

David was recently accompanied by four members of his family, John, Rachel, Teigan and Jaxon Borland who spent 11 very inspiring days at Bethany, working with both the children and staff.

The response from children and staff was overwhelmingly positive and welcoming. Teigan (18 years old) and Jaxon (16 years old) in particular, formed some very strong bonds with the children. The visitor's accommodation was a constant hive of activity with the kids enjoying the company, game-playing and what is locally known as 'making stories' (informal chatting) with the British teenagers. The cultural exchange and learning about each other's worlds and lives was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Rachel meticulously planned and delivered craft activities with Teigan's support, for both school and home kids, with each child finishing the week with a keyring, a couple of bracelets and a home-made decoration. John and Jaxon led sports sessions with the children in both the school and the home, with balloon games for the younger ones, and skittle-ball and football for the older kids.

John also took time to deliver three professional development sessions to the teaching staff in the school and two sessions for the care staff in the home. With the focus being on creating positive culture, attitude and growth, which was very well received, and translated wonderfully by Sarah, one of the older girls at Bethany.

With a couple of trips to Magu market (which is a sight to behold) a walk round the local village, a couple of staff versus kids football matches on the sports field, and endless games of draughts, a truly moving, matchless experience was had by all.