

Welcome.

"An amazing and uplifting day."

"It was incredibly beneficial and a real blessing."

"It was a really great day and we feel that we learned so much of significance, not least in loving one another in our schools and further afield."

It's gratifying to get positive feedback. The comments above followed our recent CST School Leaders' Day held at The River School, Worcester. A total of 49 people representing 22 schools joined together to spend time, worshipping, praying and learning together. It was one of the best days of that kind that I can recall and I think everyone left with a stronger sense of God's love and His passion for children and young people.

One of the key messages to us in CST at the moment is this, 'love each other'; nothing new or complex, simply the love of God. How will anyone know that our schools put the Lord first in everything?

They will know because His love is foremost in our hearts. The passionate, relentless, irresistible, sacrificial, complete, healing, overcoming love of the Father, shown in the Son and made real in our lives by the Spirit.

One of the ways that we show this is by our willingness to commit to others purely for their benefit. We can do so in many ways, by sharing the good things that we have learned in our own setting, by picking each other up when we fall down, by simply caring enough for each other to phone or send an email. When we go 'the extra mile' in showing His love we provide a greater opening for His grace to work in and through us.

1 John 2:6 reminds us that we need to live and love, speak and act in the world as Jesus did. Let's take this exhortation then to strengthen the way that we support and bless each other across our whole CST network.

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Diary dates.

Governors' and Heads' Conference
The Hayes Conference Centre
6th-7th February 2012

National Prayer Day
Wednesday 2nd May 2012

Northern Inset Day
Saturday 5th May 2012

CST National Conference
14th-16th February 2013

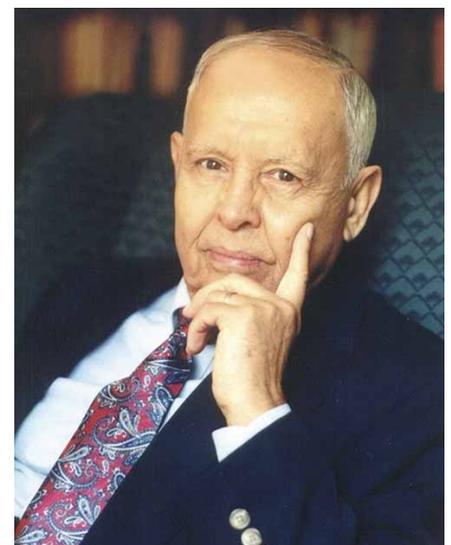
Tribute to Dow Robinson.

We pass on the news to you that our dear friend Dow Robinson went to be with the Lord recently at the age of 83.

Dow has been an enormous influence in many of our schools over more than 20 years. I recall the first time that I met him and heard him teach about the teaching style of Jesus. It opened my heart to so much more than I had

yet seen and his work continued to do that every time I listened to him.

His experience as a Wycliffe Translator to the Aztecs taught him much about how God wants us to teach and to learn. He and his wife Lois saw revival amongst the Aztec people and it shaped them for the rest of their ministry. We are grateful to God for all that we have received through both of them. Please pray for Lois and the rest of their family.



Trinity School, Brentwood.

by Rob Whitaker, Head

Trinity School was launched in January 1982 under the name Peniel Academy, as an educational provision for the families in Peniel Church. The pragmatic and inspirational view was to have a school where education was thorough and professional within an environment steeped in Godly influence and guidance.

The primary responsibility for raising children lies with parents, and parents learn of God's principles through the ministry of their church. When the school is aligned with those same principles, a consistency prevails which nurtures the children's development in the best possible way.

Throughout its 30 years of operation the school has drawn teaching staff mainly from the parent body and this has reinforced the church-home-school linkage. There is a strong sense that 'the whole village educates the child'

and it is a constant delight to see how God draws people to help and support the education of our 108 pupils.

The curriculum of the school is mainly based on the National Curriculum and classes are taught in a fairly traditional manner. Alongside assemblies and Bible lessons, we believe that the Christian

influence on the children stems from the life and character of the teaching staff. In 2010 Trinity School opened its educational provision to the wider Christian community and we have seen the wonderful ways in which God has brought families to join in this challenging venture. The school runs right through from the Reception class to 'A' Levels and our aim is to launch students with a sound education and with a conviction of God's purpose for their lives.



New Head Teacher for ECSL.

