

# Connecting People Autumn 2005

## Paul Francis (Glenwood Church)



It's autumn so it must be the start of the gap year programme! Once again it is a privilege to host the 'Connect' training in Glenwood and it is so good to see so many keen 'students' gather together every Thursday for their discipleship module. Connect are investing so much into these people and I would ask that you continue to pray for the leaders as they pour themselves into the students lives. Thank God for the impact that these students are and will be making

## Jeff Daniel



Being here in Wales has been a wonderful experience so far and I'm excited to see what God has in store for me in this Connect programme and also in the churches of Cardiff. Could you please pray for the ministries going on at Tredegarville Baptist Church, especially the outreach into the Muslim community. Many Islamic men come to the men's recreation during the week and there are 3 young Muslim boys who regularly come to the Wednesday night youth meetings. Thank you so much for keeping me and the work God is doing here in your prayers.

## Joshua Boston



Prayer Requests:

1. Prayer for the situation with Morgan. One of our fellow Americans, Morgan Shearn, has been repeatedly denied a visa to come here. Pray that the interviewers will have understanding, and that God would lead Morgan to the right answers to the questions they ask.
2. Praise for the welcoming reception. The various people we've interacted with have been very welcoming and extremely understanding. Praise the Lord for

allowing us to have such a good foundation here in Wales.

3. Prayer for the ministry at Butetown, especially the survey programme. The Church of God in Butetown is starting a survey program in order to assess the needs of the community surrounding the church. Pray that the programme will go smoothly, and that the church will be able to help in assisting the various families around according to their needs.

4. Prayer for our families back home. Our financial and spiritual bases may be slightly worried about those of us who are so far away from home. Pray that they will have increased trust and patience as we work here.

## Karen Fisher



So far, moving to Cardiff and finding my way round has been a relatively good experience. I thank God as I walk and drive (yes, the team has a car, a definite answer to prayer) around a city that is coming slowly more familiar. - I am really getting to know the team around me and those on the Connect course. Lots of thanks to God as we are getting on so well already.

Other prayer points include:

1. Praying for the team as they decide which tasks and groups we are going to take on for the year.
2. Where God wants us the most and how he can use us through those placements.
3. Prayer that God will continue to bless the relationships that are being formed in this first term.
4. And finally that I grow with God throughout this year and discover more of the plan he has for me.



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**Nicholas Heavyside**



showing them they can have a good future through trusting in God.

Hi everyone! I'm Nick I have lived all my life in Cardiff. I'm 22 and have just finished a degree in accounting and management. I also play rugby and like to keep fit. At the moment I am looking forward to learning more about youth work through the course and also working with people from Glenwood Church. I really feel God has called me to do youth work, and so this year I want God to show me the way He wants me to do it. My vision is to see kids from the local estate have the best chance they can have in their life through changing their outlook, and

**Rachel Drury**



Hi everyone! Well, I'm just beginning on my gap year with Going Public. Everything is going by in a bit of a blur at the moment but I'm really excited about what's ahead. Glenwood Church (the church that GP's based in) seems to have some really awesome things going on and I'm really looking forward to getting involved! It would be great if you could all pray that I settle in quickly and that God would be preparing my heart for the challenges ahead. Hope that you are all well, God bless, Rachel xxx

**Robert Litton**



Hello All. Right now, my biggest prayer need is for protection. As foreign missionaries, us American students are on the front lines of spiritual warfare. We are being attacked spiritually and need your prayers for protection. Also pray that we will become more and more like Christ. In order to pour our lives in to our youth, we have to have to continually be filled with the Spirit. Pray that we will be open to this process all for the glory of God. Thanks in advance for all of your prayers, they are much appreciated!!

**Ruth Davies**



God has put me in Cardiff for this year but I trust that He knows what's best for me and that He will teach me and use me for His glory. Thanks

In July 2005 I graduated from a Swansea with a degree in Graphic Design. During this time I've been a wedding photographer, a missionary in Kenya, prayed in Malta, had church in Trafalgar Square, killed 2 small fish, been kick boxing with my mum, learnt how to surf and learnt how to knit. I wanted to go somewhere exciting for a gap year, have an adventure, do something fun. So went to Cardiff. I've been here 2 weeks and I'm still getting myself settled and doing my best to remember a lot of new names. I'm excited about the plans God has for me this year and am looking forward to getting stuck into them. I don't know why

**Ruth McAdam**



network of support the team has. Thank you for your prayers.

Hiya! Just to say a little about myself: I'm 18; I live in Aberdare (although originally from Liverpool) and I have just completed my A Levels in Chemistry, English and Maths. I am really looking forward to learning with the Connect course, getting to know God more and serving within the church and community here at Glenwood. At present I am unsure what particular ministries I should be involved with this year. Please pray that I would know and be willing to work in the areas God wants me to work in. Also pray that the relationships we have already begun to form will be productive and bless God. I am so thankful for the

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## Stella Pierce



Hello! I have only been in Wales for 3 weeks now, and already I've fallen in love with this country. I love it here. Please pray for God to reveal to me whether I should be here the full ten months, and that my eyes and heart would be open to see the answer. Please lift up each of the students and teachers working with this programme. Please pray for Grangetown Baptist Church as they begin building a youth programme in their church. Pray that church members would be willing to follow God's call in leading this ministry before we go home to the States. Pray for our family and friends that had to let us go. Thank you for all your prayers.

May God bless you for the covering of pray you cover us in!

## Matthew Jones



Hi there! I've been in Cardiff for two weeks now! Before that, I spent the last 19 years of my life in Rhyl, North Wales. I attended the local High School where I stayed through to complete my A levels. Half way through school, I left my parents' family church to join a Baptist church with a youth group for my age. I always went to church, however I didn't tell anyone about my faith. I left school with a disappointing result, and I had no idea what to do! During that summer, Andy Hughes the director of Wales Crusaders came to me and offered me a GAP year with him (we attended the same church). I decided to do it, realising I'd still have the comfort of living at home and attending my church, as well as doing many other things with him. So last year I grew HUGELY spiritually, independently and in maturity. I went to many different places! I met many different people and woke up to the life of this world and God's passion for it! I went from cowering in the corner of youth groups silenced; to co-leading them across groups all over Wales including school assemblies and youth camps. Indeed my interest and passion for youth of today and people in general has blossomed thanks to God's love. I now find myself 150 miles away (something thought impossible 12 months ago)! My aims for this year are to continue growing for Jesus, and to keep pushing to see....what will happen! I am based in Glenwood Church Centre, and will be working with youth groups here as well as in another local church, hopefully also getting involved with school assemblies. At the moment, I want to go into Youth Ministry full time and I thank God for my passion for it and willingness to learn. However in doing this year, I pray that God will use me to reach out, that I learn as much as I can, and to make it clear what my next step is for the following year. Blessings,

## Rob Burns (Connect Director)



As another set of Connect students begin their time with us my prayer is that they will be challenged and inspired by the academic input, diligent and teachable in their placements and open and vulnerable with their mentors. We love them already and we know that God does too!

