



## 267 – An Interns Perspective!

Hello. I am Benjamin Graf and I am from Switzerland, and I am working for 267 as an intern as you learnt from the last 267 Newsletter.

When I arrived (soon it is two months ago) I knew the faces of the team because I visited in August in advance of my internship, but to be honest – I didn't had much of an idea what the project really is about.

Luckily, I could quickly get some interesting impressions of my new work: we had to move a thousand chairs in the cathedral of St. Albans for the LIVE Youth Event. Afterwards we went to Pudding Stop and Mike could introduce me to custard – which I had never tried before and liked very much. Linking those two parts of my first evening you can see what was the making of one of Mike's new favourite anecdotes.

What followed then were some very exciting and varied weeks! I've been at Youth & Children's Worker breakfasts, I've sometimes struggled to link all the new names to the new faces, I've taken part in a worship band for the first time in my life playing at Fuel St Albans, I've been thinking about how to keep the balance between fun and discipline in youth activities and also spending quality time with other great Youth and Children workers at the CORE conference in Welwyn Garden City.

Overall, I can say that God is sending me into an intensive time of experiences that are often added to terms like "first time", "never did that before" or "didn't think I will be doing that". But – I LOVE IT and God definitely is journeying with me.

For me, 267 as an organisation and also very much the 267 team, itself are a real blessing. What draws me to the project is how personal and how direct it works, how also my personal faith is influenced by Mike, Claire and Tracy. Talking to a bunch of young 267 people is the best testimony of how influential and important the project can become for young Christians – seeing the faces of those young adults telling about their best 267 memories, about House-parties, Fuel Events etc. was very inspiring. Yet, already children can take part in 267! One of my favourite memories so far, was a little boy at Xsite Harpenden who in the middle of a small group-bible activity said "I wish, Xsite would never end!"

- so encouraging for me as part of the team to hear that and to be able to serve God in this way.

But the best is hopefully yet to come and I am really looking forward to getting to know more and more people of the 267 family.



## Thanks...

- It is clear that so many people are praying for us and donating to support our ministry. Thank you so much
- Our Fundraising Quiz Night was lots of fun and 60 people attended, we will let you know what was raised soon. thank you all for coming and supporting the event
- In half term we took away 12 young leaders who are part of FUEL Team. We went to Oxford for around 24 hours and had a whole range of adventures, bonding and team building. Give thanks for these courageous young Christians and pray for wisdom for us to know who best to journey with them



*The FUEL Team 24 Hours  
Leadership Adventure in Oxford*



- God has blessed us with a couple of churches joining our Partnership, we pray that we will be able to serve them well and encourage their youth and children's ministry
- We also gives thanks for a few financial gifts from individual donors this past month. I continue to be humbled by the generosity of our supporters. Thank you
- Thank you God for our team, Tracy and Claire, Ben our intern, and all the trustees who give so much time and insight into the ministry. We also gives thanks for Anne, a new trustee, who joined our 267 family this term
- At the beginning of October we had our second 'Core Conference'. It was a really encouraging time and we give thanks for conversations of depth and significance as well a really joyful atmosphere
- Give thanks for new connections being made with youth leaders and children's leaders

## Please...

- It is our 'Year of Boldness'. Pray for us as we begin a journey towards a 'mission at home' next year. Pray as we plan FUEL sessions to disciple and prepare us all. Pray that all the resources we need for this event are provided
- We have 'planted' 'More?' Cafe into Welwyn Garden City and the 2nd series begins on Wednesday 23rd November. Pray for word to spread and for it to be as significant as the St Albans events
- Pray for all those booking into our New Years Houseparty and all those thinking about it. The Houseparty has been such a significant time for our young people and we want this to continue
- Pray for Hannah, one of our FUEL Team, who is preaching for the first time at our FUEL event in November
- We are meeting with a few individual youth and children's workers this month to support them and their ministry. Pray for Claire and Mike as they listen and think through how best to support and encourage
- Pray for Jez, youth leader at Markyate Baptist, who is leaving after serving them for almost 10 years. Pray for him as he seeks where God might be taking him next
- Pray for Mike and Ben as we serve Christ Church St Albans on their 'church weekend at home'
- We are really praying that God will speak to us about where we need to be with our 267 office. With the growth of our team and in the people that want to meet us we are finding our current space is not quite 'fit for purpose' and we would like a home we can grow into

### Some scripture that is encouraging us at the moment:

Psalm 46:1-3 – 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging'



# Diary

- Tuesday 1st November – TTS, theme is 'young people, phones and social media!' 7.45pm at High St Methodist Church, Harpenden
  - Thursday 3rd November – 267 Breakfast at St Helen's Wheathampstead Rectory, 9.30am
  - Friday 4th November – Mike meeting Simon Carver of Dagnall Street Baptist Church
  - Friday 4th November – Mike meeting Em Coley of St Leonards Church
  - Monday 7th November – Ben joins the intern team at St Paul's for teaching
  - Monday 7th November – Mike is joining the Youth Steering team at Christ Church Baptist Welwyn Garden City
  - Thursday 10th November – Claire and Mike meeting Connie a youth leader from Berkhamstead
  - Friday 11th November – Mike and Ben helping lead at Christ Church St Albans church weekend at home
  - Monday 14th November – Ben joins the intern team at St Paul's for teaching
  - Tuesday 15th November – 267 Trustees meeting
  - Wednesday 16th November – FUEL Team, 4.30pm-8.00pm at High St Methodist Church
  - Sunday 20th November – Mike visiting Christ Church Baptist WGC youth group to talk about our new 'More?' Cafe in Welwyn Garden City
  - Monday 21st November – Ben joins the intern team at St Paul's for teaching
  - Wednesday 23rd November – 'More?' Cafe WGC begins. 7pm-9pm at Campus West
  - Sunday 27th November – FUEL in St Albans 7pm-9pm at Christ Church
  - Monday 28th November – Ben joins the intern team at St Paul's for teaching
  - Wednesday 30th November – 'MORE?' Cafe WGC begins. 7pm-9pm at Campus West
  - Thursday 1st December – 267 Breakfast (venue tbc)
  - Friday 2nd December – 267 Team Christmas meal
  - Monday 5th December – Ben joins the intern team at St Paul's for teaching
  - Sunday 11th December – FUEL Utd at The Oval Harpenden. 7pm-9pm
  - Monday 12th December – Ben joins the intern team at St Paul's for teaching
- Friday 30th December – Monday 2nd January – New Years Houseparty**

## Some important dates for next term...

- Saturday 21st January 2017 – Fundraising Wine and Cheese evening at The Oval, Harpenden
- 10th-12th February 2017 – Weekend Away for school years 3,4&5
- 19th-21st May 2017 – Weekend Away for school years 6&7

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