

Arise

Equipping the church to reach a generation!

"I hope to discover a machine that does homework!"

Taylor, Age 7

As 2007 draws to a close, many of us will be looking forward to 2008 and our hopes and dreams for that year. I wonder, what will that year see happen; what will we discover - about ourselves, about others, about God?

'Discover' is a word which has great connotations. More often than not 'to discover' means to have your life changed.

Recently, I had an interesting conversation with a group of primary school children about what they hoped to discover in 2008. What people hope for is a real insight into their lives. It often reveals a deep need - something which they are longing for. At Christmas many 'new' children will come into our churches - some out of tradition, some out of obligation, but many will be searching. They have a real need in their lives for Jesus; but the question is 'how do we help them to discover Him, when come the New Year many could easily disappear again?'

At November BNC some of the Arise Team shared about the 'ALF Year of Outreach' - a whole year's worth of resources in evangelism and discipleship for 7-11s that will help us to address just that! This material will enable you to share all 'About Life and Faith, and...

- > Invite the children along to an exciting 'ALF Adventure' happening at your GB group - full of fun, interactive DVDs, games, quizzes, crafts and challenges (already planned for you!)
- > Host a special 'Launch Event' party that will get 2008 off to a great start.
- > Help the children in your community to discover Jesus and become His followers!

Wouldn't it be great if, in a year's time, the primary school children mentioned earlier, along with the children who have come through your doors this Christmas, were to say that: "Yeah, 2008 was a great year - it was the year that I discovered Jesus!!"

What an amazing thing to hope for; and what an amazing hope that would bring. (Feel free to contact the Arise Team to find out more on 01235 510426 / arise@girlsbrigadeew.org.uk).



'Club L:edge Volunteers @ the Praise Party'



Junior Solid - Physical Output: Spiritual Input!



The 'ALF Year of Outreach' A year's worth of discovery and discipleship resources and great programme material to use for your Juniors' SPES Awards!

SOME OF THE THINGS WHICH ARISE HAS RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED WITH ARE:

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ACTIVITIES: Junior Solid, Leading Edge, Identity in Kent, and R6 Camp have seen Arise having great fun sharing the Gospel with hundreds of children.

RESOURCES: The 'ALF Year of Outreach' is being taken up by many churches across the country as an effective way to be involved in evangelism and discipleship amongst children.

IDEAS: Arise continues to visit groups to share ideas and develop new outreach opportunities. This has helped to see churches set up 29 new outreach clubs for children.

SUPPORT: The 'Arise Network' continues to grow, with over 50 Churches, GB Groups and Outreach Clubs joining to gain advice, support and encouragement in their children's ministry.

EQUIPPING: Recent training in the Cotswolds and Essex has helped people to become more aware of the ways in which they can effectively communicate the Gospel with children.

PRAYER POINTS...

- > Please pray that 2008 will be a year in which we bring much hope to others.
- > Please pray that we will see many more children come to discover Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- > Thank God for the hope that He has given to us through His son Jesus.