

# Church Matters

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# Minister's Letter

## Co-Incidence or God-Incident?

Since I was young, I have always been fascinated by astronomy and looking at the night sky. On a winter's night coming back from the cub scouts I used to trace out the constellations with my dad. Then when I was a little older, a friend of mine set up a telescope in his back garden and told me to look through. And through the viewfinder I saw the astounding sight of the planet Saturn - complete with its rings.

And of course, anyone who has been in a place with no street lighting on a dark, clear night cannot but be impressed with the stars they see above them which often remind us of our own smallness.

I'm sure a number of you will have seen at least part of 'The Wonders of the Solar System' series with Professor Brian Cox which was televised recently on the BBC. It was a tremendous series which was very informative. I received the book that goes with the television series at Christmas - and whilst it is an enjoyable book - there are a few things that make me wonder.

One of these things is where Cox is writing about solar eclipses - a total solar eclipse of course being where the moon totally eclipses the sun. He writes:

*'The Sun is 400 times the diameter of the Moon and, by sheer coincidence, it's also 400 times further away from the Earth. So when our Moon passes in front of the Sun it can completely obscure it.*

*With over 150 moons in the Solar System you might expect to find other total solar eclipses, but none produce such perfect eclipses as the Earth's moon ... this accidental arrangement of the Solar System means we are now living in exactly the right place and at exactly the right time to enjoy the most precious of astronomical events.'* (p.25)

And throughout the book, I keep reading of other 'coincidences' and 'accidents' which mean that the world that we live in exists with all its variety of life.

Later in the book, Cox writes:

*'It seems extraordinary that such a well-ordered system could have come into being spontaneously' (p.71)*

When I look up at the night sky, with all its variety and colour, I doubt very much that the Solar System came into being spontaneously. But it also doesn't surprise me that the Moon perfectly covers the Sun in a Solar Eclipse.

Why?

Because as Psalm 19 says: *'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands'*. (v.1) and as Gerard Manley Hopkins said *'The world is charged with the grandeur of God'* ('God's Grandeur', 1918).

Surely the world around us, the Solar System and the whole Universe declare how amazing God is and how limitless He is.

On the next dark night have a look up at the night sky. Look with wonder. Ponder whether all you see came into being spontaneously - or whether someone is behind it.

If you find it is the latter, is it not your duty to find out more about Him? To give Him the worship He is due and do His bidding?

I believe that creation was no coincidence - no spontaneous event. I believe it was a God-incident in which he displayed and continues to display His glory.

How glad I am that I can enjoy the wonders of His handiwork - but how much more that I can know the artist behind it all.

Yours in Christ,

*James*

Every Christian occupies some kind of pulpit and preaches some kind of sermon every day.

You are the Bible non-Christians read.

# EDITORIAL

Happy birthday to us! West Kilbride Parish Church is now one year old! It was good to have our Moderator, the Rt. Rev. John Christie with us on Sunday 9th and see a full church and hear such wonderful singing. John was so instrumental in helping us through the process of integration in the time he was Interim Minister of St Andrew's Church. Thank you, John; you have a special place in our hearts.

The last issue of Church Matters was a good one. I counted the number of contributors and there were 22! I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to each and every one of you and would ask that you keep the contributions coming in, no matter how small. In this month's issue we have the second letters from Heidi Nicklin in Pakistan and Jenny Rodd in Tanzania. Please keep Heidi and Jenny in your prayers.

May February be a month where God challenges each of us and, dare I say it, take us out of our comfort zones for His sake. Believe me, if you follow His leading, He will give you the Spirit of Joy.

*Deirdre Murray.*

## Church Family Night

Our church family night took place on Saturday 22nd February and was attended by just under 80 people. It was a night of food, fellowship and fun enjoyed by all! A three course dinner followed by coffee - then icebreaker games - games for the children and an unforgettable Mr and Mrs! David Murdoch and Margaret Morrow then led us in some Scottish songs.

Special mention to the Mission and Discipleship Team who organised the evening and the Catering Team who put on the delicious dinner! Thank you!

As the night was such a success, this may be something that we do again in the near future.

