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UPDATE

STUART CHRISTIAN OPERATIONS MANAGER

I recently heard a sermon about the wedding in Cana where Jesus turned water into wine and the master of the wedding said to the bridegroom, "People always serve the best wine first. Later, after the guests have been drinking a while, they serve the cheaper wine, But you have saved the best wine till now." Just when it looked like the wedding was going to end in disappointment because the wine had ran out, Jesus turned up and the best wine was served. The preacher went on to say, no matter what the situation, when Jesus is involved the best is yet to come.

This got me thinking. Many of the young people who have been coming to the bus (the guests) have been served with the Gospel Message and been shown Gods love (the wine) by the team for many weeks, months and even years. There has been easy times and there has been difficult times. Sometimes you feel you can go on doing this for ever and sometimes you feel like giving up. But however you feel I want to urge you to keep going because the first wine (which you think is pretty good) has only just been served just when it looks like it may all come to an end make sure you turn to Jesus first because when you do; the best is yet to come.

Bus Drivers

Urgently Required

Bar N Bus are in urgent need of bus drivers. To drive one of our buses all you need is to be aged between 25 -70, have held a full car license for a minimum of 2 years, and be prepared to undergo about 10hours of tuition. We urgently require drivers for Rayleigh, Corringham, West Thurrock and Southend so if you can spare at least one evening a month then please get in touch

Rayleigh Bus Team -10 Years Old-

Rayleigh Bus Team will be 10 years old in September and will be holding special events to mark the occasion. If you have served on the Rayleigh Team over the last 10 years and have any interesting stories or memories about your time on the team I would love to hear from you so please get in touch.

GIFT FORM

If you would like to donate to the work of Bar 'N' Bus through Gift Aid and/or by setting up a standing order, please fill out the following and return to us:

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

STANDING ORDER

To set up a standing order please complete the following:

Please pay Bar 'N' Bus @ HSBC

Sort code: 40-23-33 Account no: 01400908

the sum of once only/every month

commencing from(date)

Bank Name.....

Bank Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Account number:.....

Sort code.....

Signed.....Date.....

GIFT AID

If you are a Taxpayer then you can Gift Aid your donation. Using Gift Aid means for every pound we receive, we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.

I would like to Gift Aid the enclosed donation

of.....(the amount)

I would also like to Gift Aid all donations I've made to Bar 'N' Bus since 6th April 2000 and all donations in the future until further notice.

Signed.....Date.....

Please send back to:

Bar 'N' Bus Trust, PO Box 168, Benfleet, Essex SS7 9AN.

or you can donate online: www.barnbus.org.uk

Thank you for your support!!!

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Here is the latest Bus Team news...

Laindon (Monday)

A couple of weeks ago the Laindon Team closed the bus for the night and instead held a BBQ and special activities such as crafts and football in the nearby church. The aim, of course, was to gently get the young people used to the inside of a church building and to use this opportunity to present the gospel message which was achieved through a church member giving testimony. The team are now thinking of perhaps running a weekly youth club in the church as well as using the bus outside the church on different nights. Some of the young people who attended the evening had never been inside a church before and would perhaps never have without the team working hard using the bus as a point of contact and breaking down the negative barriers that some young people have about what is church.

South Grays (Tuesday)

The team recently purchased some outdoor equipment to use on the grass just outside the bus. This has gone down really well. The young people are so fond of the bus that one young person wants to do some fund raising for it.

Southend (Tuesday)

At the end of May the team changed location and now park the bus in the car park off Hamlet Court Road. This has led to a few more young people coming in particular two lads who have been coming each week.

West Thurrock (Wednesday)

The team are doing really well. With lighter evenings the young people like to run around outside the bus, this does make it hard to get any long chats going with the young people as they pop on and off the bus all the time.

Basildon (Thursday)

The last month has been difficult for the Basildon Team as the bus they use has been off the road undergoing repairs. However this did not stop the team from going down to the place where the bus parks, taking squash and talking to the young people who are hanging about anyway. In some way without the distraction of the playstation and xbox it has made talking to the young people much easier. The bus is now back on the road.

Stanford and Corringham (Thursday)

They have just finished running a youth alpha course with the young people which was well attended. The team are now starting to think what to do next. They



Stanford and Corringham (continued)

are now planning to run a girls only alpha.

The number of young people who attend the bus has dropped slightly but they still get 50plus young people.

Rayleigh (Thursday)

We are still getting good numbers in Rayleigh but workers are few so please pray for more team members. Encouraging news is that some of the young people who come to the bus have been attending the youth club at Holy Trinity Church, two of the young people have also been along on a Sunday.

On the bus the team recently set up the prayer room as a reflection area where the young people can sit and have things to read and do which help them reflect and think about who is God. This has been quite popular with some of the young people. However the team are starting to run out of ideas for the reflecting part so if you have any please let us know.

South Woodham Ferrers (Friday)

The SWF team continue to get their regulars although with the lighter evenings and the good weather some evenings can be quiet. However the Friday night when England were playing Algeria the bus was quite surprisingly busy (some young people have common sense) The team always have a long list at the end of the evening with things to pray for about the young people which shows how much the young people are open to talk about issues that they have in their lives. They always know that the bus is a safe place to come and get help.

For quite a while now there has always been a group of older teenagers with their cars parked over near the bus, however they have never really shown much interest in the bus. Recently the team have been starting to make some inroads and some of the teenagers have chatted to team members, mainly about cars.

Bus Team Members

Urgently needed

Stanford & Corringham, Basildon, Rayleigh, & South Woodham Ferrers bus teams urgently need more team members

If you can spare one evening a week or even at least one evening a month please get in touch and find out how you can become a bus team member and make a difference in the life of a young person.

A WORD FROM PHIL PAVITT— CHAIRMAN

As Trustees we have just completed a review of our strategic intent for the next 2 to 3 years, no earth shattering changes but we have confirmed that what we as a Trust are currently delivering is broadly still right. We want to branch out with at least two new teams over the next 12 months plus considering placing a team in a needy area where there is limited local support. For that we will need a part time project manager and the funds to develop the concept. In the meantime this is a time of change with two Trustees, phil Andrews and Steve Tinning, and two employees, Tim Harold (Thurrock Bar n Bus Co-ordinator) and Suzy Wade (Fundraiser), moving on. My thanks to all of them who have made a massive difference to the Trust, cant wait for the next 6 months!

Have you ever thought about having a bus team in your area. Call the office for a church pack.

Counselling Update

The summer holidays will soon be here which is always a difficult time for our clients as they won't be able to see our counsellor unless it is an emergency. The counsellors will spend the next couple of weeks preparing their clients for this time. Please pray for this.

Over the summer the Counsellors will also be having a well earned rest.

Good news is that all the schools we counsel in have renewed their contracts with one school asking for more hours.

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Fundraising Update

Thank you to all those who came to our Strawberry Tea.. We raised £478.50. A big thank you also to all those who helped out on the day.

Join us for a fun evening of Quiz 'n' Chips

Saturday 9th October
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

@

St. Clements Hall,
London Rd, West Thurrock



**Tickets in advance: £10 per head
including fish or chicken supper**
(under 16's £5)

Teams of 6-10 people please (if you are a smaller group/ individual we can team you with others)

For tickets please phone the Bar N Bus Office
on 01268 793331 or email team@barnbus.org.uk

Please say whether you want fish 'n' chips or chicken 'n' chips when booking tickets

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Thank you for your support

If you would like Bar 'N' Bus to come to your church to give a 15-45 minute presentation about the work please contact the office.