



Be Bold

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

This will be my last edition of on-message for a while. I shall be retiring from my day-to-day role in The Campaigners from today, 31st March and taking some time out on until later in the year. It is currently my intention to resume acting as a trustee in the Autumn but in the meantime, a sabbatical break from the full-time position would be a wise move.

On Message will continue but on a bi-monthly basis with different trustee members editing each issue. There will also be a new point of contact for your prayer topics etc. which will be our current Chair of Trustees, Joy Howell - her details are on the address panel overleaf. Correspondence to our Campaigner Office in Coventry will be forwarded to Joy which may result in replies taking a little longer than usual.

Having moved house last year, I started looking through the 1000s of slides and photographs I have which is no small task. Soon the colourful memories came back of the people and places I have encountered throughout my involvement with The Campaigners. It was the same feeling and testimony I witnessed at our 100th Celebration in Slough last year as many of our guests looked through the archive Lifeline magazines from years gone by - more names and places indelibly etched into the lives of Campaigners through the ages!

Our individual recollections of Campaigner history are important - every unique highlight or encounter having shaped and directed our lives in unforgettable ways and it is that shared experience that defines our love for this tremendous youth organisation. A shared passion drives us in our common missional desire for The Campaigners to live on - carving out a new era for successive generations of young people.

Our timeline might be just a hundred years long - but the need for our Campaigner values, message and colourful memories to live on is as vital today as it ever was. That timeline is tagged with the names of 1000s of chiefs, leaders and helpers who have sacrificially served Christ in faith - trusting that their work has 'helped His people.' There is only one prayer that matters right now for The Campaigners and that is to pray that He would continue to help, direct and resource us to make a Christian difference to many more children and young folk.

Thank you for your support and ceaseless prayers - but we press on...

Tim Greenhalgh

For your Prayers - April 2023

With a nostalgic eye on past blessings, our prayers for 2023 are entirely focussed on the future and the changes that it demands. The Campaigner journey might well be rough and steep - but we 'fix our eyes upon Jesus!' (Youth Praise 96!)

- The photographs overleaf are of Campaigners at Belhus Park Chapel receiving their Centenary Bibles recently. The Campaigners have now presented every single Campaigner member with a Bible to commemorate 100 years of Movement. Please pray that these Bibles will be read and used by every young person who received one.
- Thank the Lord for your own personal experiences within the Campaigners.
- Thank him too for the friends and people you have known through The Campaigners
- Thank the Lord for the many young folk who have been in Campaigners over the last one hundred years. Thank him that even now, we hear from individuals who never forgot being a Juno, Inter or Craftsman!
- Pray for the next generation of leaders - willing and ready to sacrificially serve for the sake of God's Kingdom.
- Pray for new ministries and opportunities for the Campaigners to seize hold of and run with - always seeking to reach out with the Gospel message to young people wherever they live.
- Pray for the revamp of our camps programme - and for new camp leader teams to run them.
- Pray for your Campaigner Trustees who continue to bear the responsibility of reimagining the effectiveness of our Christian purpose and to step out in faith into the unknown!

Finally, I promised Susan King, who is one of our Campaigner Supporters, that I would share this new card game she has created. I hope that some of you will be interested in this visual aid based on the Fruits of the Spirit. The game is called 'Be Fruitful and costs just £7.50. Order on-line from kingcrafts.org.uk or by email: susan.K187@yahoo.co.uk

I'm sure Sue would be delighted if she gets lots of extra sales from her fellow Campaigners!



Take your cards and hope your hand
Holds fruitful ones just as you've planned.
Make up your sets from all your fruit;
But give the bad non-fruits the boot!
Score low to win – well that's the aim
Be Fruitful and enjoy the game.