

March 2009

## Next generation Leading In Praise!



Callumn Fair, Rachel Stewart, Andrew Fair, Shannon Thain and Wesley Barton

We are richly blessed at St. Andrew's in having an excellent organist **and** choir **and** praise band! This means that we can offer both traditional and contemporary praise, recognizing that there is merit in both the best of the old and of the new. Just as a church makes a mistake when it jettisons all of its rich heritage, so it makes an equally damaging mistake

when it shuts itself off to what is happening in this generation.

Well, the Praise Band had better watch out – the next generation is coming up on the rails! On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, Andrew, Callum, Rachel, Shannon and Wesley led the congregation in praise with the song, ***Men of faith, rise up and sing!*** These young musicians – with Shannon singing – did a great job and made us all very proud. It's yet more evidence that the church of tomorrow is knocking on the church door...today!

## Real Christian Men!

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, our minister chose to speak about Paul, and of the spectacular adventure that was his life! He went on to contrast this with the image of the Christian faith that is prevalent today – that it is largely for women or wimpy men!!

By way of saying that nothing could be further from the truth, he went on to speak of the great courage that is required to **stand up for what one believes and to stand out from the crowd** – no more so that in male-dominated workplaces etc.

Finally, to illustrate his point, he invited a group of young men on to the platform, asking the congregation: *'Do these guys look like wimps to you?'*

Christian faith is for all people – including *real* men!



Nige (Tiny) Grant, Michael (Muscles) Rennie, John (Bouncer) Crompton, Dave (Casual) Cochrane and Jim (Tattoos) McLeod

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**ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH****REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

February 2009

Baptisms - None

Weddings - None

Funerals - Norman Fincham

**DEADLINE DATES FOR DIARIES****APRIL EDITION**

Please note that DEADLINE dates must mean exactly that, with all articles and pictures submitted beforehand, or on those dates.

Friday 13th March (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 17th March (Word-Processed file)

## Church Renovation

**Important notice:**

The church is at this time an official building site and is entirely out of bounds. Much as you might like to wander in to see what's going on – you can't! This must be observed strictly to avoid potential accidents and to make sure that the contractors can get on with the job without interruption. Thank you.

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

**New Venues are shown below****SUNDAY**

10.15 am – Gathering for prayer.

10.30 am – Choir practice.

11.00 am – Morning service (with short communion on the third Sunday of each month. Tea/coffee after. Creche – up to age 3. Infants – ages 3 to 5. Juniors – ages 8 and 9. Seniors – ages 10 and 11 Sunday Club – Elaine Fair (873238). Teen Scene – S1 to S2

6.30 to 8.00 pm – Sunday evening ICE-BREAKERS – up to age 16

8.00 pm – Sunday evening Youth Group – age 16 plus (Guild Hall, Ogilvy Place)

**MONDAY**

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135) (Café Project)

2.00 pm – Dorothy Dobson Over 50s Exercise Class (West Kirk)

6.00 pm – Rainbow Guides – L Hadden (875379) (Guide Hall)

7.30 pm – St Andrew's Guild : Fortnightly – Joyce Lownie (430053) (OBs)

7.30 pm – Flower Club : Fortnightly – R Spink (874690) (OBs)

**WEDNESDAY**

10.30 am – Midweek Meeting Point – M Fair (873238)

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135)

5.45 pm – Brownies – Morag Scorgie (01674 820721) (United Free Church)

7.15 pm – Guides (New Life Centre)

7.30 pm – Women's Group – first Wednesdays – Elaine Fair (873238)

**THURSDAY**

10.00 am – Parent and Toddler Group – Joan Archer (876522) (Old & Abbey Church)

2.00 pm – Friend's Club : first Thursdays – L Smith – B Gerrard, secretary (434821) (Green Street Hall)

6.00 pm – Anchor Boys – S Jamieson (431942)

6.00 pm – BB Junior Section – W Ewart (876114) (Sea Cadet Hall)

7.30 pm – BB Company Section – M Clark (437758) (Sea Cadet Hall)

**FRIDAY**

9.30 am – Coffee morning (Old and Abbey Church)

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135)

During the refurbishment please contact the church office for information on alternative venues. Intimations, changes of address, hall bookings etc., please contact Alison Davie at the Church office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and for 15 minutes after Sunday Service, telephone 431135.

