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Prayer Letter

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Surbya 2: Return of the Brits

Reflecting UCCF's value of 'Generous in World Mission', we're off to partner with the Serbian CU movement (EUS) again this summer by taking a team of London CU students to help lead their English language outreach camp. Quite apart from the fact that I get to spend a solid two weeks with a lovely team, there are many reasons why this is so valuable:

- ✓ Giving ±10 students their first taste of international mission is so valuable; we pray that some of these may go on to serve abroad in years to come.
- ✓ There's something especially encouraging about seeing the same Holy Spirit drawing completely different people from the other side of world to know and love the same Jesus.
- ✓ As we partner with EUS, it's both wonderful to be an encouragement to them and to see a glimpse of what they are doing in Serbia long term.
- ✓ The Serbians make nice kebabs.
- ✓ Spending at least an hour a day reading the Bible and praying with the British team out there helps to really cement good convictions.
- ✓ It is humbling to see how the movement faces their challenges, which are very different from our own; nominal Christianity, unemployment, lack of resources in the church etc.

Perhaps this is why all six of my guys who went on UCCF Summer Teams last summer have been exceptional leaders in the CU this year.

Pray for our team

Patrick (leader)- A half Serbian graduate of Bath CU

Danielle (leader)- CUSW in SW London

Sam- Medicine at St George's

Emily S- Medicine at St George's

Emily G- History at Royal Holloway

Christian- History at Royal Holloway

Simone- Geology at Royal Holloway

Katie- History at Queen Mary's

Edmund- Business at Roehampton

Saffron- Dance at Kingston



The new Serbian crew
(yes, the guy at the back is 6ft7)

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Coming soon...

As the end of term looms for all three of my universities, the summer is used to prepare well for the coming months.

June

- 6- Training Alice and Lizzy, next year Relay Workers from RHCUC.
- 7- End of year supervision.
- 8- RHCUC evangelistic ceilidh.
- 9- UWL committee planning day.
- 11- Preaching at St Mike's, Fulwell.
- 14- Final student worker prayer breakfast at Holloway.
- 21- End of year supervisions with my Relay Workers Esther and Joe.
- 22-23- End of year team days-training on 'Creation and Fall'.
- 26 June- 7 July- Annual Leave.

July

- 18-28- In Serbia.
- 29-5 August- Speaking at Discovery camp in Dorset.



Job news

I have loved the last three years working with UCCF, benefiting from the opportunities and wisdom built up over a century of reaching out to Britain's universities and walking alongside a whole bunch of students in the Midlands and London. So, it is with great delight that I can share that, having accepted a role as **Assistant Team Leader** for London, I shall be staying with UCCF for a few more years.

Primarily, my new role will see me staying in my current patch for at least a further three years, whilst adding a little more responsibility within the London-wide team. Seeing SW London as having particular opportunities and challenges compared to the rest of the capital, I'm excited to continue investing in this corner of the world.

The role will not be without its challenges however. I already find it tricky to manage the staggering need at each of my universities and now I need to be wise to make room to supervise other team members, organise a handful of training days and to assist with some other London-wide projects. What's more, Natasha 'Mother Russia' Rayan is stepping down as Team Leader this summer after a decade or so of serving the CU movements in Siberia, St Petersburg and London, moving to be the Missions Director at All Souls, Langham Place. She will be greatly missed and I'd appreciate your prayers as UCCF looks to appoint a successor!

The best thing about this news is that RHCUC recently presented me with the award '*Least Likely to Ever Get a Promotion.*' Take that, you sods.

I'm still a way off raising my full salary costs for UCCF. If you'd like to support this work financially, that would be much appreciated- please get in touch!

Prayer points

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way...

Paul, Colossians 1

What a great prayer! This term, please pray this for:

- **Tasha**- as she finishes as UCCF London Team Leader.
- **The Serbian team**- as they prepare to head out to the Balkans in July.
- **EUS**- the students, staff and supporters of the Serbian CU movement.
- **My students**- especially those who are heading back to difficult family homes this summer.
- **Myself and Lois**- as I prepare for my new role and as we continue to be plugged into church and life in London.