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**Who might you meet at CAMP
this year?**

Don't forget to book - see page 7 for details

“...Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Is 40 v 31

LETTER FROM THE TRUSTEES

Dear Leaders and Friends,

Campaigners England & Wales has now been in being for seven years. Seven is among one of the special numbers in the Bible, and I believe this year will be special for us too. **2014 is to be a year of change.**

We are already rejoicing with two new Centres this year (see page 5), and hope for more. Tim Greenhalgh has a Campaigner stand at the Christian Resources exhibition in Peterborough, and he has plans for more publicity. Delta online has taken off and you will hear more about it in our next issue.

A successful Training Day for Leaders was held in Slough on March 1st and another is planned for next year. The programmes for Eagles, Junos and Crosstrax are being revised and updated. Our long term plans for evangelism and other issues are also being reviewed.

There are also changes being made to the structure of the Board of Trustees. At the AGM in May, our Chairman for seven years, Graham Payne, is to remain as a trustee, but will step down from being Chairman. A new Chairman will be elected at that meeting.

In 2007, Campaigners was in grave danger of closing down. Graham has led the fragile Movement through its rebirth to stability and solvency. He has spearheaded the restructuring of the Programmes, and the modernisation of the uniform. Most of all, he has ensured that Campaigners has returned to the original aims of bringing children and young people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and guiding them in their Christian life. Thank you Graham!

Yours, UNTO HIM, Pat Kingston—on behalf of the Trustees



SMILE!

The following are the answers given by Primary children to a Scripture test:

1. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
2. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
3. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
4. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
5. When Mary heard she was to be the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
6. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
7. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

..from the bulletin of a church in Hythe, Hampshire

Pause for Thought

WHO AM I ?

How do we identify ourselves? My name is Jan. I am British, born in England of Scottish parents, and I am part of a western culture. Who are you? How would you identify yourself? But as Christians we have a different identity. I am a child of God. He is my Father. I am a citizen of heaven, not just in the future, but already, as soon as I put my trust in Jesus.

If only Christians around the world, in their churches, and in politics, would put away their tribalism and remember we are one family, I believe fighting and disorder would die away. Please pray for countries such as South Sudan, where Christians from different tribes are fighting one another, that they might put away their aggression and tribalism, and fulfil their role as peacemakers. Jan King

Jan King was a missionary in South Sudan for many years.

Once a Campaigner, always a Campaigner?

Who is a Campaigner? The answer to this question might seem quite obvious to you – or is it?

As a reader of this Newsletter, you probably think of yourself as never having been anything else! But what is it that actually makes a person a Campaigner? Is it someone who goes to Camp, a fully trained leader, an Executive Committee member, a regular Eagle, Juno, CrossTrax or Delta member, or is it someone who still has his or her Campaigner hat or uniform in a drawer at home?

I often hear it said, “I used to be a Campaigner.” When does one stop being a Campaigner I wonder? If someone is a ‘Christian’ that label doesn’t disappear if that person moves on to a different place. So why is it that some folk describe their Campaigner experiences in the past tense?

Perhaps we could look at this from a different perspective to help us discover who actually is a Campaigner and if they can ever stop being one. Suppose a visitor from Mars met you in the street and asked you what a



Tim Greenhalgh



Campaigner is, how would you answer him? Would you describe what we do, such as go to camp, have fun and games, make new friends, meet in the church down the road, learn about Jesus etc. or would you dig deeper and say that since Colin Kerr’s midnight vision 92 Earth years ago Campaigners have sought to share the Gospel message and nurture children and young people in the Christian Faith. So, which is it, the former, the latter or both? If it’s the former then it’s probably just a great memory. However, if it’s the latter or both, then it’s quite likely that one never stops being a Campaigner because it will have defined and influenced one’s whole life.

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The dictionary definition of a 'campaigner' is someone who engages in an operation or series of operations energetically pursued to accomplish a specific purpose.' This definition includes an objective and an action.

Campaigners are not spectators, they are purpose driven, intentional people focussed on preparing children and young people for a lifetime journey with Christ.

From a development point of view there's a crucial place for every single Campaigner, from the past, the present and the future. Campaigners from the past have a unique role in seeking opportunities to grow the movement where they are now. For example, a new Delta group is likely to open in West London shortly because of one person's past experience of Campaigners. Our present day Campaigners are the place where contemporary stories should be found to demonstrate that God is working in young lives today. And finally our future vision is for growth, so we continue to pray-in the next generation of Eagles, Junos, CrossTrax, Delta, leaders and trustees. Once a Campaigner, always a Campaigner? I think so – and there's no escaping the onus each of us has to further the Kingdom of God – our true purpose and our campaign of action! **Tim Greenhalgh**

A new Campaigner centre opened at St Marks Pentecostal Church in Sheffield last Autumn. They have begun with a Junos group and are praying for much spiritual and numerical growth. There were a number of obstacles that seemed to try and prevent this group starting, including 'post Olympics' related after school attractions, but against all the odds, the group has made a good start.

Several expressions of interest have come our way from our exhibition at Keswick, and from former Campaigners. One has very recently come from North Acton, West London. Having a desire to reach out to teenagers on local estates, plans and preparations are in hand to set up a Delta group with a focus on the Adventure Service Challenge and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme.

Back to the future

Saturday 1st March 2014 St. Paul's Church Slough

On Saturday 1st March Campaigners engaged in a challenge titled 'Back to the Future'. Our thought for the day reminded us that 'the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few' (Luke Ch. 10).

There can be no doubt there are plenty of children and young people who know nothing of God and his love for them.

We as Campaigners are challenged to spread the good news even if our numbers are few.

Tim Greenhalgh opened the day, looking at the aims of Campaigners, the future, an overview of things new - Taking a new look at Campaigners - Preparing for life.

This was followed by a number of practical sessions including many aspects of Campaigner activities.



There was a great sense of Christian love and fellowship in the group.

CAMP 2014



GAMES

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YUMMY FOOD

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SINGING

DRAMA

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AMAZING MEETINGS



Holtwood, Dorset

CO's Steve & Kathy Davies date July 26th to August 2nd.

Quinta, Oswestry

CO's Bob & Julie Slade date August 9th to August 16th.

DON'T MISS IT!

Annual Appeal

I have deliberately left the title of this Appeal in black. The reason is that God has blessed us greatly by providing us with a substantial reserve sum at the outset of our Region, Campaigners England & Wales. We have been spared from making the frequent appeals for funding which at one time came with every communication from HQ. In addition to this, the Trustees have spent wisely, and Camp Leaders have ensured that camps were never over spent.

Your generous donations to the George Hedger Camp fund have been used to help young people, and some Leaders, attend our camps. We have also received legacies and other donations for which the Trustees thank you with all their hearts.

Our position at present is that we are spending more on staffing and publicity by sending Tim to Christian events and exhibitions. Wages costs and rent have risen, and postage will soon be costing more. While we can continue as we are for some time, if we look to the future, we must try to increase our regular income to match our spending.

My Appeal is that we need more Standing Order donations, to ensure a regular income. Please consider this if you can. Gift Aid is also a valuable source of income, so please consider this. If it is not possible, we are very grateful for any donations, large or small, either for the George Hedger Fund, or for HQ general expenses. With grateful thanks, *Pat Kingston*

If you wish to give regularly to Campaigners by Standing Order, or have given a donation in the last 4 years and are eligible for Gift Aid, please contact the HQ office.

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