Printing, tickets, syllabi, etc – W Marshall (873376).

Please call 875235 in the event of corrections or omissions, and an updated sheet will be produced.

# Martin Fair



March 2009

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, at St. Andrew's we share in communion on a regular basis, much more frequently than the twice-a-year basis still practised in many places. Our monthly short communions have allowed us to develop different practices and to become a little more relaxed about it. Of course, communion – The Lord's Supper – remains special, rightly so; but more regular participation allows us to be less uptight, rightly so.

In recent months, we have added a layer to our communion practice which has involved offering worshippers the opportunity to be prayed for, with the laying on of hands. Encouragingly, quite a few people have availed themselves of this possibility.

For some of us, who have never been used to such practices, it can seem a little strange and can leave us somewhat uncomfortable. For others, there's nothing more natural than that Christians pray for one another!

Specifically, in the context of Communion, we've been praying for healing – in its widest, holistic sense. Interestingly, David Lunan, Moderator of the General Assembly of The Church of Scotland, chose to write about this subject in his most recent *Life & Work* article. Here's what he said:

*I first encountered a service of healing where people were prayed for at Iona Abbey. People were also prayed 'with,' at the close of the service, sometimes with the laying on of hands, as in a blessing. I remember being slightly uncomfortable with the service, probably because it was new to me*

*It no longer seems strange to me. In fact it seems odd that we do not pray for one another more often, and even more openly. Our prayers are not always answered in the way we might have been hoping, but I believe there is always a blessing from God, always his peace, always his grace. Sometimes it is the only thing we can offer...and the best thing we can offer.*

At the same time, the most recent edition of *Time* magazine leads with a special section entitled: *How faith can heal*. It makes the point that believers have always operated on this basis but adds: *a growing body of scientific evidence suggests that faith may indeed bring us health*.

None of us knows *how* prayer works. It will remain one of those great mysteries that when believers pray, somehow there is a coming together of earth and heaven. And it's to more deeply enter into that mystery that we're praying in this way – as part of the Communion service.

I look to the day when all of us will be entirely at home with healing prayer as part of our worship. Don't worry – there's not going to be someone dressed in a flashy white suit, speaking in a flashy American accent. In fact, there will be nothing flashy about it at all. Jesus was never into publicity stunts or showmanship; neither will we be. But as he did, we will pray to the Father and in so doing, will look for his Kingdom among us. I hope that more and more of you will feel okay about coming to be prayed for and that, as time goes by, we'll have even more to say *thank you* to God for!

God bless,

Martin, Elaine, Callum, Andrew, Fraser and Flossie!

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## Clerk's Corner

In a previous Quest mention was made of the new Pastoral Care system which will be introduced to you in the coming months. The preparation for this has involved contact with elders and those who distribute Quest and I have come across so many examples of unsung heroes. These are the many members of St Andrew's who are quietly and without any recognition providing care and love to a range of people both within and outwith the congregation. Of course, the organisation of the range of ministries we already have in place has enabled so many of you to take part in this kind of service. Equally, there are those of you whose commitment to the care of others is carried out in a less formal, but nevertheless extremely

worthwhile way. Whatever category you come into, be assured that your work is valued and greatly appreciated.

A different form of service is provided every Sunday morning. Did you know that the preparation to have everything ready for the beginning of worship at Arbroath Academy at 11 am, begins at 9 am in the office and ends there at around 1pm? A small and dedicated team of people can be seen transporting amplifiers, computers, electrical leads, banners etc into the school and they then set to work with great efficiency to set everything in place. This work has been undertaken very willingly and has enabled us to continue, in our current place of worship, with most of the technical aspects which we have been used to within the church building. Thank you to the team and we will rejoice with you when we return to St Andrew's and just press a few switches for everything to work!



## Home and Away - OUTREACH - Home and Away

### The Money Secret

#### What is it?

The Money Secret is a FREE 6 week course showing practical ways to manage your personal and family finances. You'll get a short storybook to read, as well as a workbook which puts the themes and ideas from the book into action. Learn how to budget, learn lessons from your Granny, learn where to make savings, and avoid common costly mistakes. Learn how to stay out of debt, and help yourself and others to get out of debt. Interact, learn from each other, have fun and be challenged at the same time.

