

PRAYER POINTS

- Volunteers and wisdom in delegating
- Young people to grow deeper in Jesus
- Strategy and 'God ideas'
- Wisdom to navigate new doors opening

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UPDATE**

Hi all, I do hope you are all well. Since the last newsletter update, we had the joy of taking many young people to the 'Dreaming the Impossible' Christian youth festival; it was encouraging to see many young people from Newport who had recently given their lives to Jesus come on the trip, and many of them had amazing encounters with God - as well as a lot of fun with their friends!

I can truly say that this first half-term back has felt like a real acceleration for the project. One of the first things we started in September was the new Rock Solid 2 group, continuing the journey with the young people from RS(1), which is now being run by our other brilliant volunteers ... so as to cover more ground; aiming for the vision of reaching 'every age and stage'. It has been very satisfying to see volunteers being raised up, many times these helpers being the young people themselves. An example of this was at our latest movie night, whereby the young people hosted, served behind the scenes and even did a short Gospel presentation to the 40 young people who came to the movie. We sense in this season what the nation is calling the 'Quiet Revival' the ever-increasing need to release the young people in their God-given callings to reach their own generation (young people listen better to people their own age!) Our SAS group is now also run by the young people as we try to give them leadership opportunities, whilst giving them gentle guidance at the same time.

So with this season of 'acceleration' or growth, much of it has been planning and envisioning what to do with the doors that seem to be suddenly opening. In the Island 6th form for example, due to the spiritual hunger of the students, we are in the stage now to just about start an Alpha style session on Wednesdays (as well as our current interaction on Tuesdays). At Christ the King (there are many things on my heart for this school), but first and foremost next term we will be launching a Christian Union whereby we can gather all the Christian students together to both be encouraged and think about how to spiritually help the school. Ian Peters and I have taken 6 assemblies at Christ the King on the theme of 'Advent'. Medina College has also kindly allowed us to do a series of assemblies, which is a really exciting new open door. One of our young people, alongside myself, has been helping with Tony Murphy's primary school assemblies, we're excited as we plan with the hope of reaching even more primary schools with a Bible-centred story and a plug to our clubs, such as Rock Solid. Still in very premature stages is the idea of doing something at IW College; something that's been on my heart for a while now.

Looking forward, I'd appreciate prayers as we navigate all the things we do, as well deciding on things we could do. As our friends at St. John's continue to help us lead our post-Alpha group 'Never Alone' (where we are exploring the heroes of the faith), the question of running another Alpha group comes to mind, maybe in the new year? I'm also praying about our connection with Pete Luther and work of Revive, discussing how to segue the 'pre-evangelism' into some early discipleship. God is moving in Newport! God Bless and hopefully another video update will be coming soon.

