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"Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he- quite safe?

I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"

..."Safe?" said Mr Beaver ..."Who said anything about safe?

'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

Over the last 2 months we have celebrated 10 years of 267, we have run our first Mission and also we have moved into a new, much needed, office space. It is without doubt a wonderful opportunity to say that thanks and that 'God is good!' Now don't think me naïve, when I say that God is good I am also acutely aware of all those people who have passed on God's goodness to them, by supporting us and giving us their time, energy and indeed finances. But as I reflect on how great the last few months have been I do find myself seeing just how the rich goodness of God appears and comes to us from so many different places, even from places that seem unaware that they are actually agents of God's goodness themselves!

The previous 10 years have been utterly amazing but still with the occasional struggle and challenge. Through these struggles and challenges I have often felt God's goodness being poured out onto us, if not in terms of finances or comfy offices spaces, but in strong trustees, wise friends, passionate allies and significant supporters. As we begin the next phase of ministry I know that wherever we are taken, we are taken by a God who at His very core is good, and for that I am thankful.



Thanks...

- 267 10th Anniversary:

Thank you to everyone who came and made the day such a blessing. Not only was it a beautifully sunny day but we also were able to catch up with old friends, donors and supporters as well as share and pray about our ministry. Thanks to everyone who gave and continues to give.



Anniversary Celebration

- 10:10 Mission: Around 70 young people came to our first 'Home Mission'. We had inflatables, a BBQ, great weather, amazing worship, no injuries and some great fun. Loads of significant relationships made too.

- Our new office: At the beginning of July we moved into our new home at Christ Church St Albans. CC have given us use of their 'cabin' which is a wonderful and light space for us to be in. It fits the whole team and gives us additional space to rest and meet people. Come visit us sometime.

Our new office



- Financial gifts: This past month and at the 10th Anniversary we have been given some wonderful financial gifts which have been such a blessing and a real affirmation of our ministry. Thank you

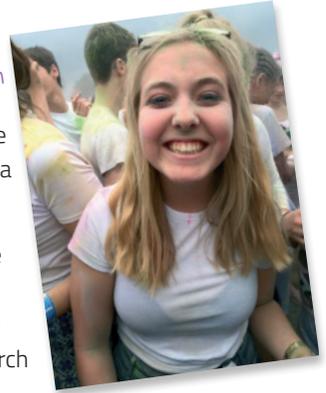
- The Haven: This continues to grow and 'find its feet' as a piece of ministry that only begun this term. Word is starting to spread about our 'anxiety and stress safe space' and we look forward to growing and investing in it further as the new term begins

- Young leaders: During the year at Fuel and most noticeably at the '10:10 Mission' we have young leaders really stepping up and wanting to serve and grow their faith. This has been such a joy and we pray that these guys will be a blessing to their youth groups, their churches and their friends

- New church connections: Through our new Core Roadshow ministry we are making new church connections and we pray that these will enable us to support and resource more youth and children's work.

Please...

Katherine,
Our new Intern



- Rest: Pray for our team during August, that we will be able to get some rest, some space and return in September with a renewed energy and passion.
- Katherine: Last year we had 'intern Ben' this year we have Katherine. We are so excited to have Katherine with us and she will be giving us time at 267 to help with our events and residentials. She will also be placed at Markyate Baptist Church and with Mike will support the youthwork there. Pray for her as she begins, that she will settle in quickly and feel part of the 267 family. We also pray that God will use her in huge ways this year.
- Core Roadshow: After 3 Core events over the past 18 months we are feeling called to grow the Core Ministry by 'taking it on the road'. We want it to be as easy as possible for churches to be resourced and encouraged in their youth and children's ministry, no matter how new, how fragile or how small (or big) it is. So from September 2017 to June 2018 we would like to visit around 7 or 8 churches and have them HOST a Core Roadshow event.
- National Youth Ministry Weekend: We are joining with Youthscape to help them with part of this amazing national youthwork event. Pray for the team as they plan and prepare and give thanks for such a wonderful opportunity to get involved with something on a much larger scale.
- Fuel: Pray for the new term of Fuel as we gather together each month. Over the past year there has been much growth at Fuel; in size, in impact and in significant young people choosing to serve and express their faith in bigger ways. We are thankful for this and so as the new term begins please pray for us as we look at some of the radical encounters of Jesus that the stories would excite and grow us all.
- 267 Network: We want to include and encourage everyone who serves children and young people in their community and church. Pray for us as we gather, as we have our monthly breakfast and as 267 makes time to support individuals in their calling.

Some scripture that is encouraging us at the moment:

'The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.' *Isaiah 33:5-6*



Diary

Some things that have happened and some that are to come...

- Tuesday 4th July – Moved into new office!!!!!!
- 10th July – 267 trustees met
- Wednesday 19th July – 20th Anniversary Celebration of Chris Evans at STEP
- Thursday 20th July – Met with Youthscape in Luton
- Friday 11th – Saturday 12th August – NOISE Project in Markyate
- Wednesday 30th August – FUEL Picnic in Verulamium Park, St Albans
- Wednesday 6th September – 'Heading to Uni' Student Evening, 6.00pm-8.30pm at Forest Town Church (all those who are heading to or returning to Uni, are welcome)

In August the team slows down a little and so there are less events in the diary. Do please pray for Mike, Tracy, Claire and the trustees as we continue to dream, plan and prepare for the coming term, as well as taking some well earned and much needed rest!

If you would like to volunteer with the267project then drop us an email – director@the267project.com or pa@the267project.com Thanks



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Some important dates for this term...

- Mike preaching and sharing about 267 at Thirlmere Church - Sunday 3rd September
- Katherine starts as our new intern - Monday 4th September
- 267 Networking Breakfast - Wednesday 6th September, 9.30am - 11.00am
- XSite Harpenden - Saturday 23rd September, 6pm at High St Methodist Church
- FUEL St Albans - Sunday 24th September, 7pm-9pm at Christ Church, High Oaks



- 267 Annual Quiz Night – Saturday 14th October at Forest Town Church
- National Youth Ministry Weekend – 10th-12th November in Birmingham
- New Years Houseparty – Saturday 30th Dec 2017 – Tuesday 2nd Jan 2018