

Tim McCallan @ Word of Life Bible Centre
May 2009 Prayer Letter



Hey everybody.

I hope everyone is good and blessed! Everyone is blessed whether you think it or not, but the real blessing is recognising that you are blessed, AMEN!

I'm pretty sure this is going to be my last update from Livets Ord Bible School. I have just under two weeks of studies left but the chances of getting to a computer in this very busy time is going to be a difficult task.

I want to start by thanking everyone who took part in my being here by supporting in finances, other blessings and especially prayers. Actually I will boast a little of how good God is. Sometimes we say God is good as an automatic retort, like an answer machine greeting but I am actually so encouraged even by my own testimony being here.

When I was considering Bible School in the early/mid summer of 2007, I really felt God's support. I had never felt God close before. Many things stood in my way that in the natural would have made it very difficult to come here. I could list them but I can promise you it would take ages. You'll just have to settle for that it looked quite impossible. Two of the major factors were finances and some influential people who stood against me coming here. All

throughout this though, I could feel God so close. It was like even just contemplating Bible School brought me so much freedom in God, which looking back now I understand to be the beginning of a process of spiritual growth. I don't know why I'm putting this on here but I feel that some people may need to hear this as testimonies are at least one personal proof of God working in our lives. When I finally made my decision to go in the midst of all the things that were trying hard to hold me back, I got a picture of my path ahead. The picture was literally just a path, with all these obstacles on it and God's hands coming down between them and pushing them all aside. As far as I remember this was when I began to feel the freedom I spoke of earlier.

Anyway to cut a long story short I have been at Bible School, in a foreign country for two years with no job, no income nothing like that at all. But I knew that God told me that He would provide. Many people gave very generously, it has to be said, many many blessings and I am so grateful for that. But until last Monday I owed the Bible School I think around 8500sek (£850) in fees. Was I worried a bit, more frustrated, but God is bigger than my frustrations! The Bible School office came to me that Monday and said someone had paid my fee, all of it! Not many people knew my financial situation, I never advertised it,

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but God knew. I can sit here and write this to you honestly, that I have lived and studied two years in a foreign country and I don't owe anyone a single penny! Take this as encouragement! I'm burning with passion on the inside now for this! When God gives a plan, He pays for it! When I started 2nd year I returned to Sweden with the equivalent of £20! That's not a typo! I'll say it again, TWENTY POUNDS! I love Jesus so much. He gives us the adventure and picks up the tab! I don't believe that I personally would have received the faith that I have now if staying at home for the past two years, or studying somewhere else. You might ask "How can you say that Tim?", well I'm glad you asked me that question. I believe the best way to go through life is to believe that that particular way God is leading you is the only way and that there is no other way. Otherwise you will speculate and doubt and fill the head with all sorts of thoughts that God has already had to deal with, to get you to where you are now. You might even say, "What you just said is so basic Tim", that's good, it's easy to understand then.

All I'm saying is that I have the proof that when God's in it, you will win it! You will overcome! Faith overcomes the world, all circumstances. The economic crisis has hit the world hard this past 6 months or more, yet this simple little Irish guy survived in a foreign nation and hasn't missed a meal, a bill too late or missed out on any fun that's been happening. I haven't had to involuntarily fast or be a social recluse! I even went to Russia on a mission trip! "Oh now he's gone too far, he's just bragging now!" Yes I am, because my God is good. And this is what I want to bring to you now. You've heard it so many times, said it so many times, but God is GOOD!

This is just one testimony about material blessings. I have so much more I could say

about many other things! God has been working in my heart OVERTIME. You don't understand how much you need clarity in the Word of God until you have finished two years of Bible School, I tell you! And this is just the beginning! I look forward to my life with God and the Holy Spirit's leading. I know God has good things planned for our beautiful little Ireland and for all the saints there. I look forward to seeing how much He will touch lives and bring revivals. I don't know why I'm saying all this but I feel it strong on my heart.

Right, now to the other purpose of my update, lol! Just to give you a quick glimpse into the remainder of my time here. There are at least 3 tests if I remember correctly and we graduate on Thursday 28th May. It's going to be quite sad actually. Friendships, many of them very close, have been built here over these two years. I will miss them very much! But I am so excited to get home to my girlfriend Laura.

Some prayer requests please:

- 1) Pray that it will be easier to leave all the brothers and sisters that I have made here.
- 2) Pray that all of us at Bible School will move on in boldness and that God will speak to everyone concerning the next steps.
- 3) I will need to get a job or something else that God can lead me into and a place to stay when I return so please pray for that, it's quite important.
- 4) When I get home, in order to get established pray that I will get temporary residence somewhere until I can get things sorted.

Thank you all so much. I have felt every prayer while being here and I appreciate you all so much and I can't wait to see you all again and catch up.
God bless you all.