



Have you not heard?



*Do you not know? Have you not heard?
 The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
 He gives strength to the wear and increases the power of the weak.
 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
 They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
 they will walk and not be faint.*

Which has been your favourite Campaigner camp or holiday?

That's probably a difficult question since we might be tempted to say all of them! Choosing a favourite may be influenced by the place, who was there or decisions that you may have made.

For myself, there are several nominations including a remote but uniquely special camp at Calgarry Bay (illustrated above), Castlerigg (Keswick), Prestatyn, Edale and skiing in Adelboden. Vying for second place for its uniqueness must be the surreal week we spent with our Craftsmen from Bolton camping inside the Duinrell Theme park near The Hague in the Netherlands!

It's fair to say that Campaigner Camps have left priceless memories in the lives of thousands of young people over the years. It's also fair to say that these camps have been instrumental in bringing countless Campaigners into a life-long relationship with Christ. It is for this reason alone that any future direction for The Campaigners should include provision for an array of camps, holidays and special events. I believe that committing ourselves to such an offering will provide a valuable resource for local church ministry amongst children and young people.

For your prayers, the Campaigner Trustees are seeking to establish camp leadership teams to create and run innovative and memorable residential opportunities under the Campaigner banner. We are driven by our Isaiah 40 Campaigner scripture above which asks the question, 'Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God.' From what I read and see, the chances are that a large proportion of young folk today will have heard this message. Too many are missing out on the hope and strength and flight-path that is promised. Our sincere desire is to make these opportunities available to any Christian group from anywhere rather than being just limited to the few official Campaigner groups we still have..To make this happen, we will have to set up properly recruited camp teams who have the commitment, training and energy needed to run brilliant and safe Christian Camps and residentials. At this crossroads period for The Campaigners, key decisions to vastly improve our evangelical reach to millions of unchurched young people are imperative.

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For your Prayers - February 2023

We claim the promise that the Creator God who we serve will not grow tired or weary. That he gives us the power and strength and indeed everything we need to further His Kingdom here on Earth if we simply ask Him and listen to what He says.

- Please continue to pray:
 - *For the opportunity to draw together a number of different 'camp leadership teams'. By working with these teams, pray that it would be possible to create a new array of Christian camps, residential opportunities and 'come together' events that would attract many more children and young people to enjoy together.*
 - *For other initiatives through which the Campaigners can offer something fresh to support local ministry with children and young people. We especially want to develop a version of church that is not only a place of worship and fellowship relevant to young people, but also a place where God-given skills are nurtured.*
 - *For a solution to the long-held aspiration that anyone, anywhere can be a Campaigner. How might any child or young person join in with us and all we stand for irrespective of where they live?*
- We worry that the Christian message is being air-brushed out of many aspects of our culture. We are also concerned that the reality of a living Faith in Christ Jesus is failing to reach the ears of young people and so they are turning to alternatives instead to fill the hole. In your prayers, pray for all those involved in youth and children's ministry in our country and ask that many more would discover that placing their hope in the Lord will renew their strength and experience the joy of soaring on wings like eagles, running and not getting tired and walking without feeling faint.
- Give thanks for the Campaigner Trustees who seek to encourage and promote the Christian mission of this youth movement. As we look forward into a new era for The Campaigners, pray that new people would be called to serve in the challenges we face ahead. Specifically pray for trustees or others who can offer their skills and connections to support a dynamic future for this movement we all love and cherish.
- Finally, please pray that the Lifeline Grant Scheme would be more widely used. This is a facility that offers grants with the aim of encouraging individuals or groups of young people to undertake any Christian endeavour. These grants are designed to offer young people the chance to make a difference in the lives of others and to personally gain a positive experience of Christian service. The feedback and the stories that are told would also promote The Campaigners thus giving us some great publicity to tell the world that we are still an effective ministry and worth joining!



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