



# Peninsula Youth for Christ

## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2009

In August I spent sixteen days with British Youth for Christ, leading a group of young people on a mission to Gionia in Brazil. This was a great trip, the team developed good relationships with each other and really threw themselves into any and all situations. **We saw God move in amazing ways and it was a real time of faith growing.**



**“On the last evening 25 young people made faith commitments.”**

After travelling for 24hrs we arrived in Brazil, tired but ready for the three-day camp we helped to run. This was a great way to start the mission, as **we spent the camp with 70 young people.** It was quite hard to communicate with the young people as they didn't speak much English and our Portuguese was also very limited, but through hand gestures and translators we managed. The team were in charge of sports at the camp and had a good time of playing and relaxing with the young people. Lots of initial relationships were established which were then built upon during the rest of the trip.

When we got back from the camp, we started working in some schools – we visited 4 altogether. We were up at 5am, picked up at 6am and in the schools by 7am when classes started.



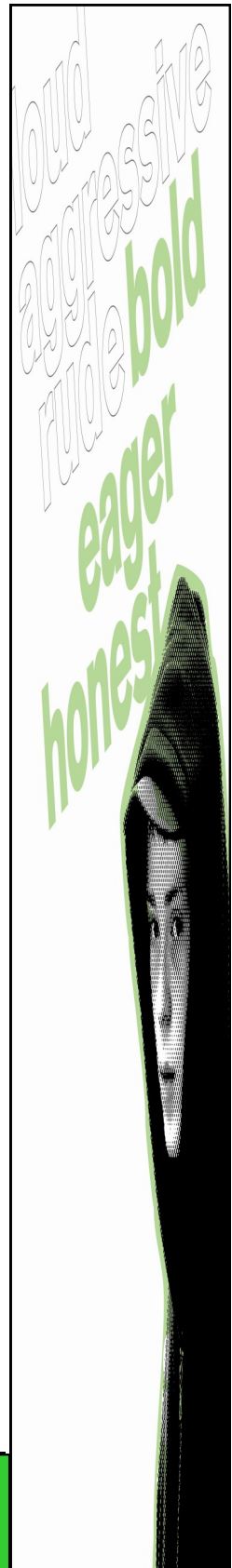
We participated in the schools' Christian Unions, which consisted of all the Christian students standing together in the playground, singing songs and preaching to other students. **We had the opportunity to pray with one girl at school who wanted to become a Christian. It was great to have an experience like this; I would love to see this at Hundred of Hoo.** We got to see a number of the young people who had attended the camp in these schools, so it was great to see them in another context.

We also supported a project called Projecto Amar, which ran to give children a safe place to be when they were not at school, as children go to school either in the morning or the afternoon in Brazil. The project has two centres, one on either side of the city. The first centre is set up as a pre-school with children from the ages of two to five attending for a full day. We spent our time playing lots of games with the children. It was really important for the children to have men play games with them in a really positive way so our team with five young men had a very positive effect on them. The second centre was aimed at older children, and it was here that the majority of the children from the camp came from. It was really good to build on those initial relationships and get to know the young people better.

**One evening we had the opportunity to support the Brazilian team in a street evangelism project that involved preaching on buses,** something I was quite nervous about. We had our faces painted as clowns which gave me confidence. The Brazilians were performing a drama on the bus whilst the English team were either singing Christian songs or giving out a Christian magazine. **I thought that the evening was either going to go really well or be a complete mess, but thankfully it went really well and was one of the best times of ministry and worship that we had on the trip.** We left the Brazilians early and travelled back on the bus together playing the guitars and singing as a group. I think we must have got some very strange looks from the people on the bus, but **the presence of God was so strong.** *Gemma Stewart Youth Worker.*



**“We had our faces painted as clowns”**



**“Taking good news relevantly to every young person on the Peninsula”**

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## WELCOME

The summer newsletter was sent out as Gemma was planning a trip to Brazil and some of us were planning our summer break, maybe not to somewhere quite as exotic as Brazil but hopefully just as much a blessing. When you receive this edition of the newsletter, the leaves will be falling and the days will be chillier and shorter. But it isn't just the season that's changed since the last newsletter. You will see that PYFC has moved to a new office in the school and that the Trustee Body has welcomed Ivan Wallis as a trustee and Jayne Lingham as PYFC administrator. But some things don't change. There continues to be a great need to take the good news relevantly to every young person on the peninsula, and we hope that you will be encouraged to read of what has already happened this year and what is planned for the weeks ahead. Your support in all of this is always welcomed and greatly appreciated. **The Trustees, PYFC**

### The PYFC Trustee Body welcomes -

#### Ivan Wallis, Trustee



I am a retired secondary school teacher but I am still involved with educational projects in Kent. I am married with two grown up sons. We have lived in Cliffe Woods for over twenty five years and worship at Saint Helen's Cliffe. I believe that God has led me to places and people where and whom I can serve. That is why I have become a trustee of PYFC and will try to support Gemma in her mission to spread the Good News of Jesus to the young people of the peninsula.

