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Dear Friends and Family,

I want to thank you once again for all of your love, support, and prayers while I was overseas in Wales (Cymru) this summer. Diolch yn fawr for everything! (Welsh for "Thank you very much!") This has been, by far, the most amazing and transforming summer of my life. There were hard times, but I could feel your prayers supporting me every step of the way.

I left for this trip not really knowing what to expect, ministry-wise. The week we arrived, we had orientation, where we learned about the culture and how to speak a little Welsh. After that, I was on a team with two other girls, and we travelled around Wales for seven weeks, moving each week to help out a different person or church/area. Our activities for the week varied, but most of them involved working with children and youth. We did many holiday clubs, which is the UK equivalent of Vacation Bible School. We did skits in elementary schools, and shared our testimonies in high school religion classes. We also helped with community activities and football (soccer) tournaments that were organized by Christian youth workers. My favorite activity was when we helped with a youth camp at the Coleg y Bala in Bala, North Wales. The Coleg used to be a seminary, but now it is used mostly for youth and kids camps and retreats.

The situation in Wales is dire. I know you probably have plenty of things to pray for, but I humbly ask you to keep Wales in your prayers and on your heart. There is a huge need there for Welsh-speaking workers. So many Welsh chapels are dying, and though I met many amazing Christians, they are overworked and badly in need of encouragement. It can be so discouraging for Christians in Wales because they are so completely surrounded by materialism and by teachings of works-based salvation. The people they are trying to reach are so blinded by worldly and material things that they see very little results of their labor, and it is so easy for them to become discouraged and think that the seeds they have sown will come to nothing. Please pray for their encouragement (1 Cor. 15:58), and pray for more workers!!

Originally, I was supposed to return to America on the 6th of August, but God opened the doors for me to be able to stay for a Christian conference for 15-25 year olds held at the Coleg y Bala called "Souled Out." As a visitor and foreigner, I came into Souled Out not really knowing what to expect, but even if my expectations had

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been enormous, they would have been exceeded. I was blown away by the heartfelt worship, gospel-driven messages, and welcoming, warm-hearted people. God was powerfully present in everything, and I am so grateful to have been able to take part. Through this one week, God has completely re-aligned my life, and I wouldn't trade it for the world. I am so incredibly grateful that He worked it out so perfectly for me to be able to stay!

It's funny because I came to Wales feeling called to the United Kingdom, but wanting to be ultimately called to England. God has radically transformed my heart, and has placed upon it a huge burden for, specifically, Welsh-speaking North Wales. The need there is so great, though it may not be obvious at first to a visitor. By spending so many weeks there, the spiritual desolation and battles were obvious and prevalent in everything.

God is so amazing! My last day in Wales, I was offered a position as a gap year worker at the Coleg y Bala when I finish university. So, dwi'n mynd i dysgu siarad Cymraeg (I am going to learn to speak Welsh!), and I will be moving to Wales in January of 2012 if it's the Lord's will! I couldn't be more excited - I feel so blessed to be able to take part in the Lord's work over there!

Dwi'n caru ti. Diolch yn fawr! (I love you. Thank you so much!) Please continue to pray for me!

Only by His grace,
Megan Cash

For I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4: 11b-13