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Relay Prayer Letter  
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*'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.'* Galatians 2:20

## Greetings!

I hope you all have had a lovely Easter and are looking forward to many months of sunshine and warm weather (we can always hope!)

I currently have 2 more months left of my Relay adventure! It seems to be flying by and I'm currently seeking out what's next. However, I pray that I can enjoy being in the present, serving the Lord and making the most of these upcoming months.

Here's an update and a taster of what's coming up...

## What I have been up to ...

**New CU Committee:** The new committee has been overseeing the CU since March. I have had the privilege of training and working with this group as they find their feet in leading the CU to engage campus with the gospel of Christ.

**Explore Group Training:** Over the last couple of months it has been great preparing and leading the CU hall group training with Josh, my co-worker. We have been helping groups lead seeker-bible studies using Uncover Luke, thinking about apologetic questions, such as; religious pluralism and whether Christianity is a crutch for the weak.

**Word Alive:** I had the joy of stewarding at World Alive, a week of teaching for Christians from across the UK. It was really great to see people being nourished and encouraged as they fed from the Word. I had the privileged of manning Marquee 1 which featured Matt Searles from Oxford, taking us through the Psalms, and Helen Thorne and Paul Mallard leading biblical femininity and masculinity sessions. In sum, it was a top-quality conference and stewarding was great fun!

## Snapshots :

Word Alive: 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April



...If you're thinking I've aged a bit, don't worry – this is Gordon, a Word Alive stewarding veteran – one of the many team members; a joy for me to be a part of.



This fab bunch is the incoming UoB CU Committee. From left to right: Jodie, Rachel, Cameron, Hannah, Adam, Molly, Josh, Matty, Matt, Sophia and Laura.



It's the first CU meeting of the new term: 27<sup>th</sup> April. The new president, Adam, is sharing his vision of CU – to be a community that: Equips, Engages and Explores.

...This is done through training CU members to live and speak for Jesus, finding innovative ways to interact with students on campus, offering them a chance to meet Jesus.



## Things coming up...

### 6<sup>th</sup> May: Growing Leaders



This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 training days we offer for CU leaders from across the Midlands. The previous days were spent working through holiness and biblical evangelism. This final training day will be spent thinking about worldviews and culture.

### Study: Galatians

This term I will be spending time grappling with Paul's letter to the Galatians. It is certainly akin to mining – hard work but with rich rewards!



### International Ministry Resources:

We will spend some time considering and planning future resources to employ within our international ministry.

### Please pray for:

- The above!
- A heart filled with joy in the knowledge that I am in Christ.
- New committee – leading the CU.
- That I may finish my time on Relay well – in a way that glorifies the Lord.
- Future – job applications and opportunities

### Prayers: