

INTRODUCING ALUMNI...

We often try to think of things we could do that might help our past students to continue their journey of discipleship and with that in mind we are planning to have an alumni section on our website - this will be an area of the site that you can get up to date information on people that you knew when you were at Holmsted and also help you connect with people that you might not know yet but who are working in the same kind of area that you are. We will only post information that we receive directly from you so if you want your details up there then e-mail them to alumni@holmsted.org.uk. The info we need is: your name and maiden name if you have married since your time at Holmsted, an e-mail address if you want people to be able to contact you, a photo, a short paragraph about yourself and what you are up to these days, an indication of what part of the world you are currently living in and which area of society you are working in, i.e. education, government, church, family, science, communication, economics or arts and science. This last item is so that people will be able to search to find others working in the same area with the hope that people might get into contact and help one another to bring Kingdom values into their arena of society. What happens with this will obviously depend on the response that we receive from those of you who read this, so it is up to you ...

HARPENDEN OPEN DAY

For those of you who are living in the UK (or possibly near an Easyjet airport) there is something happening at Harpenden on the 28th August. The Global Leadership team for YWAM are meeting there at that time and on that Saturday there is an open day from 12 noon where you can bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the grounds. From 2-5pm there will be exhibitions and regional presentations of what God is doing through YWAM around the world. From 6-8.30pm, there will be an evening celebration with Loren Cunningham as the main speaker. So if you want to be inspired then you know where to come. Bring the family, bring the youth group, bring your church! It would be great to see you there. If you would like more details please contact Jane Poyner (jpoyner@oval.com).

DATES

Discipleship Training School

25 September 2004 - 25 February 2005
15 January - 18 June 2005
16 April - 17 September 2005
24 September 2005 - 25 February 2006

Basic Leadership School

11 September 2004 - 4 March 2005
3 January - 25 June 2005
2 April - 24 September 2005
10 September 2005 - 3 March 2006

School of Frontier Missions

17 September - 17 December 2005
+ 2 year placement

PLEASE PRAYER WITH US

Please join with us in praying for...

... more staff both long term and short term as we seek to work towards the great commission.

... the completion of the Coach House and the wisdom on how we use this facility in the future.

... continued growth of our community as we seek to disciple young people in their call to missions.



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HOLMSTED MANOR NEWS

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Greetings everyone.

As I begin my welcome note to this newsletter I find myself wanting to say that I hope that everyone is doing well. But as I reflect on this it occurs to me that with so many people receiving this, the whole spectrum of human emotions will be represented, from fantastic all the way to awful and everything in between. It is sometimes surprising to us that when we are seeking to serve God with all our hearts we still have hard times! For those of you in that situation perhaps James 1:12 will be as much an encouragement as it has been to me over the last months. The reward is worth it, the reward is Jesus Himself. So with that in mind, I hope and pray that you all will be growing ever closer to Jesus and that your understanding of His love for you and your love for Him is increasing every day.



THE COACH HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT



Talking of perseverance, we are excited to be able to announce that we are very close to completing the coach house, which is the final stage of a building project that has lasted 20 years. God has provided in miraculous ways and we are very grateful to all those who have given of their time and money to help with this. However we do need to see some more money come in to

finish the project. As well as giving more details on the project inside, we would like to take this opportunity to ask if you would consider partnering with us in the final stages by praying for God's provision and perhaps even giving a donation yourself.



Charlie Lusty
Base Leader at Holmsted Manor



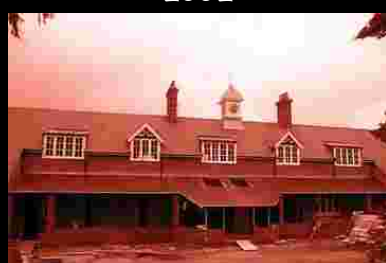
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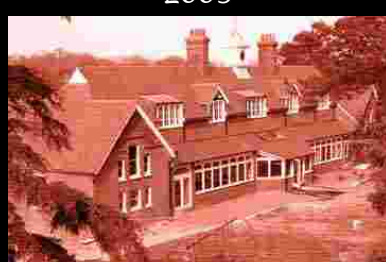
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The Coach House renovations through the years

onto stage two: renovation of the Manor attic providing more staff accommodation, amenities, a kitchen and lounge, as well as repairs to the roof. It was after that stage in the project when we felt God urging us to move onto renovating the Coach House, which is adjacent to the main house. This building would contain a new DTS classroom and training office as well as two staff flats, a self-contained conference centre, and 13

This past quarter has been an exciting one at Holmsted Manor as we enter the final stages of the three-part building project that began nearly twenty years ago. Over the course of time, we've seen God provide in amazing and surprising ways. Story after story tells of His faithfulness to supply not only the needed finances and staff to see such a n e n d e a v o u r accomplished but also the greater sense of His heart for the future of Holmsted and its mission to train and disciple the nations.

