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Wrestling in Prayer

In his letter to the Colossian church, Paul commends Epaphras to them as 'he is always wrestling in prayer for you'

We praise God that Camp has always had prayer wrestlers and we continue to need your prayers.

We have just appointed Leanora Cappell as our prayer co-ordinator to ensure that you get up to date information about who and what to pray for.

So here's a mini profile of Leanora and you will be hearing plenty from her shortly.

Name

Leanora Fay Cappell

Age 24

Church

Maghull Chapel

Job

R.E. Teacher in Birkenhead

Favourite Food

Roast Dinner

Favourite footy team

Liverpool (look at the initials!!)

Likes

Chilling Out With Friends & Chocolate

Dislikes

Curry and Slow Drivers!

Most embarrassing moment

Driving over a Roundabout on her Driving Test!!!



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A Week Finding Nemo

The Patio Area: Saturday

It's quiet, peaceful, and sunny, with a hint of anticipation.

It's 1.30pm on Saturday 29th May - camp is ready, flags have been laid, chalets dusted, tents fumigated (joke!), lots of new benches set up around camp, the netball and football fields mowed and pristine white lines added (the centre line of netball field removed – what was Mike thinking about!)

The new patio area scrubbed, wicker-furniture added, – what peace, serenity, calmness - the Director's sunbathing but thinks "I'm sure something's missing!" And then the buses arrive – he jumps up, "Oh! Yes! it's time for Junior Camp" – 81 (9 to 12 year olds) and 38 staff descend on Tyn-y-Nant.

Finding Nemo was our camp theme - with red sharks, green turtles, yellow starfish and blue dolphins. The admin team are appropriately called the Clown Fish. Campers given a tract linking Finding Nemo with Understanding God.

Each camper was given a copy of Mark's Gospel as well as their usual booklet. We saw faith on the roof, faith in a storm, faith in a crowd, faith in a town, faith by the road and faith in the country, and great faith at camp.

Ray and Brenda as padres were superb and 13 young campers found Jesus and lots got to know him better.

The Greenwood Centre a big success: screams from the Jungle Boats, the slides and Green Dragon Coaster, laughter from the stilt's area, playground and mini-tractors and some strange sounds from the peacocks or was it Brenda – not to mention some droppings on Ray!

Swimming and games at Pwllheli Sports centre was followed by chips and chocolate. Shopping at Portmadog was not quite spoiled by the rain but it did stop us stopping off at Criccieth.

Two unplanned trips to Bangor Hospital were made more/less pleasant (depending on your point of view) by the intellectual conversations between Len and Daniel and Rob. Rob has this great ability to numb the patient's brain by talking incessantly about, well anything – the 5½ hours only seemed like 10 hours! (actually, it was great fun – although one visitor at the hospital did say, "Don't you ever shut up?")

Campers praising the Lord, camp porridge, singing "just one cornetto", football final, busy craft-room, bugle calls, magnetic fish game, spoons, beautiful communion service, camp on a sunny day, sports day mayhem (dry or wet) - many memories.

We felt a real presence of God's Holy Spirit – the campers were fantastic, the staff were average!, the weather was good, and Jesus was there walking ahead of us.

Len Sloan—Director

Reflections on Junior Week

Q – What do you call 8 octopuses in a kitchen?

A – The Finding Nemo Junior Week Catering Team

Having not been to camp as staff for about 10 years we didn't really know what to expect. Will we be able to cope in the cookhouse? What about our sleep? What will the campers be like?

We needn't have worried; the key theme of the week – Faith – was our inspiration. Both of us had a "Whale" of a time (excuse the pun) and our 2 children, Rhian and Haydn described the week as "the best holiday ever"!

So...

Q) What do you call 8 octopuses in a kitchen?

The real answer is ... blessed!

John and Joanne Gately
Jireh Evangelical Church

"My secret is that I need God - that I am sick and can no longer make it alone. I need God to help me give, because I no longer seem to be capable of giving; to help me be kind, as I no longer seem capable of kindness; to help me love, as I seem beyond being able to love." - Douglas Coupland

The best thing about camp was that there was no doubt that God is Lord of all.

Society provides so many answers to the worlds issues, but here was the realisation that only in finding

God do we get the real answers and even find out what the questions are. Next year all our kids will go!
Revd Rob Beamish,
Lymm Baptist Church

'Expectant' is the word I used at one of our camp meetings to describe how I was feeling about going back to camp after 27 years.

I wasn't disappointed. I said I felt like a new kid on the block which was a bit daunting at my age, but I soon settled in as the team began to gel and work well together.

During one of the quiet times one girl asked me "If God could use Moses, a simple shepherd, then can he use me too?" WOW!

What an opportunity. I loved it!
Sue Dickson

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