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# Grace Review

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## Greetings from the Grace's...

Well Semester two has all but wrapped up, with just a few students still finishing their exams. Thursday this week we leave for Philip Island, beginning our summer project as we reach out to Schoolies, more about that over the page.

In our last newsletter we shared that Joshua has been afraid of the dark, making it difficult for him to go to sleep, and if he wakes up in the night, he only wants to sleep in our bed. We decided to move Amelia into his room, and the results were immediate. Joshua is now "brave for Amelia", he goes to sleep quickly and doesn't seem to be afraid much at all. Amelia is still adjusting though. Amelia has been talking much more, still just single words like "more", "door", "mummy", "daddy", "ta" etc, but it is always exciting when she says a new word.

## 2011 Student Testimonies

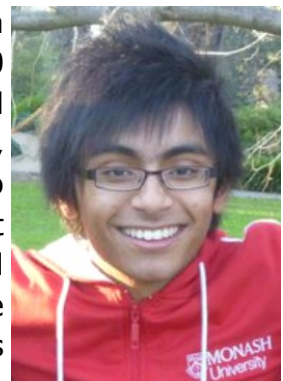


Having spent almost the entire year with Student Life, I've found that I'm a much more mature person spiritually and mentally. I remember at the beginning of the year (when I was a 'seeker') I thought I knew so much regarding theology, philosophy and other topics; I would spend most of my time discussing these matters with others. Honestly, my main motivation during these discussions was not to help others, but to appear intelligent.

This habit followed me to the V20 conference where I met plenty of other Christians to discuss theological matters with. After many personal revelations and signs, I accepted Christ into my life whilst at the conference; however, this issue of pride didn't disappear. Spending time with other Student Lifers during bible studies and prayer triplets really helped me to work through my issues in being a young Christian. I can say that without being able to see these guys on a weekly basis, my growth would have been severely stunted. If I had to sum up my experiences this year... Philippians 3:8 says it all. - Jun

*"I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of Knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him."  
Philippians 3:8*

Student Life this year has been fantastic in so many ways for me as a follower of Christ. However one that particularly stood out was the V20 Conference in New Zealand, where ~600 students from across the world gathered to be empowered to reach our generation for Christ. Personally, V20 was rejuvenating, as God used the messages, worship and community to show to me a little bit of what He intends His church to be on Earth; a vibrant bunch of people who are sold out for the gospel of Jesus Christ and who find fulfilment in praising our King. God used this time to reignite a passion in me to know Him deeper, to wrestle with Him and to press into Him to see His vision for my life, as part of His greater cause, realised. - Josh



## Summer Project, 17 Nov - 2 Dec

As we mentioned, our Summer Project to Phillip Island is running over the next couple of weeks. The main difference this year is that the project is mostly student run. One of our student leaders, Reuben, has agreed to lead the project and has been working on this for the last few months. This year we will be aiming to train our students in evangelism by engaging in spiritual conversations with as many schoolies as we can. We will have a team of 28 students and four missionaries in total. Please be praying for boldness to share, many people to share with, and that the conversations would be life changing. We've included a daily prayer guide.

We are really excited that one student attending this year is a new Christian, who came to faith after coming to the Open Friends day at last years' summer project. Praise God for His continued work!!

### Looking ahead...

After wrapping up things post project, we will get some holiday time over Christmas. Then Michael will be taking part in an intensive week of theological study early January. This is an exciting opportunity, as it will be accredited too. Michael will have to complete an assignment and a test all before campus commitments get underway in February. We also have a CCCA staff conference in January for a week in Queensland. So we are really looking forward to a few weeks off before the business of the new year is upon us!

## Summer Project Prayer Points

- 17th Nov** - Pray for leaders, for team unity and bonding
- 18th** - Pray for the evangelism training, that student will get it
- 19th** - First ministry sessions today; Beach (arvo), Pub (evening), Streets (night)
- 20th** - Pray that students will be bold in approaching Schoolies and using their training
- 21st** - Pray that our students will not be discouraged by bad experiences, but grow through them
- 22nd** - Pray that we would be walking closely with God
- 23rd** - Pray for fruitful times on the beach during afternoon ministry
- 24th** - Pray for openness in Schoolies during our evening ministry
- 25th** - Pray for God to be working during our late night ministry
- 26th** - Pray for Reuben and Tom as they lead project without missionaries for a couple of days
- 27th** - Open friends day; pray students will be intentional in sharing Jesus with their friends
- 28th** - Personal Retreat day; pray that God would refresh and sustain us all
- 29th** - Pray for good relationships with those in the community of Cowes
- 30th** - Pray for ongoing friendships with Schoolies
- 1st Dec** - Pray that people would come to know CHRIST!!
- 2nd Dec** - Praise God for our time and pray for safe travels

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