HISTORY OF THE BUILDING PROJECT

Beginning in 1985 with the construction of a garden shed, garage and FMC, (Frontiers Missions Centre) Holmsted saw the first stage of what would become a massive undertaking begin to take shape. Next it was



twin en-suite rooms. Having an additional facility would enable us to run more courses including second level schools as well as provide a conference centre for other YWAM teams and the local church to use.



The new dts classroom during and after renovation.

Throughout the long and often frustrating process of seeing this project through, God has been steadily at work not only in building structures but our faith in His character as well. Hold ups and complications have certainly been a part of the journey; and in the interim of waiting for the vision to become a reality, He's used those things to remind us of how perseverance and faithfulness on our part builds the Godly character He wants us to have. We've learned to hold onto the prophecies and dreams God has given over the years and to move forward in faith, making Holmsted Manor all that He desires it to be.



Volunteers working in the basement of the Coach House



Building people is an integral part of how God builds community. Each person who's participated in seeing this work accomplished from long term workers to DTS work duty students and even those mission builders and individuals coming for just a week or two have made an investment in the community life of Holmsted Manor. As God works in us, He challenges us to serve and influence one another as we live out our mission, which is to be a radical, relevant and transformational community. As we take on His heart for one another, we become more equipped to fulfil our mission to train people and develop missions' projects both locally and globally.



Volunteer working on twin en-suite room.



THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COACH HOUSE

All of the structural work on the house is complete and only internal work remains to be done. With only the plumbing, final fittings, decorating and furnishings to do, we are working towards an official opening of September 2004. At that time we'll not only be celebrating the completion of the final building in this three phase project, but also the miracle of what God's done in Holmsted Manor as a community over the years. Please prayerfully consider donating to this exciting project to see it completed.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT AT HOLMSTED

DTS continues to be the main focus at Holmsted Manor, with three healthy sized schools running in January, April and September. In addition to our continual goal to expand and build up our long-term staff, the training team is



discussing how we can further develop the BLS (Basic Leadership School). Our goal is to continue to see students with many levels of experience learning from, and investing in, one another as they serve as leaders to the DTS.

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRIES: CHANGING FOCUS

Carl Tinnion, who oversees YWAM's Child and Youth Ministries throughout England and was also responsible for leading the youth ministries team at Holmsted Manor, has recently moved to York. Here he is working with his wife Melanie and another couple in establishing a new YWAM base in the city, which will focus on preparing young people for leadership (for more information, see their website - www.ywamyork.com).

The Cords programme, consisting of discipleship for youth through monthly meetings and summer missions outreaches is continuing and now runs in six locations through the local church.

FMC (FRONTIER MISSIONS CENTRE)

The completion of the Coach House will give Holmsted an additional lecture room in order to begin running second level schools. As a part of a new ministry initiative, Moira Bernard, Member Care coordinator for UK missionaries, is hoping to begin a training course which will enable people to get direction for overseas missions.

The next SOFM (School of Frontier Missions) will begin in September 2005. The FMC are currently in the process of recruiting students for this course, which includes a three month lecture phase followed by a two year placement in a frontiers location.

The Crawley Asian outreach has seen exciting growth in the past year. The Asian Christian

community in Crawley is interested in joining the 'Masala group,' a nationwide initiative which is very similar to an Alpha course for Indians. The group hopes to meet regularly to invite other Asians to fellowship and worship in their own style and language, as well as to receive teaching from the Gujarati-language Bible. Intercession also continues to be a key part of the Crawley outreach.

We continue to develop our contacts with the work in Indonesia. In the past two summers we've sent staff teams there, and Fred Smith has established a company importing and distribution Indonesian crafts to help support Indigenous church planters working amongst the unreached.

At the moment, we have two Year for God teams overseas: one working with street children in Santa Cruz, Bolivia and the other with the Masai tribe in Morogoro, Tanzania. Reports from both teams are encouraging; they are not only being used by the Lord to impact those around them but are also finding that God is at work in them too. One of the great rewards of working with these gap year students is seeing them return after a year abroad radically impacted by the experiences they have had.

PLANTING NEW TEAMS

Former Link team member Dennis Bracken, and two other Holmsted staff members set off for Brighton to pioneer a YWAM Boiler Room with a focus on ministry through the arts. Dennis and the team are focusing on building a pub ministry in Brighton and Hove, and also run regular 24/7 prayer weeks (which they ultimately hope will run 52 weeks a year). These are opened up to the community and local church.



Dennis and his team.