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Hi <<First Name>>,

I hope all is well! There has been a lot of activity this first quarter of the year, in a good way. I have been enjoying the journey God has been walking with me.

I have been well these past few months. I attended my friend's wedding in London 2 weekends ago, which was fun as I got to see friends I haven't seen in a few years. I will be attending another friend's wedding in Hawaii after Easter.



<u>Campus Engage Update:</u> I am writing to you from campus as I wait to have my next discipleship meeting

Arran, a fresher I met last year has introduced me to so many of his friends this term as I have asked the Holy Spirit for ways to engage with him. As I have obeyed the Holy Spirit in inviting him over for a meal, going to his Halls of residence, and even taking my Xbox to his place, to play. God has opened the door for me to share the Gospel with people in his world. Arran's world consists of the LGBT+ and the party scene on campus. Last year we began to pray that God will open specific doors on campus to groups, and the LGBT+ community was one of those communities God has opened a door to. I have made it a regular habit after our connect group to have dinner with Arran and his friends, because they feel uncomfortable attending a Christian meeting, so I go to them.

One day when I went to get my Xbox cord, I left at his place, he began to share with me that he has been expelled from his halls because he started a fire. He shared how he had taken a new recreational drug and at some point, he lit a cigarette and passed out. One of his friends went into his room and found the fire and him, passed out. The fire brigade came, and they put the fire out and were able to get him out of his room.

I began to share with Him about the mercy of God that saved him. That it was God that prompted his friend to go in and see the fire and saved His life. He then began to say he was surprised about my view of what had happened because he is getting punished (the expulsion) and thought I would condemn him. I just so happened to have my teaching notes on a course I was going to be teaching at our church called the 'Follow Course' and I was teaching lesson 3 which is all about repentance and returning to the Father. So, I went into the kitchen and I said let me tell you how Jesus has described the Father based on Luke 15 (story of the prodigal son). I told him, I don't need to tell you that you are a sinner, you already know, but I am here to tell you that you can be forgiven, and the Father wants you to be reconciled to Him, that is why Jesus came. I would love to say he gave his life to Jesus at that moment. But he responded with a "WOW, I didn't know, I need to read the Bible more."

I meet with Arran regularly and in a natural way our conversation always leads to talking about Christ. Arran is hungry and I believe he is close to fully surrendering his life to Jesus. Please be in prayer with me that Arran will fully come to Christ, begin walking with Jesus as a disciple and a son of the Heavenly Father.

Thanks for all your

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There are many more stories I can share with you about what God is doing on the campus, but I don't want to overwhelm you. In my next newsletter I will share with you about Xiancheng Li, a Chinese PhD student, who is very open to the Gospel. Also, students serving the community by being a part of the Stratford Night Shelter (Jan to April 2019).

Above is a picture of the students and I serving at the winter night shelter in Stratford.



<u>Campus Discipleship</u> and Leadership <u>Development</u> <u>Update:</u>

At the beginning of March we had our **Every Nation Campus European Student** Conference in Poland. The theme for this conference was 'Great Faith'. We had 10 students from across our London congregations attend the conference and God stirred in them great faith; Faith to see Christian community increase on the campus through engaging with their friends and commitment to attend weekly gatherings.

pray for my travels in a few weeks and for the students as they prepare for their exams and that we don't lose momentum over the Spring break and upcoming Summer break.

Is there anything I can be praying for you for?

> Blessings Tharshish

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