

A Heart for the UK



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**But I have trusted in your mercy. My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt kindly with me.
-Psalm 13:5-6**

Dear Friends and Family,



The famous verses from Ecclesiastes echo in my mind as I sit down to write this newsletter. There is a time for EVERYTHING, and a season for every

activity under the heavens (Ecc. 3:1). With spring finally arriving, this verse could not be more true. These past few months of ministry have been a bit of a roller coaster at times. With the students, we've had times to plant and sow and embrace. For Calvary Exeter, times of pruning and re-building. Always, the Lord gives me times to speak, but also times to refrain from speaking, as He teaches me about His grace each day. There have been days when Jeanne and I have wept together, but the times of laughter far outweigh those times. I look forward to this season and the promise that Jesus will continually be making everything beautiful in it's own time!

Here's what's been going on lately!

Full House

In March, we had a four person team from Calvary Bible College York come serve for a week. Out of all the teams we've had this year, these four girls wiggled their way into my heart more than the others. They were young, 18-21, but instantly filled the ministry house with laughter and a joyful spirit. They helped do maintenance work on the church, but my favourite part of the week with them was the tea & coffee outreach we did. We set up a table outside the ministry house and served tea, coffee, and biscuits (cookies) to the students en route to the University, and anyone else who happened to wander



up or down Pennsylvania Road. The Lord gave us a perfect sunny day with no rain! The girls also passed out tracks and church flyers. So many people had no idea that there was a church just around the corner. Jeanne brought Emma Lou the Basset Hound down for an hour and she was a big attraction as well! The girls also helped me put on a seminar event for singles at the church on the



weekend. It was based on the Love & Respect series for married couples, but focused on singles who are wanting to be married, or seeking to be content while

single. Pastor Bob and Jeanne ended it with a Q&A time, and the girls really helped make the event a success!

Uni Life & Leonie the Lion

The students have now gone on break for Easter and will begin preparing for their exams which will take place during the whole month of May. After exams, they will return home to their perspective countries. I can hardly believe that the year with them has gone by so quickly. One of the things that I have been praying for since January was that I could see growth in my discipleship girls. Leonie (picture below with me) is a second year student from Norway and part of my girls Genesis study (although we've moved into Exodus now!). This March she ran for the position of International Secretary with the University Christian

Solomon's Porch

Single's Event



Union (CU) and won the seat on the committee! She is the FIRST non-Brit to ever hold an CU committee position and I am so proud of her for shattering that glass ceiling. Throughout the next academic year, she will be in charge of planning and executing weekly outreach events for international students on campus. What an opportunity for her and the other students from Calvary Exeter who have rallied around her to help! Leonie, means Lion, and I pray that the Lord will use her boldly and mightily on this platform He has now given her!

Jeanne wants to hold an ironing class for the boys at the end of



the month, because we've been staring at wrinkled shirts every Sunday since September. It will be called 'Jeanne's Iron Men' and I expect to laugh a lot that day!

Solomon's Porch, which we hold every other Friday for food and Bible study, will now go on break for the month of April but will resume in May and end with a BBQ! If you can join me in praying that the last two months with the students are fruitful! Some of them head home to difficult family situations or Muslim countries, and I want them to be strong in the Lord!



Keep Calm and Move on

In January we were given 6 months notice by our landlords that they were losing their own apartment in London and planning to return to Exeter to live. We waited a few months to see if the Lord would give them another direction, but when it became clear that that was not going to happen, we made the decision to move out of our beloved ministry house. The house will be closing at the end of May, and I will be moving with in Pastor Bob and Jeanne until my return to the States. It was hard to understand at first why the Lord would bless us with such a wonderful house, right

next door to the church and University, and then take us out after such a short season. I can honestly say I still don't fully understand, but I choose to look at all the fruit from our time here on Pennsylvania Road. We've hosted mission teams, held countless Bible studies and discipleship classes, and been a transition home for two pastors moving to further the work in the Southwest UK. With the loss of the ministry house and the student's departure for summer, much of my job description will become invalid. Because of this, I will be returning to the States in late June or July. I had been fervently praying that the Lord would give me a direction about whether to apply for a 3rd year in England or not, and in lieu of the loss of the ministry house, it has been decided that I will not be returning to Exeter for a 3rd year. It was a hard answer to receive from the Lord, because I have come to love this place and the people. But it was an answer nonetheless, and I thank Him for it!



So I press on and finish strong!

Right now, I just want to focus on these next two months with the students as they are planning their Bible study retreat after exams conclude in May. And I hope to finish Exodus with my girls! Also, there will be a Creation Fest event in Oxford in the middle of April where I will be helping with the children's programme. Lastly, my parents are coming for a visit at the end of April/early May. I'm so excited for them to come together this time and experience a few weeks of my life here, and meet all of the people that I love so much.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! Until next time,

God Bless,

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Left: Leading worship in Plymouth.

Bottom: Pastor Bob officially 'passing the baton' for Calvary Plymouth to Pastor Sabino.



Left: Emma Lou helping out with the tea & coffee outreach!

Bottom: Good Friday service at Exeter Cathedral!

