

Mike writes...

So, in Genesis Chapter 12 Abraham gets sent by God to "*go from your country, to a land I will show you!*" This journey has around 17 locations where the family stop and live for a time, it covers around 2000 miles and a hundred years pass from when God calls Abraham to when he dies. As 267 navigates this curiously uncertain next season I am finding myself relating a lot to Abraham's story. I believe we have a 'land God will show us' which is our vision of a retreat/residential centre where we can continue to build a 'youthwork blue zone'. But the end destination isn't the only thing God is calling us to, there is so much more God is reminding me he has planted through our ministry and that 267 is called to continue to nurture and water. On Abraham's journey we see him build shrines and altars, marry, bury and grow his family, speak with people of power, fight battles, accumulate wealth, plant crops and continue to seek God's wisdom for the next path to take. As our 267 journey continues, I pray that we would, like Abraham, 'leave God's mark' at every stage of our journey and not solely focus on our end destination. God spoke with Abraham, worked through Abraham and reminded Abraham of his calling, ALL through his journey, would God do this for us too.



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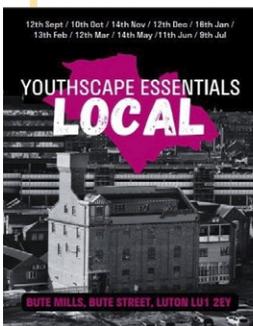


● We give thanks for the team and for the time they have had away this summer. After an exciting but tumultuous year it was essential we had space to stop, be restored and have quality time with friends and family.



Illuminate Prom!

- We have been so blessed to have Maddie with us for the last year and she has been such a deep blessing to the team and to the ministry. Pray for her as she heads off to Uni to do creative writing. *(If you know of anyone else who would like to serve 267 for around 10-15 hours a week as an intern, then drop Mike an email 😊)*
- Thanks to God for such a beautiful time gathering with people to give thanks for Felden Lodge. It was so encouraging to share stories from a decade of trips, to see videos of highlights, to pray and to celebrate all God has done through our residentials there.
- We had such a deeply encouraging time at our '267 Vision Evening' back in July. We are still working through many of the reflections from the evening and God was clearly speaking. Please keep praying for us as we seek the next steps for our day-to-day ministry as well as the more adventurous big vision stuff.



● So thankful for our ongoing partnership with Vineyard Church and excited as they host Fuel this term.

● Really excited for the opportunity to partner with Youthscape and St Albans Diocese on some youthwork training. Every month we are running 'Youthscape Essentials: Youth Leader training'. If you or your church are wanting to encourage and resource your youth ministry then come join us. I have done this course a couple of times and it is so great for building confidence, bringing insight and enabling conversation between volunteers and workers. We'd love you to join us, it's an utter bargain (£50 for the whole course inc. food!) and you get a meal each month.

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- Finance continues to be a challenge and at times weighs heavily on Mike and the team. As we look forward to the coming term it isn't certain we have enough funding to even get to the end of the year. We are trusting God for all we need and continue to sense that 267 has an important role and is where God is calling us to serve and work. Pray for the team as we gather and pray, and also think creatively about raising the profile of the ministry and drawing in new donors and income streams. 🙏
- Pray for the changes in our team. We said goodbye to Maddie our wonderful Haven intern. At the end of August Ellie leaves to train to be a teacher and at the end of September Lizzy leaves Haven to pursue the next part of her journey that God is still building. Pray for Claire, Mike and Liz as we adapt to being a smaller team but still with a big calling to serve.
- Pray for 'BOOM!' - this is our new kids event, aimed at school years 3-6. This has been launched in response to such a successful 345 weekend away back in March. There was a real sense we needed to gather this age group, invest in them and be encouraged by their energy, joy, love of friendships and their contagious and adventurous spirit. Boom is on October 14th at St Luke's Bricket Wood.
- Pray for Fuel this term as we explore the theme of 'Never Forsaken', we are looking at Deuteronomy 31:6 and stories where God shows He is always present and working. It is also going to be great to host Fuel at the Vineyard Church in St Albans.



14th October, 4pm-6pm
St Luke's Bricket Wood



Privileged to have been chosen to speak at TEDx St Albans

- Pray for 'The Collective' as we meet to share, collaborate and support one another, and youth ministry across the area. We are excited to run Illuminate Ninja Warrior again this term and also super excited to host an Illuminate in St Albans Cathedral in January! *(Dates: Ninja Warrior - 3rd Dec, Illuminate Cathedral - 13th Jan. Stick them in your diary 😊)*
- Pray for the team and trustees as we gather after the prayer time on 9th September. We are taking some time as a team to look at trustee and team roles, to unpack some of the insights from the vision evening and to seek together next steps for the vision, we also want to take time thinking about the ministry we already have that we are called to water and nurture.

Some scripture that is encouraging us at the moment:

"Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land – against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord."
Jeremiah 1:18-19



Diary

● Thursday 7th September –
Tribe Breakfast (and Claire's 50th! Sssshh!)

● Friday 8th September –
The Collective meet

● Saturday 9th September – 267 Prayer
time. 9am-10am at St Mark's Colney Heath

● Saturday 9th September –
267 Team and Trustees strategy time

● Tuesday 12th September – 'Youthscape
Essentials' Youth Leader Training,
6.30pm-9.30pm at Bute Mills, Luton

● Wednesday 13th September –
Haven Local at High St Methodist
Harpenden. 4.30pm-6pm

● Monday 18th September –
267 trustees meet

● Saturday 23rd September –
Haven Afternoon Tea, 3.30pm at St Helen's
Wheathampstead

● Sunday 24th September –
FUEL at Vineyard St Albans, 6pm-8pm

● Friday 29th September –
Lizzy's last day 😞

● Tuesday 3rd + Wednesday 4th October
- Mike speaking about the importance
of youth ministry at 'Encouraging Young
Vocations' Conference

● Tuesday 10th October – 'Youthscape
Essentials' Youth Leader Training. 6.30pm-
9.30pm at Bute Mills, Luton

● Wednesday 11th October –
Haven Local at High St Methodist,
Harpenden. 4.30pm-6pm

● Saturday 14th October –
'BOOM!' launch at St Luke's Bricket Wood

● Sunday 22nd October –
FUEL at Vineyard St Albans, 6pm-8pm

● Thursday 26th October – Mike speaking
at the TEDx event in St Albans

Upcoming Dates!

**Illuminate Ninja Warrior –
Sunday 3rd December.**

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