

Andy Giles' Prayer Update
5th May 2007



Greetings from sunny Coventry,

Boy howdy, does it seem a long while since I last wrote a prayer letter. The last one was on the 18th March. Apologies for the length of time since I did last write – but not a lot has changed between then and now. But I wanted to write now to give you an update. So without any further ado...

Praise God for he is good all the time. God has been so good to me – he always is but I've been very aware of it over the past few weeks. I got the joy of spending all 5 weeks (long, I know) of my Easter break back in Sheffield. I had such a great time with my family, back at my home church and hanging out at the Oakes (a gospel proclaiming children's holiday centre in Sheffield where I worked on my gap year – www.oakes.org.uk). It was really restful even though I had plenty of work on. And I got to spend some quality time with God over the break too – especially when in the Peak District. I love the hills.

My degree is almost done. 33 more days and then that's it – my degree is over. My project report (which many of you know about) was handed in last Wednesday. It finished at 17,387 words – an epic by anyone's standards. Sadly its not marked on the word count. Now all that's left to do is 6 exams plus the revisions for them. The exams are:

History of Computing: 23rd May (14:00 – 17:00)

Programming Language Design and Semantics: 31st May (09:30 – 12:30)

Theory of Databases: 1st June (14:00 – 17:00)

Compiler Design: 2nd June (09:30 – 12:30)

An Introduction to Empirical Modelling: 4th June (14:00 – 17:00)

Complexity of Algorithms: 7th June (09:30 – 12:30)

Prayer would be greatly appreciated for the exams and for the revision. Motivation to revise is low – and my housemates and I have made procrastination into an art form. Pray for all students at this stressful time – its hard, especially in the final year. Pray that Christian students would shine Christ through this time.

There is no further news on my plans for next year. If you don't know, I will be training as an evangelist with the Association of Evangelists (www.theevangelist.org.uk). I hope this is going to be a great year of learning, growth and witness. Pray for the organisation of the practicalities such as housing, support raising, itinerary etc.

Pray for the witness of Warwick CU. In exam term, it is very easy for folk in the CU to put work ahead of witness – I know it's a constant struggle to find the balance. Pray for the guys in the CU that they would make time for evangelism and that it would still be a focus. Pray also for the new committee (mentioned in the last prayer letter dated 18th March – available at

www.andygiles.co.uk) that they would have great vision for the year ahead and not be frustrated by a slow term with all the exams on.

If you remember, as a follow up to the CU's "Are you Satisfied?" mission week, we ran a course called "Satisfied Extra". To my knowledge, three of the people taking the course are now fellow brothers and sisters, and several more are continuing to investigate this term. Join us in praising the Lord for his saving nature.

I only have a final few weeks left with my housemates. They are Adam, Chris, Becca and Claire. Please pray that Christ would shine through me in the house and that we'd have a really awesome last term together. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE pray that I would get to share the gospel with them. There is nothing more that I want! Please pray.

One thing that has been striking me recently is how much God adores us each individually. Psalm 139 has repeatedly been on my brain and its immense how God created me uniquely as ME. He didn't create us as generic human beings but He "knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13). We are all uniquely created and uniquely loved by God. He wants you to be you and has made you just the way you are to be you. How cool is that? I've come to quite like being me, cos that's who God created me to be – brilliant! This is one thing that is so easy to forget – but let us remind ourselves and one another that God loves us infinitely – AMAZING!!!

Thanks for your prayers,

With much love in Christ Jesus,

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