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# Joel's Prayer Journal

## Word of Life United Kingdom

### AUTUMN STAFF WEEKEND, WALLASEY

Each year, we hold two Associate Staff Training Weekends to train our Associate Staff. I shared two sessions on assessing our spiritual temperatures. We looked at the seven churches of Revelation 2-3 and discussed how God identified spiritual temperature in these churches. In the second session we looked at how we can raise our spiritual temperatures.



#### Raising Support

I praise the Lord for how He provides! Since I am now a fulltime missionary with Word of Life, I have to raise all of my own support. My initial monthly target is £1000 of committed support which covers my ministry and academic costs. Currently I am receiving 45.5% of that target. Thank you also to those who support me with one off gifts.

I have been praying for 30 people to join my support team by pledging £10 each month. If you would like to partner with me in His ministry then please get in touch with the Word of Life office or with me for further details.



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## All About Autumn's Activities

Earlier this month in one of his Bible studies, my Pastor quoted this: "God's work done in God's way shall never lack God's supply". I would like to testify to the truth of that statement! It has been such a blessing to experience the Lord's supply. But I must admit that it isn't always easy to wait on God's way to become clear. I have a peace about serving God here in Northern Ireland but the ministry isn't taking shape as I had planned. But praise the Lord that He has a better plan for His work than I could ever have imagined!

The Superteams event was definitely a highlight of this Autumn for me. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the young adults at Ballee Baptist to provide a quality Evangelistic Youth Event for their youth group and also the young people from Grange Baptist. Eight teams of young people competed for the title of the "Superteam". Events included uni-hoc, Bible Bonanza, General Knowledge, an assault course, Wii Tennis and more. Thanks to everyone who made it a great night, especially to those young people who invited their friends along! Of course, we concluded the evening with a simple, clear presentation of the Gospel.

I also had the privilege of joining the Slemish College Impact Weekend in Ballycastle. I had

the opportunity to challenge these young people about the importance of being REAL. We looked at some of the 3:16s of the New Testament to learn about a real relationship (John 3:16), a real devotion (1 Corinthians 3:16) and a real transformation (Colossians 3:16). They were such a responsive group and I really enjoyed getting to know them.

Each week I continue to help with the Bible clubs in Harryville and Camphill Primary Schools. Please join me in praising the Lord for these opportunities and pray for these kids as they learn more about Jesus! Please do pray for our local schools. God is doing great things there!



**The young people all had a great night at Superteams. They have been talking about it and I think it helped bring them closer together**

—Caroline Wallace (Grange Baptist)

## Lessons from Daniel

Daniel is such a great example of being a man of God in a foreign land! He purposes in his heart not to defile himself with the king's food (Dan.1:8). He responds to difficult situations with wisdom and counsel (2:14). He displays boldness and faith in God (2:16). He prays and has his godly friends pray with him for wisdom (2:17-19). He praises God for granting wisdom and acknowledges that wisdom comes from God alone (2:20-23). Today as I was reading the second half of Daniel 2, I noted how this great man of God serves God with humility.

Rightly, he takes no credit for the wisdom which he displays before the king but glorifies God (2:28).

My response: Lord, in this foreign land, please help me to display these godly characteristics. May I daily take my stand for You and display my faith in You and Your will. May I daily come to You for wisdom, acknowledging You as the source of wisdom and praising You for granted wisdom. In times of difficulty, may I display boldness and reliance on You. May I pray and engage my brothers and sisters in prayer. Lord, please help me to be a humble servant, giving You the glory that You alone deserve!



“Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are His” (Daniel 2:20)

## Winter Wonders

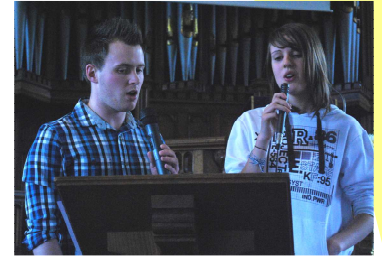
For over 20 years Word of Life has held a New Year Camp at the Quinta Centre in Shropshire. It's a great way for young people to bring in the New Year together. As Camp Director, I have the privilege of heading up the team of young adults who work hard to make New Year Camp a success. We will be having a missions focus throughout the 5 days. We will hear about how God is using Word of Life across the world. Many of our staff are also preparing devotionals based on the lives of godly missionaries, like CT Studd, William Carey and Amy Carmichael. It is so important to encourage young people to engage in missions, prayerfully and experientially. We would appreciate your prayers as we seek to teach and disciple these young people.

Looking ahead to February 2012—we've already begun preparations for our next Evangelistic Youth Event here in Northern Ireland. GymJam will be held on Friday, 10th February at the Lagan Valley LeisurePlex in Lisburn. We have invited youth groups from all over Northern Ireland to join with us in this exciting, new event. The young people will have the opportunity

to use the LeisurePlex pool facilities, engage in tournaments and get involved in our gym games programme. Many youth leaders have already been contacted with the details of this event, but if you would like to find out more about this event then please get in touch.

Building a ministry is a slow business. Sometimes it is a lot slower than I would like. So please pray with me that I would demonstrate patience so that God's Will be done and not my own. I have really enjoyed making new contacts and I'm excited about prospective new ventures on the horizon. Just as Daniel did, so I am asking the Lord for wisdom. As my godly friends, I ask that you would join with me in this.

In January, I will be starting my last semester of online classes with Liberty University. This has been an on-going adventure as I endeavour to finish my Bible degree. It has been challenging at times to keep up with the workload but I praise God for His strengthening and help to be a diligent student and also for how He has been providing the finances to do this. God willing, I will graduate at the end of May 2012 with my Bachelor's.



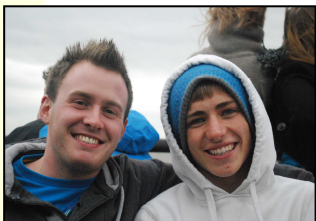
## PRAISE & PRAYER

### Praise God for:

- Help with planning events this Autumn, like Superteams and our Associate Staff Weekend
- His hand on our local schools and the wonderful opportunities to share His Word in them
- His presence on the weekend away with Slemish College—so many unsaved young people and the Holy Spirit was at work!
- Help with my online classes as I finish my degree with Liberty University
- His provision—spiritually, physically and financially

### Please pray for:

- Word of Life New Year Camp in Shropshire (Dec28-Jan2)
  - \* Opportunities for discipleship
  - \* Blessed times in the Word
  - \* For young people to be encouraged and strengthened in their faith
  - \* Safety in travel
- GymJam, 10th February 2012 @ the Lagan Valley LeisurePlex
- Opportunities to make connections with churches here in Northern Ireland to share about the work and to provide opportunities for the young people
- My last semester of Liberty classes—may I finish strong!
- Wisdom in knowing God's Will and plan for my life and for Word of Life here in Northern Ireland



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