#### Who is it for?

**"It's for everybody. It's not so much about debt as wise life choices and how to understand the way the money system works."** Rob Parsons – Care for the family

This is a course for ANYONE & EVERYONE. A fundamental course in money management that will help you to handle the credit crunch, control your spending, and get back on your feet, financially speaking. If you're new to money and would like to start off well, or if you're experienced and would like to share what you know (and perhaps learn a tip or two along the way), come along. Share as little or as much as you like about your life – **guaranteed not to be embarrassing!**

#### When & Where?

Held at the Volunteer Centre Angus, on Guthrie Port, Tuesday nights from 7.15-9pm (tea & coffee served), starting the 24<sup>th</sup> February, and ending 31<sup>st</sup> March. Sign up at the St Andrew's church office, 431135. Limited spaces available! Angus Credit Union & St Andrew's church are sponsoring this course, and providing the speakers & materials for FREE (regularly £20 per person).

**"Not just a book on debt, but on life choices. This is unmissable."** Antony Elliot, Former Chief Risk Officer, Abbey National plc. (speaking about the book, *The Money Secret*)



### Prayer on the streets

On a cold Saturday at the end of January, ten hardy souls left the comfort of their fireplaces to go out onto the High Street in Arbroath. Offering to pray for passers by, the group had a great response, with people sharing their prayer needs and praying together, right there on the street.

We connected with the volunteers of Prayerline, who receive phone calls from around the country from people requesting prayer. They were great to work with, and our time on the street went quite quickly.

Over the 90 minutes or so we were doing this we saw about 40-50 people stop and receive prayer. Some people didn't want to stop and speak, but there was generally a very positive response. We spoke to a few people who said that we had made their day, and others who were very thankful to have someone to talk to, and pray with them.

God really cares for the people of Arbroath. He loves them! He wants to be in relationship with each and every person. Praying on the streets is one way of introducing Him to people who may not think about God very often. It is exciting, challenging and fun! Putting aside our own concerns about what people will think of us and getting out there and showing the people of Arbroath that there is a God who cares for their needs, cares for their families, and that Christians care too.

We're going to be continuing with this over the next few months. The next two Prayer Station events are on the 28<sup>th</sup> February & 28<sup>th</sup> of March. We would love to have some more people join us. Call Chris Barton (439488) for more information.

### Valentine's Day Outreach

This year, for Valentine's Day, St Andrew's Church made a Valentine's Card and some lovely heart shaped cookies for the teachers and staff at Arbroath Academy, Warddykes & Hayshead Primary Schools.

Six ladies volunteered to make 24 large cookies each, which were decorated and individually wrapped. Rosalie made some lovely big cards and brought them into church for everyone to sign. The cards were packed full of signatures and the message inside read, "Who you are, and what you do in this community is appreciated by us, and by God. Thank you so much, Happy Valentine's Day from the people of St. Andrew's Church."

We delivered the card and cookies to the schools and they were really well received. It was a simple gesture of thanks and appreciation, but we pray that God will take this simple gesture and touch the teachers' hearts with our love and His love too. Happy Valentine's Day!

### More volunteers to help in local schools

We were excited to see the number of volunteers come forward to help out at Warddykes Primary School. We had so many people, about 15 in total, that we spoke to Hayshead Primary School as well, so we could support both of the local primary schools to which St Andrew's is connected.

There are different opportunities: helping with paired reading, an after school homework club, reading to little ones, and supporting different pupils with projects or school work.

The volunteers are currently applying for "Disclosure" to be allowed to help in the schools. This process usually takes about a month. Please pray for the schools and the volunteers that this will be a positive experience all round, and will make a difference to the children in our community.

There's still room for more! If this opportunity sounds interesting to you, give Chris (439488) or the church office (431135) a call, and we can help you get started.

## Malawi and The Bowie Perspective

During the time we had with the children in the village we made bumble bees and snails but mostly hats from craft balloons. The children really loved them and wore them all day. It really was great to see them so happy. Even if they burst they just wanted the broken bit blown up again.

### Sandy

My most special memory of Christmas Day 2008 has to be of the children of Kambilonjo. They were so happy to see us and as we left they ran and ran after the truck waving and smiling. They were so excited I thought they were going to run all the way back to Namisu with us.

### Doris

My highlight would be going to the tourist market. After taking tips from Becky over the 2 weeks I was able to get prices down a lot and also get prizes! I also enjoyed the Friday night before we left. It was good as we got to see all the boarders that came back and gave the houses a few gifts while listening to songs we had heard from our last trip and also hearing new ones!

