



# CCF UPDATE

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## The Unspeakable Gift of Love

By Maria McMahon

Our generation today pretends to have captured the essence of Christmas in songs and symbols, parcels and precious moments. But the truth of the matter is, the essence of Christmas is unspeakably indescribable although sometimes we get a glimpse of what it is all about.

Here at Cornerstone, we see it through the young eyes of Rosette, one of the children we sponsor in Uganda through Compassion International. She writes to say thank you for our prayers that have given her strength in her battle against AIDS and the generous gift of 1,069,300 Uganda shilling. With this money, she was able to purchase for herself and her family a plot of land, some clothes and a suitcase. She quotes in her letter Deuteronomy 30:19, *"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life."* Indeed, because of your kindness, she is now able to have a choice.

We also see a snapshots of the true spirit of Christmas in the whole experience

that Bethlehem Food bank brings.

Believers and non-believers alike unite in abundant generosity to share their blessings among the needy and the down-and-out.

Norma Cowan reports: "From September 2011, we have grown from food bank to include toiletries, a friendship café, clothes and textiles ministry. We also provided items such as prams, toys, appliances on occasions. We have given out 1200 food parcels and have been greatly blessed by donations from the fellowship and local businesses such as Asda and Recap. Because of the generous financial giving of a few people in the fellowship we are able to provide fresh bread milk and cereal alongside the groceries we give out most other food banks only give out groceries." How amazing is that!



Recently when the violent typhoon Yolanda hit the Philippines and left the people in such a state of calamity, Cornerstone once more stretched out its

hands and gave £1,200 to a local church in the islands. This gift allowed the relief goods to be brought directly to the victims and also provided hope to rebuild people's lives again.

When we seize these pockets of opportunities to give of ourselves and bridge the gap of loneliness, need and destitution around us, we allow us the privilege to experience what true Christmas is all about. It's not the gift nor the sentiments that comes with it, but it's all about our God and Saviour Jesus Christ, the unspeakable gift of love.

HOPE 

Hope conference went on its third year running on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November with the theme "The Feast". Indeed the delegates feasted on a scrumptious spread of good food and reflective teachings on the Word of God. Jodie

Cask from C7 Church in Glasgow spoke on the ministry of "Shine Girl" and the many attributes of God. Cornerstone's Vivianne Crispin talked on how to "taste and see that the Lord is good" while Cathie Niven gave us profound insights in the life of Leah. Faith Mission Bookstore gave 10% of book sales to Hope Conference and £60.86 was raised for the cadets who helped out in the logistics of the evening. Somebody generously offered to double that amount.

## Family & Craft Fun Day

Carbrain and Hillcrest Community Council are hosting a Family & Craft Fun Day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013 from 12 noon until 4.00 pm to be held at the Link (near the Tryst sports centre).



Mark Smith is part of this Community Council and is hoping that Cornerstone Church can support this, both by attending on the day and also by helping to set up / tidy up, and possibly organise and host some activities.

This is an excellent opportunity for the church to be involved in a local community event. Please speak to your House Group to discuss ideas on how they can help, and if anyone would like to volunteer to run an activity / game, please let Mark know as soon as possible.

**Don't Forget!**

**15 December @ 7:30** in the evening - Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**24 December** - Watch Night service in Cornerstone House from 11.15 pm till midnight.

**15 January 2014** - An Alpha course will begin. if anyone knows of someone who would be interested please spread the word.

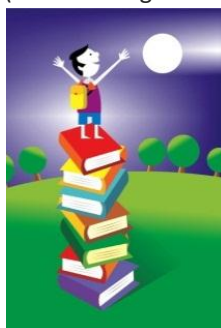
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DATE	SPEAKER	CRECHE	BIBLE CLUB	YOUTH	Admin Desk	NOTES
1	Speaker: Alan Prayer: Anne Marie	Please see Claire	Tom & Paul	In Service	Anne	Communion: Phyllis' House Group
8	Speaker: Alan Welsh Prayer: Jane		Tom & Joe	Jane	Teri	
15	Speaker: Robbie Muir Prayer: Robert Taggart		Tom & Robert	Graeme	Mary	
22	Speaker: Alan Welsh		Family Christmas Service	Family Christmas Service	Maria	
29	Speaker: Alan Prayer: Shaun		Margaret & Susan	In Service		

## Library Update

Those who have participated in the (Christians Against Poverty) CAP courses



may find the numerous library resources helpful information of Christians handling money.

November saw the 50th anniversary of the death of C.S. Lewis. The

library has a range of his books, and DVDs (Narnia, Shadowlands etc.) as well as a biography.

You can find The Nativity Story, The Other Wise Man on DVD, along with various books on Christmas.

We are grateful to the various donors of resources to the library. Recent additions have included books aimed at women, and many audio cds.

## Library Times

### Sundays

12:30 – 1:30pm (Kenneth)

### Mondays

10:00 – 11:00 am (Lorraine & Cliff)  
2:00 – 4:00 pm : (Denis & Norrie)

### Tuesdays

10:00 – 12:00 am (Mary Douglas)

### Wednesdays

10:00 – 12:00 (Anne Hannah)  
12:00 – 1:00 (Eddie Douglas)  
1:00 – 3:00 pm (Cathie Niven)  
7:00 – 8:00 pm (Ewan Anderson)

### Thursdays

10 – 12:00 Noon (Lorraine & Cliff)

**Fridays** 10:00 -12:00am (Irene Barr)

