

Christmas Greetings

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Ian, Silver
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The office takes shape



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21st Century Office

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The Garden is planted



The burying of the water tank



The new compound entrance

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Looking Forward:

By the time you are reading this Ian & Collin will most likely be on their way back from Mombasa & Malindi in Kenya. They will be involved in Youth camps run by Word of Life & Parklands Baptist Church. Ian will be the main speaker at the Word of Life Teens camp. This trip will take up most of December, returning in time for Christmas.

The KBC Youth camp is scheduled for 2nd to 8th January.

The UYF National conference will be taking place in Kampala in the week beginning 9th January.

We are currently looking at developing our Mission Team of Senior 6 leavers for 2006.

There will be a repeat 'Power of Worship' event on 29th January.

We have almost finalised the plans for Colin to visit UK. We hope that he will fly over in April for 6 months. Although he will be based in Bognor Regis, we also hope that some of you will be able to host him so that he meets as many of our friends as possible in this time.

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