### Elise

My highlight from Malawi 08/09 has to be the Christingle service we had on Christmas Eve. It was so weird having it

on a really hot night outside, in a thunder storm. Taking the children home in the pitch black and pouring rain and saying Merry Christmas to their families was really special. The adults were really excited to see us come to their houses and were eager to shake our hands. And of course we had a brilliant time jumping in puddles on the way back to the guest house!! However, that's when it strikes you. That most of the people that came will not go back to warm, leak-proof houses like us. There is lots of work to still be done so our fundraising has to continue.

### Charis

My second time in Malawi was very different from my first time. We were living in the new guesthouse which was luxury compared to 2007. But my absolute highlight of 2008-2009 was my mum and dad getting to see Malawi and all our friends we had made, (they even got to meet a couple of my husbands!!). I also loved seeing our day care centre and residential in both places. It shows how our fundraising is going to make a difference to so many kids' lives. Christmas Eve was also great making traditional Christingles with the children at Namisu (the thunderstorm was an added bonus). There was so much I loved but painting must top all of it!!!

### Leonie

(Pictures on back page)

## Malawi Poem

To visit Malawi 08/09

Sounded a trip that would be real fine

Visiting Becky would be a great thing

And end the year with a bit of a zing

December 18th, was our first flight

On 19th, she would get such a fright

Sheila shouting Becky, she heard her call

Fraser in his haste taking a fall

Great seeing sisters getting a cuddle

Oh! Here are the Bowies, standing in a huddle

Sure we were going to have a ball

Most keeping a journal to record it all.

Lots of people to meet around the place

Modesta sharing with Becky was first new face

She & Lillian, such nice girls

New Scottish words, their minds in a whirl.

From the guest house window, what a view

A bit like Scotland, green and hills too

Everyone made us feel so at home

As around the village we began to roam.

The borehole, chickens & houses to see,

Football pitch & summer house, places to be

To play with the children, make scoobies galore,

Craft balloons, origami, bubbles & much more.

Becky's bible study really first class

Her Chichewa is great, a real Malawian lass

She gets up at 5; this is our wake up call

She carries flour on her head, to top it all.

Our trip to Kambilongo on Christmas Day

On bumpy roads, was such a long way?

But to see those kids with their smiling faces,

Was highlight of trip, one of many great places?

Residential centre there, with another great view

Can now have beds for up to 32

The children ran & ran as we drove away

So happy we had come, but they made our day.

At Thyolo, the buildings are finished and great

To open St Andrew Day Centre, we can hardly wait

Only bits of landscaping left to do

Beds enough for 24, an increase for there too.

A bit of sightseeing we managed to do

Climb a bit of Mt. Mulanje & see waterfall too

Visiting market, 'look at my stall' were the cries

Bargaining a price and still looking for a 'prize'!!

In summer house on Christmas Eve, the children in top form

Made Christingles, like at home, followed by a thunder storm

On Hogmanay, a ceilidh dance, loved by old and young

Enjoying games and dances, even Auld Lang Syne was sung.

Painting, playing and having fun, our 2 weeks seemed to flee

Funny though we never knew how many would come to tea!

So many, many highlights, no way to single one out

Their Nsima v. our stovies though, must be in with a shout!!

Our girls went out to see the kids on their final night

Gave out little presents, ending our time there just right

The children all so happy and then to say good-byes

Back to us at the guest house with a few tears in their eyes

Our final morning in Malawi, at 3a.m. we awoke

Our last night so special, as we also said good-bye to folk

Like Andrew, Mr Jumbe, Angus and of course John

The youth group is out in June, it really isn't long.

Becky ran with Modesta, waving us off along the way

We love her and the Malawians, keep them safe each day

So our trip was over, it really was a blast

A real holiday of a lifetime with memories to last.

# More from Cambodia

## Nou Vanna's Story

Members of Pastor Vanna's church are active members of the Wattanak Group [in Kampong Tralach]. Together the members have learned to raise fish, raise cows and pigs and they support each other. Though he is not a participant in the Wattanak Group, Pastor Vanna has seen the economic transformation of his church members. He has actively participated in World Vision's activities such as digging ponds to raise fish. "Since we've partnered with World Vision, our church has received a lot of respect from the community. Before, no one paid any attention to us," said Pastor Vanna.

