



Newsletter

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Welcome to the all new Route One Newsletter

A Happy New Year to you all

In this newsletter we are sharing our vision and strategy for 2011. Please take a few minutes to read and also to pray into plans that are before us. Please also prayerfully consider what part you may play in the running of the project and/or the events that are coming up.

Route One Vision

To make known the mystery of The Gospel

- Equipping Churches To make known the mystery of The Gospel
- Training Christians To make known the mystery of The Gospel
- Developing resources To make known the mystery of The Gospel

The word 'Gospel' means 'good news.' It is the core message of the bible and all believers are commissioned by Jesus to proclaim this good news to all people.

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone."
(Mark 16:15)

Route One is all about equipping the church to communicate The Gospel in a clear and relevant way.

Route One is not an initiative to do the job for the church - it is an initiative to equip the church for the job.

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel," (Ephesians 6:19)

When working alongside a church delivering Route One in schools we work within the guidelines of the national curriculum and our aim is to educate and inspire the pupils about the message of the bible

Strategy for 2011

We believe this will be a year of growth for Route One and we have now taken the first step of offering our services directly to some of the local secondary schools. This is something we held back from doing last year as we have been careful not to do too much too quickly but to take on what we feel we are able. We also want to make sure we're not running ahead but are fulfilling our vision to serve and equip churches.

We feel the foundations are now laid to do more work especially in schools and so we are launching – The Route One Taster Tour....



Coming to Secondary Schools in Southeast Essex
- We are offering dates in 2011 to bring the Route One bus into your school. Schools can sign up for a whole day or several days during these weeks. For the taster tour we will be offering 3 different topics for the lessons-

Who is Jesus? - Looking at why Christians believe Jesus is so significant.

Money and Poverty - What does the bible say about money and how we should treat the poor?

The Bible - We have developed some very original resources to help people understand the message of the bible.

Each of these lessons will include - multimedia presentations, interactive activities and space for questions and discussion.

Get involved in the Taster Tour

Here are 3 ways you can get involved in the Taster Tour –

1. Prayer

We believe that prayer is the key in everything we do and so we will be sending out prayer points leading up to the visits. We will also be organising a prayer event prior to each of the tour weeks to gather people to pray and seek God about the schools we are going into.

2. Volunteer

We need to train teams of people to help deliver the lessons.

We already have 3 of us signed up to the weeks, but to deliver the resource to its full potential we need a team of 5-7 people on any given day. Being a Route one volunteer will involve leading 10 minute activities with pupils aged 11-16 in groups of 5-8. Full training will be given prior to the visit and we would also require a reference from your church leader.

Would you consider getting involved for a day or maybe several days?

We are aware this may mean taking annual leave or rearranging your week but we know that you will have great time with us and will be a real blessing to the schools.



3. Communicate

with your church about what is happening.

Our vision remains to equip churches to make known the mystery of the gospel and so we will be seeking as much as possible to partner with churches. This becomes especially relevant when a school in your local area requests our services. We will let you know which schools are signing up for a visit. You may also want to ask people in your church (the leader in particular) to sign up to this email newsletter to keep up to date with the latest developments.

We have already received a request from **King Edmund School in Rochford** to bring the bus into school on the 24th and 25th March so all you churches in Rochford, Hawkwell and Ashingdon area, you may want to consider your direct involvement in this visit.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding getting involved in the Taster Tour.

We also have other events booked in for 2011 but we will leave that for the next newsletter.

Please begin to pray for these plans that we would all follow faithfully where God is leading us.

Thank you for your prayers and support

Simon

On behalf of the Route One Project team

