

Andy Giles' Prayer Update
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Dear all,

As I begin to write to you, I am almost overwhelmed by the thought that all of you are supporting me and the ministry here at Warwick University through prayer. I hope you do feel as part of the team here. Without your support in prayer, the work here could not go on. Be encouraged because God is answering your prayers. So please keep praying. And at that we begin with...

PRAISES!!! I'll really want to praise God for the things he has done last term. I can see the evidence of his work when I look around the campus and at the CU. Just seeing how all the first years have settled into the Christian Union and the mission that that involves is great. And the work he has done in my life, all he has taught me and blessed me with is just awesome!!!

The trip to Russia was a great success. We went out there to see what mission in St. Petersburg was like. Firstly we can praise our Lord for the team that went out and the team that is there. I have never before known, 27 people put together, who get on so well. There was awesome fellowship. Secondly, we got to share the gospel with about 200-250 Russian students. We had an event called a British Christmas at which 120 students attended, heard the gospel, and had a great evening. This is a great amount of seed scattering. All the praise goes to Jesus because he gave us such boldness to share the gospel when language was a problem. Please pray for the follow up which the team has to do. Pray they would be faithful in proclaiming the gospel and that they would make disciples. Please pray the team still out there: Luke & Pam (team leaders), Aaron and Jo, Luke, Dan and John.

The plans for Satisfied? are moving swiftly ahead. Satisfied? is the name of our mission week which takes place from the 29th Jan until 2nd Feb. If you receive this letter by mail, please also find attached a Satisfied? prayer booklet which can be printed out and made into a booklet. Praise God for how he is providing for this already. Specific pray points at the moment for this are:

- ❖ We have to jump through a lot of legislation hoops to get the marquee. Please pray we would be diligent at these and the Lord would soften the hearts of the University staff who we deal with.
- ❖ Pray that people in the CU would catch the vision for seeing the campus saved for Jesus and that they would see the campus as a sending base for world missions.
- ❖ Pray that there would be a great harvest – that the Lord would send his reviving spirit to the 16,000 students at Warwick who don't know Him and that he would turn these into firm, world changing disciples for Him.
- ❖ Pray we would have boldness to speak to our friends in the lead up to this. Pray particularly that I would be able to invite my house mate Adam, and my course mate Rob.

- ❖ Pray for the follow up courses we will be running. Members of the CU will be running small group bible studies in pairs, with 5 or 6 new believers or seekers. They will be looking at the book of John. Pray for great take up of this by the students and pray for adequate training and confidence for the leaders.

It is so exciting seeing this mission grow. Pray that the Lord would have all the glory from it!!!

Three other quick things to pray for:

- 1) I have quite a bit of work on for my course. As you can imagine, organising the mission week takes some time. Pray I would be glorifying to God in my time usage and that I would have enough time to spend with the guys I disciple and my girlfriend, Sinead.
- 2) There are still a few things to work out for my plans after I graduate. Pray that the Lord would guide me as I seek to follow his will. I aim to be training as an evangelist in some context.
- 3) Sinead and I are growing closer. Praise God for the great gift that our relationship is. Pray that we would keep God at the centre and that we would grow our missionary hearts.

Finally, I have been once again challenged about world mission. When Jesus' imperative command is to "make disciples of all nations", how can we be so content with our lives of plenty (both materially, but oh so much more spiritually (see Ephesians 1:3)), when there is a world out there who needs the gospel. I know the Lord doesn't call us all to go, but he does call us all to pray and to give to the advancement of the Kingdom of God and to seeing the Great Commission fulfilled. I have been so challenged by my lack of prayer and faith that God can use us to change the world. Even a brief look at church history or the bible shows that God regularly uses an unlikely person to fulfil his purposes; he chooses the foolish things of this world to shame the wise. So please pray with me for the nations, and see if God may send you there. "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matt 9:38). To help with praying for the world, I recommend buying Operation World, published by Operation Mobilisation (OM). It is available over the internet and in most Christian bookshops. It is informative and helps you to pray informed prayers. It is a great investment – if I as a student can afford it...

So please pray for the world, the work of Warwick CU, and I ask you would pray for me too. Let us have great faith as we pray – because we know we can boldly approach the eternal throne of God because Jesus has made us righteous. Hallelujah!!!

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Andy

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