



50 years of pioneering ... and counting

Forever is a ministry of Youth With A Mission YWAM, and while **Forever** is only a couple of years old, YWAM is 50 this year!

There have been celebrations across the world 34 at the last count, with a few more still to come, and September saw the Western European version, hosted at YWAM Harpenden. Up to 800 people from across western Europe attended.

During the celebrations, we were reminded that Lynn Green – currently YWAM's international chairman – was sent out 40 years ago as a brand new YWAMer to pioneer the first YWAM ministry in England.

Four decades on, **Forever** is continuing in that tradition of pioneering new teams and ministries in England. We are looking to apply the lessons learnt over the 50 years of YWAM about



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The flame goes forward ... YWAM founder Loren Cunningham anoints the next generation at the Western European 50th celebrations

pioneering and planting new teams, while also embracing the new ways that God is doing things in this generation. And we want to do it in a way that the legacy of our outreach and pioneering goes on for the next 50 years – and beyond!

Get out there!

The Forever team, as part of YWAM England, joined with Soul Survivor to coordinate local outreaches called Get Out! during weeks B and C of the summer festival.

Each week we took around 100 young people over two days, giving them evangelism training in the morning and then getting out into Shepton Mallet in the afternoon, to prayer walk, litter pick, do sports ministry in the park and help to run a Kid's club. We also did treasure hunting, where we asked God to give a name or an impression about a person and then lead us to the person on the streets. For many participants, it was their first experience of this style of outreach.

Forever team member Hayley recalls:

“My highlight was the family fun day in the main park in town. The local churches decided to put it on for the community, and even though the weather wasn't fabulous a lot of people came to enjoy the games, BBQ and music. I was with Jude and we had several really good conversations with young people. There were two younger girls whom we talked to who agreed to let us pray for them and we asked for healing for eczema and also for safety over one of their fathers. It was encouraging how open they were.”

This is the second year we have done this outreach. We hope it will continue to grow and give many young people a positive experience of doing evangelism.

Forthcoming ...

Newcastle Discipleship Training School (DTS) Gathering,
30 October–6 November 2010

The whole team will be involved in organising and running the week. This will include teaching on evangelism, leading worship and intercession, overseeing the afternoon outreaches, and making all the logistical and administrative functions happen (from food to beds, travel arrangements to waste disposal!). We are expecting around 150 people for the event, from YWAM centres across England and Wales, Italy and Norway.

Praise God for

- all the new staff on team;
- the safe arrival of our youngest team member — Tiana Nicholls;
- provision of the new minibus;
- our new office — refurbished and redecorated!

Please pray for

- the Newcastle DTS gathering (30 October–6 November). We need a lot of prayer cover for protection, open hearts, boldness in evangelism, networking with local churches, and to see a team planted in the city;
- spiritual protection for our team as we all lead out in various areas of ministry;
- continued open doors and opportunities for outreach around the country;
- the **Forever** team to continue to remember the big picture as we work on small details;
- new ideas and creative solutions;
- good communication within our team and outwardly too;
- God to prepare hearts in this nation for the season ahead.

Wheels Forever!

Forever has been donated a 15 seater minibus. This is a fantastic answer to prayer, as it means we can transport our team and gear to the various locations we need to go to over the coming years.

The bus was given to us by a friend whose son did his Discipleship Training School 15 years ago. Both father and son run their own companies in Germany. Their heart is to release more money into missions. Last year they sponsored a women's volleyball team; this year they have chosen to bless **Forever**. To read about the company, visit www.remog.de.



Have bus, will travel ... The Forever team's new 15-seater minibus

Latest arrivals

Hi, I'm Catherine Evans, from Corfe Mullen, Dorset. I am the Arts Coordinator for **Forever**.

What does that mean, I hear you ask? I'm passionate about seeing the Arts made relevant in Christianity and vice versa, and also about pushing up the bars of expectancy and quality in Christian Arts, and raising its reputation.

To help achieve this, I encourage people's creative gifts and mobilise Discipleship Training School students to realise and use the Arts in ministry. A key part of my role is to connect talent and gifts to relevant ministries in need.

I look forward to being challenged to use the Arts in ways I hadn't thought of, communicating the gospel and life issues in a tangible way.



Hello, I am Jeremy Weightman. Originally from London, I have lived in Harpenden for 11 years. I head up communications for **Forever**.

I am passionate about words and graphics and about clear communication. I want to make words that inspire passion and spark interest, and source pictures that sum up a thousand words. But it needs to be communication with a mission, and **Forever** gives me a good focus.

As we look to the Olympics, I want to see many people launched into mission, many people reached with the gospel, and new teams pioneered. I will do whatever I can do in terms of communication to make that happen.