## Diary Dates for Church Matters

### February 2011

1 <sup>st</sup> February	10.00am – 12 noon Rendezvous 2.30pm Guild: Rev. R. Mitchell – Trip to Oberammergau
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am Communion Service 12.30pm Alpha Course for Elders begins 2.00pm Communion, Headrigg Gardens
7 <sup>th</sup> February	7.15pm Men's Fellowship: Games and Competitions
8 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am – 12 noon Rendezvous 2.30pm Guild: Video of Annual Meeting 7.30pm Kirk Session
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am Morning Worship
14 <sup>th</sup> February	7.15pm Men's Fellowship: Rev. Joe Boland
15 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am – 12 noon Rendezvous 2.30pm Guild: Favourite memories. Bring & buy for Erskine Hospital
18 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm West Kilbride Music Club concert at Overton Church 7.30pm Church Conference
19 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am Church Conference
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am Morning Worship 6.30pm Church Conference Evening Service
21 <sup>st</sup> February	7.15pm Men's Fellowship: Games and Competitions
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.00am – 12 noon Rendezvous 2.30pm Guild: Combat Stress; speaker from Hollybush House
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Service
28 <sup>th</sup> February	7.15pm Men's Fellowship: Games and Competitions

## CHURCH REGISTER

It was lovely to be present at the baptism of **John Steven McNay**, baby son of **James and Anna** on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January **Sophie Rice**, baby daughter of **Garry and Karen Rice**, was baptised. We were also delighted to have **Karen** profess faith and join as a member of the church that day. Karen is a daughter of **Anne and Billy Grant**.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you*

We are sad to report the death of **Mrs Julia Kellie** of Headrigg Gardens in December and of **Mrs Elizabeth Byers** of Alton Way and **Mr James Kane** of Ardrossan in January.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this time.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to both Judy Thompson, who is 70 on 29<sup>th</sup> January, and to Lillian Revel, who will be 90 on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. You are both amazing ladies and we wish you joy as you celebrate with family and friends. May you be blessed with good health in the year ahead.

## Community Choir

The Community Choir Carol Concert was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to it as well as by the members of the choir. It is amazing how Norma McDougall and Margaret Morrow managed to make a choir out of us – many had never sung in a choir and had never sung in harmony before – so our grateful thanks go to them.

It is hoped our next venture will be a concert of ‘Songs from the Shows’. If you would like to join the choir you will be made most welcome. We meet in the Session Room of the church on Sundays at 2.15pm so do come along, even if you’re a complete beginner but would like to learn.

***PS We also need a pianist, so, if you can help, please contact Margaret on 822725***

## ALPHA COURSE

As you may have noticed in the Diary page, there is an Alpha Course starting for the Elders on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm. This is for Elders to spend time together, to eat together and to think through some spiritual issues.

We are hoping to run a course subsequently for our Church family and then we hope to run an Alpha after the summer holidays for anyone else to attend. Look out for dates in future Church Matters.

## Church Flowers

Over the past few weeks a few people have asked how they can donate to the Church Flowers. Donations can be handed in to the Church Office from 9am until noon on weekdays or given to me if that is not convenient.

If you wish to mark a particular date, please write your name beside that date on the Flower Calendar which is on the notice board in the lower hall (outside the kitchen).

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the ladies in the flower team for all their work during 2010 and especially for helping to decorate the Church for the Christmas Season - it was a fun afternoon and we all enjoyed working together.

If you would like to join the team, please contact me either at Church or telephone 829114. At present a duty falls about once every three months, but with more helpers it could be even less frequent.

*Moira Mackinnon*

***I'm afraid Biblical charity is more than merely giving away that which we could afford to do without anyway."***  
**CS Lewis**

# **Church Conference**

## ***Digging Deeper into God's Word***

For the first time this year we are planning a church conference running from 18th February - 20th February. The outline programme for the conference is below.

The aim of the conference is to give us an opportunity to go deeper into God's Word and to grow in our faith. Often it is in times and seasons such as this that we find we really grow in our faith and experience God at work in our hearts, so can I encourage you to come to the conference if you are able.

Our main speaker for the conference will be Jason Curtis who is the Director of Rutherford House in Edinburgh. Jason has an MTh and PhD from New College, University of Edinburgh, specialising in systematic theology. Prior to this he served as minister for nearly ten years in South Carolina. He is married to Marya and they have three boys. We look forward to having Jason with us on the Friday night and Saturday Lunchtime. He will also be meeting with some church leaders on the Saturday morning.

Rev Scott Cameron will be leading our evening worship on Sunday Evening. Scott is no stranger to us being the minister at the High Kirk in Stevenston for nearly nine years, and we look forward to him coming and sharing with us.

The conference is for us to learn and grow in faith together - so please do support the conference if you can.

