

Hank's Panel

Hi again!

Hank here – I am sooo excited about all the good things that are happening with the footie. I hear that some of my friends are going to Anfield with the Riverbank football team! How exciting is that!!

It is awesome to be part of the busy cage season, with sessions at Seaton Church, Kemnay Mission, St Columba, Mission Church and Formartine Youth Group.



I hear we are also going to an event on July 1st hosted by the Mission Church at Elphinstone Hall as part of Scottish Refugee week and there is going to be cake there! (I love cake!!!!) There will be people from all over the area - maybe up to 200 - so I guess I will be getting to watch loads of games of footie inside the cage, I hope the sun shines on us. It's so good to be part of the effort to welcome and integrate the Scottish Syrian Refugees.

Help us!

You can help us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for us and the young people of the North East. **Volunteer**, working with young people or in background support. **Give**, in your will, a few pounds a month or a one-off. All makes a difference!

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Welcome!

"Yes You Can!" Words made famous by Barrack Obama following his inauguration as President of the United States. He was encouraging young people of America, and indeed the world to believe in themselves and dream big. If he could grow up from poor beginnings in Chicago to be President, then they too could reach their dreams.

We live in a world which all too often says to our young people "No You Can't". "You come from the wrong neighbourhood", "You won't amount to anything", "You will end up the same as your friends", "What's the point in dreaming big, you'll never get there." And so the list goes on, leaving so many young people trapped in a belief and attainment cycle which was not of their own making, finding it hard to have confidence and belief in themselves.

Barrack Obama believed in the potential of young people to reach their dreams, to be the people they were meant to be. Jesus Christ Himself believes the exact same thing. He loves young people and has a special place in His heart for them. See what He said to his own disciples in the Bible (Luke 18 : 15-17). Jesus believes in the worth and preciousness of young people, He even said that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these. If you are a Christian and doubt that, look in the mirror. He believed enough in the person you see to die on the cross to save you.

That is why NESYFC do what we do. We believe in the lives of every young person and want to see more young lives changed for the better. The Tillydrone and surrounding areas are especially difficult to grow up in as a lot of the kids come from broken families. The world has a tendency of waiting until a child is a full grown adult before starting to help, but we want the opposite: we want to see strong children in the faith rather than broken adults out of the faith. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it". (Proverbs 22:6)

We are a small ministry but our vision and hope for Tillydrone and its surroundings is big. We look for a generation who will believe in their worth as individuals, who will dare to lift their eyes from where they are, who will open their eyes and see wide horizons, who will dare to dream big, who will be able to say through the power of Jesus Christ in their lives, "YES I CAN ... YES I CAN ... YES I CAN", and who will also reach out and help those growing up around them.

Jesus doesn't *need* us to reach young people, He can do that by Himself. He does, though, want us to be involved, to be His hands and feet, to reach out for him to our young people. He is going to do great things in the world and in young people. Maybe He is asking you to come and be part of what he is doing? Maybe you need to write your answer in the picture for yourself.

Will you be part of the vision to see young people's lives changed? Perhaps by helping a few hours a week if you can, by contributing financially, in whatever way you may feel led by the Spirit. The most important thing that we ask from you is that you PRAY for us as we seek to serve Jesus Christ and PRAY for the lives of the young people we work to reach for Him.



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Outreach update

We catch up with Youth worker Curtis Sangbarani

Well it's almost summer time already and as I look back over this term I can't help but be delighted of how far we have come. The associated school work has continued with young people being reached for Jesus

A big highlight is the Riverbank boys football team achievement (pictured). Recently we entered into a tournament where we competed with teams all around Aberdeen, well it was AMAZING, we were by far the least favourites as most of the teams there had already beat us in full games this season. I was absolutely ecstatic as we won the tournament and not only beat every team there but also beat a second year team (yes a second year team) in the final. Our reward is an overnight paid trip to Liverpool to compete in the U.K. Championships this summer. We will have the opportunity to tour Anfield stadium, meet many footballers and so on. This is one of the biggest achievements so far and to see the smile on the kids faces and the emotion as they got told of their reward was simply priceless. Including the Liverpool trip we have a very busy summer coming up, many football cage dates around Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and a chance to continue seeing kids showing off their footie skills. Let's hope the sun comes out!



Summer Cage Mission Dates:

01 July	Mission Church
10, 12 & 14 July	Seaton Church – estimated 10.5 hours total
17 to 23 July	Kemnay Summer Mission (with Steven Hamilton – all day event)
01, 02 & 03 August	St Columba's – estimated 12 hours total
15 & 17 August	The Mission Church
14, 16 & 18 August	Seaton Church – estimated 10.5 hours total
19 August	Formartine – estimated 6 hours total

We are looking forward to a good turn-out at these locations. Communities have been very keen to receive the cage over summer and it is hoped that we will see a few good games.

Prayer Points

- Give Thanks for the Lord's abounding Provision in finance and support.
- Give thanks for new vision within YFC.
- Give thanks for Curtis and Amy's new marriage and pray for their new future together.
- Pray for the Lord's guidance in a new staff member to help with the running of ministries.
- Pray for ongoing good commitment to monthly prayer times and daily devotional times within team members lives.
- That the Pray 365 initiative would continue well in the summer months. That the YFC team would stay committed to this vision.



Ministries in YFC

- Give thanks for the Riverside's football team cup win. Prayer for safety in upcoming winners' trip to Liverpool FC. For Christ's protection in the planning and encouragement of this trip.
- Pray for lives changed as a result of the Highlands and Islands YFC BFG Gathering this month. That God would continue to work in the lives of the young people across Scotland. For a good turnout to this event.
- Pray that young people would grow to see Christ in their lives and that the team members would continue to direct them to Him well.
- Pray that the volunteers would seek to intercede in the lives of the young people that are reached by YFC ministries.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to be at the centre of all that we strive to do and be in YFC. To benefit the youth and to glorify His name.
- Pray for a good attendance at the 24/7 prayer event in autumn.
- Prayer for the schools in Tillydrone and for the TLG Project in this area.
- That the work in Tillydrone Lighthouse may continue in the coming years, by provision of a temporary building for ministry. For the Lord's provision in securing appropriate premises for the duration of the building work on the Centre at Tillydrone.



Curtis

Will you join us in your daily prayer time, and let us know?