

Be still and know that I am God...I will be exalted among the nations. Ps 46:10



3C course begins

We have already been back for four weeks here at New Tribes Mission and have been studying Cross Cultural Communications (3C). In other words we are learning how to effectively communicate the message of the Gospel to people in another culture. The main purpose for the existence of New Tribes is to set up indigenous churches in areas where there is no access to the Gospel message. This is not as easy as it sounds so the 3C course provides the missionaries with training that will prepare them to live in remote areas of the world and learn another language and culture so that people can hear the message of God's love for them.

An interesting point that we have been taught is that western cultures differ greatly in many areas in comparison to non western cultures. For example, in this country we place a high priority on time keeping and on getting specific tasks completed within a scheduled time, but in a non western country they are far more people oriented preferring to spend time with each other and build good relationships regardless of the time it takes to complete a task. This shows how the missionary must adapt his lifestyle to try and fit into the new culture or he will find it hard to relate to the people.

Woodlands

As part of our training we took part in a 3 night survival course in the forest near Derby. The team leader taught us how to make shelters, tables, chairs, string out of elm bark, fire without matches, navigation with a compass, and how to kill and prepare a chicken. It was amazing to discover some of the things that God has provided in creation that we can use to survive. An amazing mushroom that grows on the silver birch tree can be used for sticking plaster, insoles for boots, keeping knives sharp, and when dried it can keep burning for hours, and can also be used like silica gel for attracting moisture to protect equipment from condensation! We were grateful for good weather throughout our time there although Dave Watson (team leader) said that a good dousing of rain makes living out in the wilds more realistic and that it would have been good for us (we didn't share his enthusiasm I can tell you!). Praise God that we all survived and even Rachel went along (great with child though she is) and really enjoyed herself. Pray for Dave, he does a great work with young offenders and homeless people.



Summer 2002

One of the things that we were involved in during the summer was a Beach Mission. This was at Mablethorpe on the East coast and we were there for a week getting to know children and their parents. We spent the mornings running a kids club on the beach which consisted of tug of war, games and a serial story from the bible. Having made contact with many people we followed this up with a family knockout competition during which the Gospel was clearly spoken and a number of people took John's Gospel's and we had some good conversations with people about eternal things.

One lady in particular felt very challenged to become a believer and said that she had been hiding behind science as an excuse not to believe in God.



- Pray for Rachel that she will have a safe delivery of her baby in 4 weeks time!
- Pray for us that we will know the Lord's leading to the place that He wants us to serve Him.

Prayer Square