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BIG changes...

So, Wheels in motion has recently made some BIG changes...to the size of the bus! The little bus served us well for three full years, however by the middle of 2013 was starting to require a lot of work which would incur a lot of cost. With much prayer and consideration, we decided it was time to enquire about a new bus – one which would be bigger and seat more clients. Once again, God provided! Following a letter to Brian Souter, we received the response that the Souter Charitable Trust would once again donate a FREE bus – this time a 35 seater – Amazing!!

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We received the bus in October 2013, painted and branded by Stagecoach. Again, Lloyds Kitchens provided us with a shiny new kitchen, and another kind volunteer, Peter, fitted it for us! All the guys at Dodds of Troon got involved, and soon had the bus in great shape!



It made its voyage journey in Dec 2013, and was a big hit with the clients! The new lay out meant there were more chairs, and one side was kitted out with tables too – a luxury there was no space for in the ‘wee’ bus.

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The new layout has allowed for most clients to be in out of the rain – although at times numbers still exceed space and we have an overflow. It has allowed for a very sociable environment, but also accommodates the opportunity for quieter more personal conversations. Some weeks there are between 40 and 50 clients between the two stops, outside the court building, and in Lidl's car park. Having purchased 5 litre urns this has been very helpful for kitchen staff, however one week we even ran out of water – so another urn is ordered! It's hard to believe that 20litres of water is not enough!!

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Over the past few months we have received some unexpected acts of kindness – one encouraging act was when a previous client arrived at the bus to tell us of his new job – and brought us takeaway food! It is so encouraging when someone starts to get their life on track, then comes back to help others.

A few treats...

We have also had a few treats from staff at Papa John's and Domino's - pizza! It is lovely to see businesses getting behind the work of Wheels in motion and doing their bit to help. Needless to say the clients love this treat, with many never affording such luxuries.



A 'Reel Guid' fundraiser!

With the set up of the new bus proving costly, it was time for another fundraiser. We were blown away by the generosity of the talented ceilidh band 'Reel guid' who offered to play for us with no cost attached. Negotiations with Greggs the bakers provided low cost food boxes, and the ceilidh was hosted in the excellent venue at Troon Concert Hall. It was a huge success, with around 150 people attending and raising a grand total of £900! Our first fundraiser of 2014 was our annual coffee morning at New Prestwick Baptist Church. Once again volunteers and stall holders came together, with the youth fellowship utilising their skills to make it an enjoyable and worthwhile event. We are so thankful to the many people who get involved in these events and show their support in this way – by this, each one is indeed feeding the hungry and bringing hope to those in need.



Christianity Explored

At Wheels in motion our key aim is to build relationships and to show God's love in action, with the hope that this leads to opportunities to share the Gospel and see people saved. We have recently been delighted to see one of our clients from the very start, come along to a Christianity explored study group – it has taken a few years for him to feel ready to really consider what God has to offer, but he now feels he wants to explore this for himself. As we pray for him, we are reminded that everything happens in God's timing, and we must simply be faithful servants and sow the seeds whenever we can.

Donations a plenty!

There are so many people who have supported Wheels in motion over the last year, and we truly give thanks for everyone, whether they give prayerfully, practically or financially– these are all essential for the continuance of this ministry.

In particular, we owe a huge thank you to Jack Gibson for all his work in organizing a stall at Prestwick Promenade, and making necessary arrangements to ensure the bus had a parking space! This was a fantastic opportunity for people in the local community to find out more about Wheels in motion, and we look forward to returning this year, thanks to the hard work of Jack and his Gran.

Also, Dundonald Sheltered Housing has raised funds for us, holding two coffee mornings, as well as donating tins and non perishable goods. We appreciate this generosity so much.

I have had the privilege of attending many women's guilds this year, where I have been spoiled rotten – there's nothing quite like a cup of tea in a china cup! The interest and support shown by Churches and individuals from all over, has blown us away, and we are delighted to have the resources to continue reaching out to those struggling with homelessness and addictions.



Prayer requests

Continued guidance and provision for the future
Safety for both volunteers and clients
Progress for clients, both practically and spiritually
For James as he undertakes Christianity Explored

Suzanne Holden
Chairperson

“For I was hungry and
you gave me something
to eat. I was thirsty and
you gave me something
to drink. I was a stranger
and you invited me in”
Matthew 25v35