

**"I answered,
'Who are you, my Lord?'
"He said to me, 'I am Jesus, the Victorious!'**

Acts 22:8 The Passion Translation.

Hi WOCC,

I hope you are well. I have been good. This first quarter of the year has been full of exciting things on the campus.

In **February** we restarted our Relationship Event, which we used to call 'He Says, She Says' but re-launched it under the name 'The Relationship Event' (because I couldn't think of a clever name, and nor could the students). In planning for this event, I had some clear wins (goals) I wanted to achieve.

These wins are:

- To create a presence on campus
- An event that non-believers would attend
- Empower our student leaders as they lead the event
- Bringing all the student groups together to support each other in the event

The outcomes of the event, in alignment with the wins I had in my heart are:

- The event was super successful, we had students who were walking by and just came in because they heard the music. Some church members who have a heart for student ministry came to support us. Before the event began, a few walked around outside of the venue and invited passersby to come inside, and some came in.
- We had about 10 students who came because students from our student group invited them to come along. This was the biggest win; because the result was that some who came now have questions about God and faith. They weren't seeking God at all but now they are.
- I realised that I didn't do my best in equipping the students in hosting the event, but they did very well even in their nervous state.
- I was a bit disappointed as none of the other Christian groups, which were invited, attended. But I am continuing to pray for unity amongst the student groups.

Here are some pictures of The Relationship Event





The first weekend of March we had our annual Every Nation Campus Conference, in Gent, 6-8 March, 2020. We had an amazing time worshipping God with about 150 people (students, campus ministers, and people who are volunteers in student ministry). We had 3 students paid for and ready to attend from Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) but only 1 was able to attend the conference. There were various reasons why the other students couldn't attend. They were missed and I pray they are able to attend next year.

During the conference the **highlight** for me was to see over 15 people respond to full time campus ministry. It reminded me of when I responded to God's calling at a conference like this one in the USA. There were 2 other calls for students to respond to. The first one was to receive salvation and enter a Lordship and Discipleship relationship with Jesus. The second call was to students who say they are Christians but are not submitted to God's Lordship and Discipleship.

Another highlight was to have Maria Farcas' brother, Emile join the conference. I invited him during the Christmas period because he was a student attending University in Romania. I wanted to connect him to Yujiro (our Japanese church planter in Romania, who I mentioned last year in a previous newsletter) and some of the other Romanian students that Yujiro has connected with. There were 3 representatives from Romania; I am so excited for what God has planned for that country.

Here is a [recap video](#) of the conference and [testimonial video](#) of Emile Farcas and Rochelle Brown, a QMUL student. To warn you the audio isn't the greatest (we really struggled to get good audio).

In the Picture Below: Top is London group, Bottom Left call to full time ministry people, Bottom Right Romanian group (Emile is the tall one).





I am personally doing well. One of my favourite questions which I have been asking myself recently and asking others, which I have taken from one of my favourite podcasters (Annie F. Downs) is; What is one thing I have learned about God that I didn't know last year? It is that God is patience and always wanting to develop the fruit of His Spirit in my life through His patient love for me. That is through my journey of health and finances (especially financial peace). Over the years I have been asking God the Father to grow the fruit of self-control in my life. I believe that in my journey of health and in my finances, he is using these tools to help me be disciplined. Recently it has been hard when the weather here in London has been extra windy and wet. So, for a few weeks I didn't stretch properly and the original pain with my left arm and left leg returned. In my finances I had to cut something's out, so I can save and begin Dave Ramsey's journey of financial peace. I had to ask myself why it felt like I had a whole in my wallet. I have made some drastic changes to build towards an emergency (baby step 1) to begin the next step (baby step 2) which is paying off my debt. By God's grace as I submit to his process I will be debt free by Summer 2021.

In regard to the Covid-19 I am healthy, we had our service this past Sunday, all my face to face student meetings have been cancelled (mostly by the students). **Please pray** for students as most of them are fearful. Most of the Chinese students I engage with are going back to China to escape the virus and getting sick in the UK. I tried to speak calm and peace to 1 student in particular but he just wasn't interested. QMUL Student Union has officially banned all society meetings and have closed the student union. All other buildings are open, they have moved to remote education, so students are expected to attend lectures live, international students and QMUL oversees students an option to come or go home. At present there are no current cases

of students who have covid 19. **Pray** for the students who live on campus as things around them are closing. Here is a link for [QMUL official information site](#) if you want to pray as information changes.

Please pray for my brother as he was in the hospital last week Monday. He was extremely dehydrated, and he may have Gastroparesis due to his diabetes. Pray for my mom's continual healing from her knee surgery as she goes through therapy. Lastly pray for my biological dad (I don't know him well) but he has been sick recently (about 4 weeks ago) and he is being tested for a kidney transplant. I am still trusting that I will meet someone, as I make myself open, but with people being advised about avoiding public spaces it makes it harder to meet people haha.
Is there anything I can be praying for you for?

***Thank you and God Bless
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