

News from Mark and Sue

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Serving with "YOUTH WITH A MISSION CYMRU/WALES" in Wrexham, North Wales

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John Chapter 1, verse 14



The End of 2003

Looking back at our first fully year spent here in Wales, we can testify to the goodness and faithfulness of God. It is a measure of how settled we are now feeling as we consider how many social events we have this Christmas (!) - it is great to feel at home and surrounded by friends.

Our year started with an encouragement from God that the DTS (see panel

Rob is already here, and Dawni and Kristie have visa entry clearance stamps in their passports ready to arrive in January. Our little team is growing slowly, but surely. See over for some further details about them.

Travels

You may recall that in May Sue traveled to Egypt for an exciting and life changing meditative encounter with God.

This after having seen God provide more than enough finances to go there. It was an incredible time for her and, wonderfully, Mark is now looking forward to his trip there in May 2004. It is our intention to offer others the opportunity to experience this encounter, so if you fancy a retreat, learning some more about living a Christ-like life, watch out for more news as the trip comes together.



On the First Day of School! (opposite) would be held "behind Tesco's". Somewhat excited by the specific nature of this word, God was faithful and - sure enough - we ran our school in a building behind the Tesco's Superstore in Wrexham town centre! The hard work and sacrifice during the school has been well worth it with Cara staying to work with us in Wales and three of the students - Rob, Dawn and Kristie - applying to join us.

YWAM Wales - Debt Free?!

Some of you may know that when we moved to Wales, the team was struggling with a debt that had run up in the previous few years because of a derelict property YWAM had been given. Made worse by being destroyed by arsonists this was a significant issue for the mission. Cutting a long story short, we saw sacrificial giving from YWAMers (both in Wales and England) and the sale of the land in June finally release us from this problem. Praise God! During the summer we were able to pay back all that was owed and are now in the black again, which is a great feeling! We now sense we can make plans as YWAM Wales for the future.

Ministry in Ireland

Over the summer, we traveled as a family to Northern Ireland where we enjoyed a week's holiday. The next fortnight was then spent staffing a Leadership School there. The students came from the YWAM bases in Northern Ire-

YWAM Wales DTS 2003

YWAM Wales ran a Discipleship Training School (DTS) during 2003.



The 2003 Wales DTS enjoying a walk on the Welsh hills

A DTS is a 6 month course where students gather for 3 months of lecture based study. They cover subjects like prayer, holiness, God's Character, intercession and so on - and then go and get a chance to practice it out!

This occurs during the second 3 months. This is the practical outreach phase and is often run in a different country to that of the lecture phase. On our DTS, 10 students from 4 continents (plus 5 staff) came to Wrexham to spend time with God.

...and us with us in Wrexham and Wales. We had a great time and felt stretched, challenged and fulfilled in that we were both able to staff the school, teach and spend time with the students and as a whole family. We were exhausted though when we got home!

School Days...

Tasha started school in September (see picture). She goes to the nursery, or Meithrin, and loves it. She also attends the Cylch Meithrin which is Nursery Plus in English. Sue did not know the translation of this until a couple of weeks ago, which shows how much she is getting into the language! Tasha attends 3 afternoons a week and is upset when she cannot stay at school for lunch on

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What does YWAM stand for?

Youth With A Meeting,
Young Women After Men,
Yankees With Attitude, Man,
Youth Without Any Money,
or Youth With A Mission?

If you guessed the last one,
guess what? You were right!



YOUTH WITH A MISSION



Boating at Colwyn Bay with Grandad

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the other 2 days. Sue was volunteered for the chairmanship of the Meithrin committee for this school year (by Mark) so he was co-opted as her vice chairman!! We have just had a meeting to decide how to fund raise at the Christmas Fair and also to set a date for a Christmas meal (I like this job! - Sue)

Zaak still enjoys his school and is learning 'sums' at the moment, so a lot of our conversations are about how many 2 and 4 make etc. Continuing her two Welsh lessons a week has proved to be a good decision for Sue as it helps her to do these sums with him in Welsh! Zaak's Welsh continues to astound us and the capacity that young children have to soak up language is just extraordinary.

Other Activities

Mark is continuing with his weekly Welsh lesson too, and also attends the worship group at our local church on a Tuesday evening. He does not always play on a Sunday, but enjoys the rehearsal. He is also speaking locally a bit more and enjoys the opportu-

nities to preach or teach at local churches or groups. Sue still goes along to Mums and Tots once a week at church (without Tasha) to chat with the mums - and also help with the washing up. It means every one else with children can go and sing songs rather than do chores.

Property

In the last newsletter you may remember we asked for prayer about buying a property. After having spent most of September in prayer, we believe that God has spoken - and that is to believe Him for a property for YWAM, not just for ourselves. We sense we are entering persevering time, challenged to keep praying for the release of this property. Please feel free to pray and let us know any words or thoughts you have. Once we know where this property is, we will need to start fundraising, but we know God is able to provide more than enough for our needs.



Zaak's Birthday at Dinosaurland!

YWAM North Wales

The Team

Us!



George &
Nancy Chase
American



Cara Nyenhuis
American



Rob Nicholls
Reading



Dawn Mill
Australian
(Coming Jan 04)



Kristie Scmaltz
American
(coming Jan 04)

*Well, that is our life in Wales for now.
Have a wonderful Christmas and may you know
God's blessing in the New Year.*

*Love from
Mark, Sue, Zaak
& Tasha xxxxx*

Want to know what to **Pray**? Thank you for praying for us - it means a great deal

- Mickey Mouse Land – the kids have been praying for a trip to **Disneyland** for the last 18 months or so. We have so far received enough to buy the plane tickets and book the car hire (Hallelujah!) and they only have the accommodation costs and spending money left to pray in. Thank God for what we have received so far.
- As you can see from the main text, we are praying for a property for YWAM Wales that will allow us to establish YWAM in the nation. Please pray with us that God will release a property to us. That we will know what and where it is and that we will be able to fundraise for all of the finances needed for it.
- We are now deep into the process of language learning. People have warned us that there is often a steep start to the learning curve and then a bit of a plateau where the real learning goes on! Pray that we can genuinely get to grips with Welsh.
- **WHAT NEXT?** It is our plan to run another DTS in 2004. We also are praying about running a **National Prayer & Fasting Day in June** of next year. Pray that we hear God's voice in these areas.



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A Very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year
to all our friends and family!