### Programme

#### **Friday 18th February**

7.30pm - Digging Deeper, Session 1 with Jason Curtis

#### **Saturday 19th February**

10am - Minister's Gathering

11.30am - Digging Deeper, Session 2 with Jason Curtis

#### **Sunday 20th February**

10.30am - Morning Worship

6.30pm - Evening Celebration with Rev Scott Cameron

## Monthly Prayer Diary – February 2011

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	We give thanks for the people who have helped us along our faith journey so far
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Our Minister James, Anna and their baby John
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	God's leading and guidance for the future of the Church in West Kilbride
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	For all who are struggling with the darkness of depression
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	All who are caught up in addiction, Lord be their strength in times of weakness
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, teach us <b>to pray</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Human Trafficking – people bought and sold into slavery
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	This year is the 400 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the KJV of The Bible. We give thanks that it was made available in our own language
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Help us Lord to have a deeper longing to study Your Holy Word
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	All we know who are sick, and those who care for them
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Our GP surgery, local hospitals and Care Homes
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Our Youth Organisations, YF, Junior Church and Crèche
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, teach <b>us</b> to pray
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, help us to radiate Your love in West Kilbride
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rt Rev John Christie in his role as Moderator of the Church of Scotland
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Our local schools
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Our missionary partners and all we know who have been called to serve God in other parts of the world
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for people whose lives have been devastated

	by natural disasters
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol, Graeme and all our Elders
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, <b>teach</b> us to pray
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	All we know who are bereaved. Lord, may they be comforted
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gillean MacLean and The Ardrossan Presbytery
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Troubled areas of the world. Peacemakers and Peacekeepers
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	The Persecuted Church and all who are in prison because of their faith in Jesus Christ
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Our brothers and sisters in St Brides Church
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Our MPs, MSPs, and all who are in authority over us
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lord, teach us to pray</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Protection over our village against violence and crime

**One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray”  
Luke 11 v 1**

Five young college students were spending a Sunday in London, so they went to hear the famed C H Spurgeon preach. While waiting for the doors to open the students were greeted by man who asked, “Gentlemen, let me show you around. Would you like to see the heating plant of this church?” They were not particularly interested, for it was a hot day in July but they didn’t want to offend the stranger, so they consented. The young men were taken down a stairway, a door was quietly opened, and the guide whispered, “This is our heating plant.”

Surprised, the students saw 700 people bowed in prayer, seeking a blessing on the service that was soon to begin in the auditorium above. Softly closing the door, the gentleman then introduced himself.

It was none other than Charles Spurgeon.

## **Kayaking Trip**

I would like to inform all the readers of Church Matters of a kayaking trip Bruce (one of our sons) is undertaking in March. It is a 313 mile kayaking trip from Largs to Stornoway in memory of his friend Andrew Edwards who died at 33 years of age and came from Stornoway. His weblink is

[www.westcoastkayakchallenge.co.uk](http://www.westcoastkayakchallenge.co.uk) All monies raised are going to the Royal Marsden Cancer Unit and the Beatson Oncology Unit (both places treated Andy), and also the RNLI. He hopes to raise a total of £10,000.

Eleanor Joliffe.

## **Peter Hinde**

We would like to thank our friends in the congregation for all the love that has been shown to us in so many ways after Peter's sudden illness. Thank you for your prayers, letters, cards, gifts and kind words. We are being upheld by them. Peter is starting to make progress now and we are hopeful that he will gradually recover.

Our love to you all,  
Eileen and Peter Hinde.

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## **Intercession**

When a maid in a large house retired for the night she always picked up the newspaper that the master had finished reading. The master was intrigued by this and asked her what interested her in the paper. She said, "I read the births, deaths and marriages." He asked her why. She said, "So that I can pray for all the children that are born into this world who need God to protect them. I pray that they will grow up knowing God. I pray for all those who are mourning their lost ones and I pray that they will find comfort in the Shepherd, and I pray for all those who are being married that they will know something of the sanctity of Holy marriage.

## Gallimaufry

A spell of hibernation, away from winter's ills.

Now in recuperation, swallowing the pills.

Which means I have been out of touch with what has happened in the  
Church.

And haven't picked up any "vibes", through lack of contact with the "  
Tribes".

This period of enforced frustration, while I've been out of circulation,  
Is now about to reach its end. In view of which I hereby send  
This ditty to the Editor, hoping it reaches him (or her)  
Before the publication deadline.

(Though it will never make a headline)

*This is a letter received from Heidi Nicklin just before Christmas:*

Dear Family and Friends,

Time flies when there is a lot to do, and at the same time I feel like I have been here for a loooooong time.

In the mean time winter has come. During the day in the sunshine, which is every day, it is just right. In the mornings, evenings and especially at night it is cold (down to 7 Celsius). There is absolutely no heating here. At least I have hot water to wash with, but most people don't. On my off-days at home it is cold, because this flat is freezing, there is very little sunshine on the roof-terrace, and you can't sit out there anyway, because it is infested with flies. I have never seen so many flies in all of my life. It is due to the rubbish on the streets – there is no rubbish collection.

