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Welcome to August's RoadHoG newsletter

RUNNING FOR THE BUS!

Tony and Lisa Coe are undertaking a special 5K Park Run in September.

“Why a Park Run?” you ask – I’ll let Tony explain:

“The vision for roadHoG – the House of God on the road – began 25 years ago with the idea of local churches creating a welcoming, safe environment for young people on the streets of Boston and its neighbouring villages. Through this space we share the love of God through Jesus by our care.

In 2008, Bob Shaw and Katheryn Leworthy ran the London Marathan for our first fund raiser. This raised an incredible £2,000 and enabled us to build our first bus.

To conclude my 25 years with roadHoG and keep the running theme, on the 5th September, I am running the furthest Park Run in the British Isles with my wife Lisa at Bressay (Shetland). We will be driving to the north east, catching a train to Aberdeen and then boarding a night ferry to Shetland even before we start the run.

Any funds raised through this will benefit Lincolnshire Youth Mission who own and run the roadHoG Bus Youth Project and any donation will help continue this much needed work with young people in rural, and isolated, south Lincolnshire. Thanks in advance for your contribution to a project that has been my passion and my life for so long.....”

The link for this is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/running-for-the-roadhog-bus>

For those of us who find the use of a walking stick helpful when walking any distance, and for whom running is a distant memory, this sort of exercise doesn't bear thinking about, however we can all help by donating – and by praying – for Tony & Lisa!



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The Purple bus

We have recently had to pay some attention to its compressed air systems. Compressed air is used to control both the brakes and the suspension systems on the Bus (a similar system is to be found on lorries too), consequently if the air pressure fails, then the brakes immediately lock on and the suspension drops. Recovery trucks designed to tow buses and lorries are equipped with an airline that they connect to a broken-down bus or lorry to free the brakes and raise the suspension. However, if the vehicle to be towed has an air leak (as ours had), no matter how much air the tow truck pumps into it, it will immediately leak out and the brakes and suspension will immediately fail.

The only way that such a disabled vehicle can be recovered is on a large flatbed truck – thus allowing for all four wheels to be lifted off the ground. This is very expensive operation and one which we try to avoid at all costs. Consequently, if it is discovered that our Bus has an air leak – no matter how minor – we cannot risk letting it out on the road.

This time, we discovered an air leak from the wheelchair ramp and meant that we had to miss a Stop until we could get it fixed.



Whilst fixing that problem, our mechanic Alex, diagnosed a potential problem with another air control system, which he was fortunately able to fix before it caused any problems.

Buses are extremely complicated vehicles and we are extremely grateful to John and Alex for their expertise!

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The Blue bus

As we begin the Summer Break, John will be beginning the work on the Blue Bus, getting it ready for an MOT.

The “Friday Team” have been working on the Blue Bus for a year now and most of the major work is complete, we are just left with the fiddly little jobs and it seems that the more of these we complete, the more we find – thankfully God gives us the grace to get on with them.

Once the MOT is achieved we can arrange for the vinyl wrap to be fitted to the outside and this bus should then be a second “House of God on the road”.

The Blue bus – then and now

This is a photograph of our Blue Bus when it first went into service. Thanks to Kevin Mothers for finding this picture for us on the internet and to Michael Mills (whoever he is) for posting it there, and how the Blue bus looks currently



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Answered Prayer?

Almost every time the Bus attends his local Stop, one particular young man goes into the Prayer Room and prays with the Team Members there, for his younger brother, who has health problems.

We learned recently that the brother's health is improving. Please pray that the younger brother's health will continue to improve and that his earnestly praying, older brother, will give the glory to God and find Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour.

Summer Prayers

Please continue to pray for all of the youngsters who visit the roadHoG Bus. That they will continue to think about what they have been told/shown about the love of God whilst we take our Summer Break and that when they return we will be able pick up the conversations and relationships previously begun.

Crisis – or prayer opportunity?

As you are all aware, Tony Coe will be leaving roadHoG in September and whilst we can possibly cope in the short term without any Schools Work, or even any new craft ideas, we cannot cope without someone undertaking some of the Fundraising, and it's associated paperwork.

If you, or someone you know, might be the one that the Lord is calling to undertake the job of Fundraiser – either paid or voluntary – please do get in touch with me? Otherwise, please pray that the right person will be found.

Diary

There is no Diary this month, but as I mentioned earlier, all the young people we have met over the past year need you to pray for them. Many have educational needs, many struggle with family issues and all need to discover the love of God for themselves. Please pray that they will all return in September.

Once again, I must repeat that there would be no roadHoG Project without your prayer support, so thank you all for your ongoing prayers.

Kev