and lessons for year 6. We explore the life of Joseph and this year I have updated the way I tell the story by using narration and pop music – rather like I showed our supporters at our celebration back in May with the story of Esther. Please pray that these important lessons will help the year 6 children make a successful transition into the secondary schools and onto further ICE work! I ask them to write down any prayer requests at the end of the lesson and then I take these away and make a list of things to pray for. Many are worried about moving up to a new environment.

### **Prayer points**

- Pray for those year sixes who are worried about moving up.
- Pray for a good transition of ICE work between primary and secondary education.

### **Life exhibition**

We will be offering an exciting exhibition to the city's year 5 + 6s in December. It is set up by the charity, Counties and called the Life Exhibition road show. The road show is based on the life of Jesus, using visuals and thinking stations. Each child is also given a hand- held computer gadget to help them get the most out of their experience. We're

sure that many schools will take us up on this unique offer! Watch this space!

### **Prayer points**

- Pray that many schools will take us up on this offer.
- Pray for the practical arrangements and for safety in putting this exhibition together.

### **Church visits**

This year we have visited 6 churches, Pinhoe Road Baptist Church, City Community Church, Wonford Methodist, St Thomas Baptist Church, Sidwell Street Methodist and St James' Church. These are always very encouraging as we meet our supporters face to face and update them on what has been happening in their local schools and in the city as a whole. If you would like a church visit (we can promise it will be entertaining!) then please ring the ICE office on 01392 411116. Our church slot can be as long as you like though we normally do a 10/15 minute presentation.

### **A final evaluation of the year!**

This year in primary schools we have taken...

277 assemblies

206 lunch clubs

88 lessons

6 Lacey theatre performances

51 after school clubs

= 61, 839 individual opportunities for children to hear about Jesus!

I'm sure you're very excited by the figures above – it's primarily about relationships but I am extremely encouraged by these figures, the majority of which I have been personally involved in delivering. Thank you for supporting me in this vital work.

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## **Tim Mason – ICE Director**



I am Tim (Timothy to my mum!) I am married to Monica and we have three children- Caroline, Debra and Andrew, all of whom are happily married and between them have eight children, making us proud grandparents.

Caroline and Peter live in Suffolk, Debra and Richard are in Kenya serving the Lord in Nairobi whilst

Andrew and Wendy are nearer to home in Chudleigh, Devon.

Monica and I worship at the Pennsylvania Christian Fellowship in Exeter. We have both been involved in Gideon International for the past 33 years. As well as ICE I am also a trustee with Christian Response to Eastern Europe.

My work has been varied but for the last 28 years I was involved in a partnership with my brother in our own business as Agricultural Engineers, but have recently sold it.

As the longest serving director, having been invited to join by a previous chairman, it has been a thrill for me to be able to work with such an enthusiastic team of young people who are dedicated to taking the Gospel into the Primary and Secondary Schools. It has also been a great joy to see how those young people grow in stature and confidence to do this wonderful work. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all, the biggest part of this team, for your support and encouragement over the years. May God continue to bless the work of ICE so that we may see many young people brought to the Saviour.

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## **Dates for Your Diaries**

<b>Ice Prayer Group (all welcome)</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	12 noon
<b>Blessing of the new Office</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm
<b>Open days at the Office</b>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	10am- 5pm
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm- 6pm
<b>Commissioning Service at St. Thomas Baptist Church</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 pm
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	12 noon
<b>Opening of Gsus Live Exhibition</b>		
<b>At St Peter's school</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	3.45 pm
<b>Gsus Live Exhibition</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November through December	
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	12 noon
<b>Life Exhibition, Belmont Chapel</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> December	

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