Here in Pakistan it seems as through the Middle Ages meet with the modern present. On the one hand people live as they have done for the last 1000 years, including donkey carts and living in grass huts. And on the other side the same people have mobile phones.

We have had a few Muslim holidays here. One was Eid, where they

sacrifice animals (cows, goats & even camels). The men from the rural areas come into town with their animals for the town people to buy. To make with attractive, the animals are painted with stripes and dots with Henna and decorated with bright plastic flowers. Then on the actual day they are slaughtered on the side of the road, skinned in the dirt and dust. The following day there were great heaps of ..... to add to the usual trash. In the end great heaps are collected and burnt.

It is almost impossible to describe the traffic here. The basic rule is, drive on the left, but if your side of the road is too broken, use the other, if you need to turn right and you couldn't be bothered to U-turn a little further down, oh well just keep your hand on the hooter and drive on the wrong side of the road. The most astonishing thing is that there are so few accidents. There are no side walks at all, pedestrians, playing children, motorbikes, trucks, cars, donkey carts (almost as many as cars) and even camel carts, and not to forget the trash, all share the road, which is full of potholes and speed-brakers!!!!!! I have a driver.

Not long after I last wrote I met a German woman, she is involved in a work here in Sukkur, but lives in Shikarpur at the Christian Mission Hospital together with about 4 or 5 other American missionaries. She invited me for a weekend, then I was invited to Thanks Giving. It is great to be able to go there. They live in a compound and are all English native speakers, except for Esther, who is German.

I will be spending Christmas with them.

In my last mail, I wrote about a wee baby we found on my first day here. Well, he lost weight, at 5 weeks he was lighter than at birth (1.4kg). Something needed to be done. In Sukkur there is no help for babies like this. The Mission Hospital have admitted him and his mother. And now he is slowly growing.

Work has been complicated, but I am getting there. Plans change daily. A lot of my work is real hands on, screening the little ones and monitoring their weight.

Love and hugs *Heidi*

## 2010 Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

In 2010 we collected 107 shoeboxes from West Kilbride and were also able to give over £200 towards the cost of delivery. In total, Blythswood collected over 108,000 boxes. These have been delivered to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania and Serbia. In addition, Blythswood sent money to India where gift boxes were made up to distribute to people in great need and to children in care homes.

I continue to learn important lessons from collecting the boxes:

1. Patience

In September I would never have imagined we would reach a total of 107 boxes! In fact even at the middle of October I would not have imagined it!!

2. God's Provision

At the end all that is needed for the essentials of every box is collected, and just the right things to fill it.

So I am always very encouraged by the love and support I am shown by you all as we work together to provide all that is required.

Thank you and may you know God's blessing.

*Helen Ferguson.*

# **1<sup>st</sup> West Kilbride Boys' Brigade**

## **Statistical return**

The company has grown over the last few years to a point where we were the 11<sup>th</sup> largest company within Scotland. It is hoped with the increase in numbers noted below that we could make it into the top ten.

*Anchor boys -24*

*Junior section – 64*

*Company section – 36 with a senior section of 8.*

This gives a Company strength of 124 boys. One area that we are keen to look at is the increase in the number of Anchor boys, Primary 2 and 3. Any other P2/P3 boy will be made most welcome on a Thursday at 6pm in the Parish Church halls.

## **Gardening club**

The final gardening club outing of the year took place on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. The club will re-start in February. The boys have been busy this year clearing the banking so that heathers can be planted as well as a possible soft fruit area can be created. The vegetable plot continues to grow a range of produce including garlic and tatties.

## **Remembrance parade**

Many thanks to all who attended the Remembrance Service and parade on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>. In all 78 boys represented the Company at a packed Overton church. It was fantastic to see the church so full. Special mention must go to Alistair Lennie for his bagpipe playing at the war memorial.

## **Yuletide evening.**

Very many thanks go to all who supported the BB burger stall at the village Yuletide evening. This has become quite a tradition and under the leadership and direction of Mr James Armstrong, Mr David Parker, Mr Graham Innes, Mr John Graham and Mr Rab McKechnie this annual fundraiser goes from strength to strength. I was delighted to be informed that this year these gentlemen raised £867 for the Company.

## **Junior section Bible knowledge**

There was further success for the junior section in the recent Bible knowledge competition run by the Battalion. Overall the company was placed third in the Battalion with Sean Farrell receiving an individual bronze award.