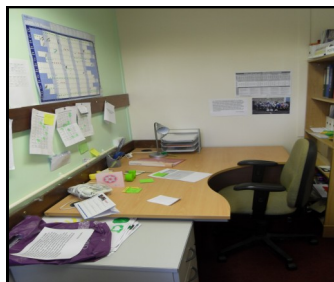
#### Jayne Lingham, Administrator



I am married and have two children. I have lived on the peninsula all my life, living now in High Halstow. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord 12 years ago and have worshipped in High Halstow at St Margaret's since that time. After being at home with the children during their formative years, I returned to work three and half years ago. I dedicated my 'career' to God at that time and I can say with certainty that He has been with me in my work ever since. I thank Him for leading me to PYFC.

### We have a new office and Youth Room-

PYFC's base at the Hundred of Hoo School has been moved from the Bungalow in the school grounds to the sixth form block. The school created two rooms in the sixth form block for our use as an office and youth work room, and over the summer Gemma, Karen and a friend worked hard to prepare the rooms and move PYFC to



the new home. Despite the upheaval of moving, it has already become clear that being based in one of the school blocks is proving to be a blessing. Students are already beginning to come to find



us; they know we're here! In addition, Gemma benefits from the contact that she has with members of staff based and teaching in the block.

**Positives from the last term-**

- Gemma received a request from a parent to have her daughter on a Wise Up group, and to have regular contact with her.
- Gemma has participated in a range of classes for Yr 9 and Yr 10 pupils on the subject of pregnancy. Gemma maintains a good working relationship with the school.
- Wise Up sessions are underway for one group of girls from Yr 8 and two groups from Yr 9.
- *Breathe* has been back – *Breathe* is a huge floor mat divided into 12 sections. Each segment has a reflection and an activity about an aspect of life conveyed to the young people via an Ipod. The experience is a very personal and special one. Why did *Breathe* return? The school was impressed by the students' interaction and wanted the experience to be made available to a different year group. And a number of the students wanted it back!

**Did you know?**  
It costs PYFC **£445** to run *Breathe* in school for two days

**Coming up—What is planned for the coming term?**

**Did you know?**  
It costs PYFC **£80** to run **ONE Wise Up**

Wise Up sessions will continue through out the term. Wise Up is a health education programme for teenage girls. The syllabus includes exploring a healthy lifestyle, building healthy relationships, self-image, healthy habits and attitudes, sex and relationships and sexual health.

Gemma will be speaking about her work for PYFC to a number of churches in the coming months. She will be speaking at the next Peninsula Prayer and Praise service on the 6th December.

Rock Solid— A weekly lunch time club geared for 11-14 yr olds with the goal of reaching out to non Church/non Christian young people to teach them about Christian values and to show God's great love for them. **This will only be running if volunteer helpers are found.** If you would like to volunteer to help with Rock Solid please see the back page for details.

**Please would you pray ...**

- for Gemma, she has been unwell recently. Please support Gemma in prayer as she continues to work with the young people, something which will only be possible if she is well
- for Lillain as she has made the difficult decision to step down from the Trustee Body. Give thanks that Lillian has done a brilliant job in her time as trustee, providing support and advice to the trustees as Chair and to Gemma as line manager
- for Andy, Karen, Charlotte and Ivan. Please continue to support them in prayer as they continue as trustees
- that God will speak to people through the Rock Solid Volunteer and Treasurer advertisements, that people will respond to God's calling to serve Him and the young people in this way
- for the young people and staff who experienced *Breathe*
- for the girls attending the Wise Up sessions and for any pupils referred to Gemma

**Your chance to help bring out the best in our young people starts here.**

**Step 1-**

**Supporter's Information**

Please complete this section to show your support and to enable us to keep you up to date with what we are doing. Completing this section will allow us to keep you informed of progress. **Please note: this section can also be completed if you wish to update contact details already held.**

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Signature.....

Date.....

## Step 3- Post back to

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## For your diary...

<b>Encounter</b>	17th Nov at 7.30pm	Hoo St Werburgh Church
<b>Peninsula Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	6th Dec at 6.30pm	Emmanuel Christian Centre, Cliffe Woods
<b>Prayer for HoH &amp; PYFC</b>	8th Dec at 7.30pm	34 Rochester Crescent Hoo
<b>Encounter</b>	19th Jan 2010 at 7.30pm	To be confirmed

## Where you'll find Gemma...

Sun 15th November 2009	<b>Canterbury Baptist</b>
Sun 29th November 2009	<b>Cliffe Christian Mission</b>
Sun 6th December 2009	<b>Peninsula Prayer &amp; Praise</b>

## In school...

<b>Breathe</b>	4th and 5th November 2009
<b>Wise Up</b>	Weekly throughout the term

## Can you Help?

### Rock Solid- sharing life with 11-14 yr olds!

Does this sound too much of a challenge? Then how about sharing one lunch time a week?

Volunteers are needed to help Gemma re-start this lunch time club, geared for 11-14 yr olds with the goal of teaching them about Christian values and to show God's great love for them -sharing life!

### Training will be given.

If you are interested please contact Gemma for an informal chat. A Volunteer 'job description' is available on request.

### PYFC Treasurer

#### The PYFC Trustee Body is seeking someone to take over the role of Treasurer.

The role is particularly important, maintaining an overview of PYFC's affairs, ensuring its financial viability and ensuring that proper financial records and procedures are maintained. For this reason, it would be right to appoint someone who has the necessary experience, skills and time to fulfil the role.

#### Could that be you?

If you are interested, a Treasurer job description together with the person specification of this role on the PYFC Trustee Body can be obtained from the PYFC office at the Hundred of Hoo School.

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