Emmanuel Christian School, Leicester, praise God for sending us a new Head teacher, Mr David Baynes, who took up his appointment on 1st August this year. We would like to share with you all how grateful we are to Miss Pat Wells who helped to found the school and has been our inspirational Acting Head Teacher since we opened 8 years ago.

When she announced her intention to retire from this role, we began to pray

earnestly for God to send us the right person in His time. Many in CST have joined us in prayer since we advertised at the 2009 conference, so we do thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout this time. We are extremely grateful to Miss Wells for her faithful and generous voluntary commitment since the first tentative prayer meeting and for her continued commitment to our school as our Chair of Governors. No-one is indispensable and God's timing is perfect but we shall certainly miss her terribly amongst the teaching staff and we know that this is true of the children who love and admire her.

We are excited about this new phase for the school as we reflect on God's provision for us in Miss Wells who answered God's call on her life 'for such a time as this!'

When you arrive at the front entrance of our school, as we hope many of you will do, you will see this message, "Ebenezer: Hitherto the Lord has helped us". This word has proved true for many of us in CST and we know God will continue to work graciously through Miss Wells as she continues in her journey of commitment to Him. We are praying for God's continued blessing on her life and work.

From all the teachers at ECSL:
Mrs Caroline Vickers, Mrs Carol Patel, Mrs Linda Powdrill, Mrs Claire Weston and Mrs Carole Clohesy.

Praise.

- For our 4 new Core Team members – Steve Beegoo, Jean Dandy, Julie Purnell and Miriam Wiltshire.
- 106 computers donated by Jacobus Freytier School, Appeldoorn, Netherlands to CST Schools.
- Between 26 and 29 privately funded colleges are now on board with BSL.



Trinity Christian School Reading.

by Jean Dandy

The story so far.

In February 2010 a group of six people met to pray that God would prosper the work of Christian education in their town of Reading.

Over the last eighteen months we have seen the Lord answer our prayers for the Vine Christian School in south Reading, for the large group of Christian home educators in the town and for openings into new schools for the Reading Schools' Christian Worker.

However the desire to open a new Christian school in north or central Reading has been the group's main focus. Kevin and Miriam Wiltshire from Emmaus School, Trowbridge shared with us their experience of starting

a new school and the vision for Trinity Christian School was born.

Now over a year later, much preparation work has been done and the Lord has continued to answer prayer. Several church leaders and a number of Christian teachers have shown support for the school and a positive article has been published in the local paper. A school website is up and running—www.trinitychristianschool.org.uk. In July we held an Open Meeting and we are now seeking opportunities to speak to churches to promote the school.

However, at the moment the school does not have any pupils or a building and there is still only a small group of



people actually working to start the school. But whilst we are weak we know that the Lord is strong and if this is His will then He will make it happen.

We are aiming to open in September 2012, initially as a primary school but with the ultimate aim of moving into the secondary years. We need to know the Lord's timing in all these things and have the patience to wait if necessary. Above all we pray that honour and glory will come to the Lord Jesus Christ through Trinity Christian School.

Teacher Training in a brand new nation.

by Mike Hackston

The Republic of South Sudan was born on July 9th this year. We arrived there five days later to lead a week's teacher training in the capital Juba.

Along with the government education department, the Episcopal Church of Sudan had identified an urgent need for Science teacher training. My involvement came as a result of a call from a colleague I had worked with in Zambia. Ever since our time there Africa has held a special place in our hearts and it was easy to heed the call.

Supported with grants from the Institute of Physics in London

and links with the diocese of Salisbury, I travelled as the biology trainer with three others. We took science equipment with us which we demonstrated and then left with the schools represented.



The course was attended by nearly thirty teachers from around the country. We found them to be very well informed about their subjects but lacking recent experience of practical work. We also taught demonstration lessons with classes of 40-50 students at the local Diocesan Model Secondary School.

I found the whole experience gave me such a 'buzz' and came away feeling I had received at least the measure I had given. We are now planning a second week of training for July 2012 and are on the lookout for a chemist to come with us.

Prayer.

- For Barbara Lord to be completely healed and for all the staff at Christian Fellowship School, Liverpool as they continue without her.
- For Julia Morgan, Meg Buckingham and Chris Schenk, as they undertake the administration for the new colleges on board, as well as all the other schools with BSI.

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