## **Carol concert for uniformed youth organisations.**

Many thanks to all who attended the BB and guides Christmas Carol concert held on Thursday, 16 December. I am sure that everyone will agree that under the direction of Mrs Lesley Richardson it was a fantastic event and perfectly sets the scene for Christmas.

## **Boys Brigade Charity Christmas Post.**

As the boys were delivering around the village, through the snow, the charity post had broken all records. At the close of play on Saturday, 18 December with a few donations still coming in the total raised stood at a fantastic total of £1987.44p. A massive thank you goes out to everyone within the community who contributed by handing in cards, sorting them and then delivering them. The special thank you goes to the team at the heart of the BB post especially Books of the West, D and B Gallery and the sorting team.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **February**

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Company Section football at Kilwinning
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Section general knowledge competition at Irvine
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Section potted sports at Irvine
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Company Section Scripture knowledge at Ardrossan
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>no Anchor Boys due to school holidays</b>
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>no sports club due to school holidays</b>
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>no Junior and Company section due to school holidays</b>
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Section football -UEFA cup-at Kilwinning
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Company Section 10 pin bowling league round four at Saltcoats
Friday		25 <sup>th</sup> Primary 7 introduction to company section
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Section swimming Gala at Stevenston
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Company Section swimming Gala at Stevenston
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Hiking restarts

*This is a letter received from Jenny Rodd, a member of our church who is in Tanzania with YWAM.*

Hello Dear Family and Friends!!

Happy 2011!! I hope the first 22 days of your new year have been going well. Thank you so much for your messages, emails, facebook posts, cards and calls. It has been wonderful to have time reading them and "hearing" you. I am sorry time is limited in the cafe so although I would like to reply to you all I haven't been able to.

Last time I wrote it was December 3rd 2010 and I was just leaving for Kenya and it was snowing a lot in the U.K. Now it is January 22nd. I have been back in Tanzania a week and we are finishing the final phase of our practical placement in Lukobe the community we were working with throughout the course. Will spend time looking at improving water access with an effective pump we've learned how to make. We'll also spend time in the fields as it is planting time, we've been asked to give some input.

All that is still to come and still taking shape. So I'll leave it for now and share a bit about Kenya. I was in Minjila, near Garsen, 4 hours north of Mombasa. (S0219'00 E4006'11.8 to be exact!) We joined a couple who moved there 6 months previously. I spent time visiting the Mama's in the two villages the other side of the road with MeeHyaе and the ladies from the team. We would also have visits from the children at our place, we'd sing or play games or treat the small wounds they had. A lot of life was simply learning how to do life there, which included boiling water for drinking and cooking. When the rice and beans need sorting for stones and bugs it takes longer! This was something that I really appreciated, it was tiring at times, but I still had it good I

didn't have to fetch my firewood or water. We also had a couple of projects we made a clay stove, a hot basket and a solar oven.

Other memorable highlights:

- sleeping in our mud hut under a grass roof listening to hyena's
- making bread with a family, teaching them how to cook it on an open fire
- discovering lion tracks 10 metres from our hut
- killing two chickens
- being invited to a village wedding and dancing with the ladies
- visiting a mango farm and seeing the wealth of land and struggles people faced
- milking cows in the village early in the morning- I didn't manage milk much, Mama Leilia laughed a lot!

*An amazing story is of Hussain, he is 14 and was in charge of the cattle. When its dry season they take the cattle a 5 day walk from the village for grazing. During this time he had a stroke, but no one knew what had happened, only that his legs didn't work. So they took him to someone who could help him. This person burned him in 10 places leaving holes of 3/4" in his flesh on his bottom, thigh and calf. When his sister came saying he was sick it was 1 1/2 months later and MeeHyae first went to visit the wounds were badly infected and he was not well at all. By the time we met Hussain it was three months later, the wounds had become reinfected and he was seriously malnourished, he could not sit up without help, he could not move his legs without using his hands. We spent time visiting him, cleaning and treating the wounds, sharing some food with him and encouraging the family in having Hussain drink and eat more and do*

*some exercises. They had seen some change in his condition. They believed that it was evil spirits that caused it. He was not allowed to cut his hair until he became well.*

*By the time we left 5 weeks later his Mama knew how to clean the wounds herself. Hussain was able to sit up alone, he could feel his toes, he was motivated and encouraged to exercises through stretching. He saw he could stand up and with help walk. It was amazing to see his face beaming having seen how low he was. This week we heard from the couple that he had been able to walk holding himself up on the fence alone and at one point let go of the fence!!!! So good! He is the son of the headman, which is very significant in building relationship with the community, as that has to come before anything else.*

So that is a taster. I am really sorry I have left my camera at home so I'll send pictures next time.

Lots of love *Jenny*