The church has about 100 members who regularly come to worship. Pastor Vanna travels around the commune looking for those who need Christ and shares the Good News with them. When asked what he sees as the transformation in his life he answered, "Before I was a Christian, I was mostly thinking about myself and my needs. I never thought about others. Being a Christian makes me think about what I can do for others."

## Church Development Highlights in Kampong Tralach

- ♦ The local church leaders in Kampong Tralach now make plans together and commit to being involved regularly with project activities such as prayer, pastor fellowship and training workshops. They have also been visiting their church members from home to home, including the poorest families, in order to get to know each person and to learn about their living conditions. This is a seemingly simple action, but one that has great value in a fragmented and distrusting community.
- ♦ The attendance of children in home churches has increased with between 10 to 15 children in each home church. Children have become very interested in the new Sunday school classes created this year.
- ♦ Church buildings and worship places have also improved after Churches in Partnership provided the community with the necessary materials. This has encouraged the members to come to church regularly in order to facilitate church ministries. Amazingly, the number of church events increased this past year from barely anything to 252!
- ♦ Even though there has been progress amongst local church leaders and their members, poverty is still the main barrier to their full participation. For example, they rely on aid for transportation to come and attend meetings, training sessions and other activities. Without this support, local participation would be lower.



**Pastor Nou Vanna inside his church explaining how it was built and the contributions he received for its construction.**

Trust does not come easily in a country ravaged by war for the last 30 years. Building up the community and encouraging them to mobilise themselves takes time to establish. However, it is clear that the work of World Vision in Cambodia, and Kampong Tralach in particular, continues to bear fruit.

Thank you for your support, which has been helping to bring financial support, faith and prayer to the Kampong Tralach community in their journey out of poverty.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### MARCH

#### Sunday 1

11 am - Worship Service  
(1st Sunday in Lent)  
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L. in  
Windmill Christian Centre

#### Sunday 8

11 am - Worship Service

#### Sunday 15

11 am - Worship Service;  
Main service followed by short  
celebration of Communion

#### Sunday 22

11 am - Worship Service

#### Sunday 29

11 am - Worship Service  
4 pm - *Messy Church*

### APRIL

**All main services throughout  
the school holiday period  
continue in Arbroath Academy**

#### Sunday 5

11 am - Palm Worship Service  
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L. in  
Windmill Christian Centre

#### Sunday 12

8 am - Sunrise Service in  
Arbroath Abbey grounds  
(followed by breakfast with our  
friends at Old and Abbey)  
11 am - Easter Celebration! -  
with all-age Communion

#### Sunday 19

11 am - Worship Service;  
Main service followed by short  
celebration of Communion

#### Wednesday 26

11 am - Worship Service  
4 pm - *Messy Church*

**N.B. As well as the services  
above there is the following:**

- ♦ A 40mins. service every  
Wednesday morning at  
10.30am in Old and Abbey
- ♦ *Messy Church*, from 4-6pm,  
on the last Sunday of every  
month – 2 hours for all the  
family, with games, craft,  
worship and an all-together  
meal - in Old and Abbey
- ♦ A full-on contemporary  
worship service, OFF the  
W.O.L., on the first Sunday  
of every month at 8pm  
(venues as advertised)

**Scott Anderson**

## The BIG EVENTS 2009

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> April**     *Resurrection Day*  
Dundee Caird Hall     5.30pm

**Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> June**     *Souled Out*, with Tony Campolo  
Aberdeen Music Hall     7.30pm

**Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> June**     *In Christ Alone*  
Dundee Caird Hall     7.30pm  
(a musical celebration of the life of Christ featuring  
**Stuart Townend** alongside orchestra, choir and band.)

Between now and the summer, we're recommending these three regional gatherings for your enjoyment, encouragement and inspiration.

While Sunday-by-Sunday worship with our local congregation remains the mainstay of a healthy, balanced diet, gathering together with lots of other Christians can be the ice-cream and jelly treat that we all enjoy now and then!!

