

Autumn 2005

Hello,

I hope that you have been well since I last wrote to you. I've been very excited to hear from some of you. It's great knowing what I can pray for and what's going on in various places.

As you will see, attached to this is a prayer letter. This introduces the team, some of whom work on the gap year and others who join us for the Connect training course (Jeff, Josh, Robert and Stella). Everyone has added prayer points, so please do pray for them.

Our timetables are pretty full and preparation is a big part of Youth Work. The work environment at Glenwood is top standard but they also have a laugh in most situations. Paul Francis is a very determined leader with a happy, optimistic character. There is a lot of love, grace and support for us. Everyone's timetable also includes four hours of administration, a meeting with a chosen mentor and time to do course work.

Part of my week is spent in the Rhondda Valley working in Porth Community School. Ruth M and I spend Friday's there planning, and after half term we will be helping at CU and running an after school club. It's going to be hard work, but we know God is behind us.

Personally, I have started to settle in and make friendships, not just in the team but also in the Church. I fully believe that God has tailored this year for me and wants me to get the most out of it. I'm looking forward to growing this year and working through the challenges that God has set before me.

Please carry on praying for me, I have seen God answer prayers already this year! I pray that God will bless you in the next term and continue to answer your own prayers.

In Christ,

Karen

📧 Points for thanks

- Continuing good relationships with team members, Connect courses and those who work at Glenwood Church
- That the team got given a car!
- That I had enough money to pay for the first term through generous donations.
- I feel I have followed God in making this decision. I'm very happy here in Cardiff.

📧 Points for general prayer

- The different events I take part in, which include children's and youth work.
- Please pray for Emma who is our team leader, and John who is the youth worker as they balance work and their first year of married life.
- The team needs to be continually challenged to live for God and set an example to the young people.
- For Rachel, Esther, John, Emma and myself as we take part in Oasis Esteem training for teaching Sexual Health in Schools. It's a great opportunity.
- For safety as we travel around. Cardiff has a lot of crime and drinking problems, but God still loves every single person.
- The Rhondda Valley in South Wales has the highest teenage pregnancy and the lowest self esteem. Please join in the prayers of 5,000 people from Cardiff to Tanzania, the answer is simply GOD.

"So... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God"
1 Corinthians 10 v 31