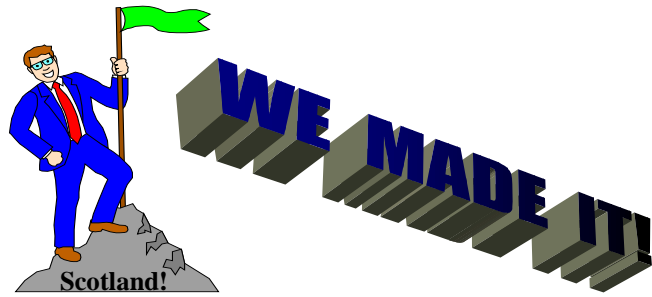


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**Hello** from rainy Seamill in Scotland.

It's great to be here at YWAM starting our training school at last. It was not that easy to leave Guernsey and all the things we had been so involved with over the past few years but this is a wonderful place and the course so far has been absolutely excellent.

The car, perhaps predictably, was rather poorly on the way from Portsmouth to Plymouth, but after 2 unsuccessful trips to garages, Chris found a breaker's yard and got the part that he thought may be causing the problem and fixed it himself - for a fiver! It was amazing that they had the exact model of car as us just waiting to be scrapped.

We enjoyed visiting Vicki's family in Plymouth and we also visited some friends from University in Birmingham, Bradford and Newcastle on our way 'op north, which was good.



***This is the view we are told - but we haven't seen it yet 'cos of the fog !!***

The Seamill Training Centre is pretty impressive with sea views (and the Isle of Arran on a fine day) on one side, and some hills (just begging to be walked up) on the other. The town of West Kilbride doesn't account for much, but Chris did manage to get a haircut there today - for £3! We have a double room with a lovely warm radiator (phew!). The meals are fine - YWAM food is reminiscent of school dinners but we'll cope. I have bought a good supply of Kit-Kats for Chris and there is always cornflakes and toast available!

There are 7 nationalities on the course - US, Canadian, British, German, South African, Czech and Polish. Most are in their early twenties and there is one other couple who have a couple of kids.

The course consists of lectures in the mornings and then 'work-duties' after lunch. Volunteers staff the whole centre and to reduce costs, the students are involved in the running of the centre. Vicki is doing some of the 'hospitality' - getting things ready for visiting speakers and guests and keeping the coffee and tea in constant supply for everyone!! Chris is on the maintenance team and has been doing some *more* painting!! We have some lectures and worship in the evenings and also small groups at various times. One evening we will be involved with a local youth project.

Last Friday we had a Scottish evening with a banquet and a ceidleh. There were haggis and bagpipes - we tried the haggis but not the bagpipes!! It was great fun - especially for the N. Americans who are fascinated by everything Scottish.

We have just heard that we are going to Mongolia in April/May. The details are a bit sketch at this stage - plenty of planning to do!



***The YWAM Seamill Centre***

*Chris Vicki xx*