The Fellowship Core Group is organising trips to all three events. Watch for full details of each at the appropriate points. In the meantime, check out:

www.dundeeforchrist.com  
www.souledout.org.uk

## REFURBISHMENT PROGRESS

Our pictures on the back page tell it all! Despite some very poor weather, excellent progress continues, and the concrete bases for sanctuary and gallery were being laid as we go to press. While restricted by our boundaries, the area available to us is now much more evident and it is hoped that the pictures (and previously published plans) are beginning to show just how wonderful our new sanctuary and facilities are going to be!

## Showstoppers!

### Our Easter Holiday Club

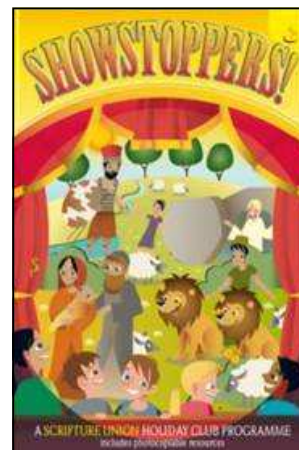
For lots of children in Arbroath, the Easter school holidays wouldn't be the same without there being a St. Andrew's Church Holiday Club. And the good news is they're not going to be disappointed this year, even though we have no hall of our own to hold it in!

**Showstoppers** is the title of the club this year and we're grateful to be getting the use of the Guide Hall in Ogilvie Place to run it.

As always, it will be open to all children in p1 – p7 and will run from

**10am – 12noon**  
**starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**and finishing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Places will be more limited this year and so advance booking will be essential. Registration will take place on



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
**from 10am – 12noon.**

These clubs have always proved to be hugely successful – in terms of children having a great time AND the church establishing and building relationships with lots of new families. We trust that this year will be no different and, even now, are putting the plans in place to ensure that when the curtain goes up, everything will be in place and all of the lines will have been learned!

## Destined For South Africa In The Summer

Last Summer I decided that going to Malawi wasn't the right way for me to spend my summer this year. While I'd had an amazing time with the Malawi 2007 team, I felt that being part of the second team wasn't right for me. Despite this, I knew that I really wanted to spend my summer serving God and began to look for opportunities to do this.

Shortly after this, I met several people who are involved with WEC, including Linda and Iain Williamson, Sue and Bob Pritchard and Jill Mckinnon. Through them, I found out about WEC Trek, WEC's short term programme. WEC Trek is open to anyone interested in short term mission and Trekkers participate alongside WEC workers in evangelism and practical help amongst other things. Everyone that I spoke to was extremely enthusiastic about WEC Trek and after much thought and consideration I decided to apply to go away with WEC.



Recently, I found out that I've been placed in South Africa and will be spending a month there this summer. I'll be based in Brakpan, which is just outside Johannesburg. While I'm there I will mainly be involved in children's ministries and worship. Much of this work will be in squatter camps and the surrounding areas. I'll be travelling alone but will meet up with the permanent workers and some other Trekkers when I arrive.

Before I go I'll have an interview and following this I'll be able to decide upon the dates for my trip and get my flights booked. I'll also be travelling to Bulstrode, WEC's headquarters, at the beginning of April for an Orientation Course. As you can imagine, I'm really excited about going away and I'm sure I'll give you a regular countdown of the number of sleeps until I leave once the flights have been booked!

**Amy Ramsay**





The St Andrew's Day Care Centre that we paid to build - and our manager, Kiere



#### Malawi Pictures

The residence at Kambilongo that we paid to build and will support. It will now care for 32 orphans rather than 24 as we first expected.



The Dunphy and Bowie families with Modesta's family (Becky's housemate)



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#### Pictorial Update

- 1 - Once there was a wall
- 2 - Which came tumbling down
- 3 - To make way for five glass arches
- 4 - Allowing views in and out
- 5 - The garden being excavated
- 6 - Foundation and drainage channels
- 7 - Welcome area and door to sanctuary
- 8 - New kitchen area (foreground) and new toilets area (background)



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Robert Matthew, Aileen Dickson, Tom Cargill,  
Mary Nicoll, Ken Lownie, Ken Miller,  
Jane Miller, Wilma Ewart,  
Audrey Brown, Jocelyn Slater, Shona Kemp

#### - Leading In Praise - More Names and Faces

Welcome ■ Worship ■ Witness



Jenny Marr, Michael Marr, Dave Patterson,  
Scott Anderson, Carol-Ann Thain,  
Jonathan Milne, Adele Ramsay,  
Rosalie Barton, Amy Ramsay, David Tarrant