

## What Lucy did next—one alumna's story

Lucy Marskell has come a long way from her Graduation with us in 2012. Here she describes the "non-stop adventure" God has taken her on.



Lucy interviews the Bishop of Baghdad for Wycliffe's YouTube channel

I've had a variety of jobs from working with students in London, presenting different radio shows, and designing the website for an estate agent to working in the advertising department of my local newspaper. Throughout my time in the media world, God has placed me next to colleagues who, to my surprise, enjoyed having fascinating conversations about the supernatural!



Lucy (right) on Graduation Day

If it wasn't for my time at The Light Project, where we had the chance to visit a New Age festival, I wouldn't have been as equipped to love the person in front of me - to love the person like Jesus did. Looking back now, I am really thankful we had the opportunity to explore people's deeper hunger for spirituality because there is a huge need to reach people where they're at - which is what The Light Project is all about.

As I write, I am preparing to join in with an outreach team at London's New Age festival. In previous years we have seen people encounter Jesus for the first time and discover real life in all its fullness - what a privilege that is! I don't think I would have had the courage to venture outside of my comfort zone if it hadn't been for the 'dare to share' boldness I saw demonstrated in Chester. I guess it's not something I was taught - it's something I caught so thank you for igniting that.

I now head up the digital media department for a charity called Wycliffe Bible Translators. As well as running community literacy and trauma healing programmes, the charity is on a mission to translate the Bible into every language in the world.



Visiting the Mind, Body, Spirit Festival in 2010

My day normally consists of being sent stories of what God is doing throughout the projects and I have to figure out how best to communicate that to our supporters for fundraising and events. I can tell you now, I never expected to be where I am but I am thankful for how God has used what I learnt at The Light Project to equip me for this season of my life. To echo Paul: "God can do anything, you know — far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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## "A year like no other"!



The first Residential weekend

"This year will be like no other", said Co-leader Glyn Jones, after the Induction and first Residential. He goes on to explain:

We began academic year 2018-19 with 33 students on the Foundation Degree of Arts in Theology, Mission and Evangelism. They've joined us from every corner of the country, and this year's cohort is more varied in age and background than any we've had before. This speaks to us of new things, and new ways of being good news in this generation and the next.

The Light Project (Registered charity no. 1084941) is a diverse group of people with a big heart to let others have a real experience of Jesus. We train people to share the good news through the University of Chester-accredited Foundation Degree in Theology, Mission and Evangelism, and we work with churches and other groups on a variety of creative outreach projects. We'd love to hear from you—our contact details are on page 2.

Our students are setting out both to grow in their faith as disciples and also to share their call to bring good news to the places where they live and work. Evangelism is set to be more varied and multi-faceted than we've ever seen it at the Light Project, so we as a team are looking to broaden our horizons in response to what God is doing.



Students gather in the University Chapel

We began the year at Foxhill for induction, then headed straight into our first residential teaching weekend. Here we saw God move in powerful ways and the Spirit confirmed some of the calls that He has placed on people's hearts. Lectures, worship, food, games and practical activities all featured.

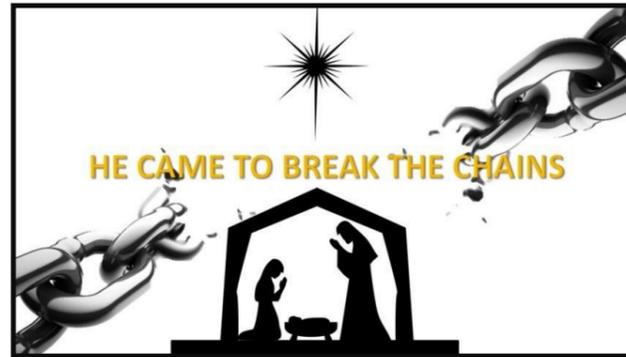
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## “A year like no other” (cont. from p.1)

Here's how some of the students described our time together:

- *Such a special few days!*
- *the joy of dancing together as Light Project brothers and sisters to the rhythm of God's tune for our lives.....*
- *...a joy to meet you all over the last few days and go deeper with Jesus...I'm full of praise to God for his abundant goodness and generosity...*

While returning students are getting to grips with Paul's letters, the starting students have been tasked with communicating the good news in novel ways, including creating Christmas cards, like the one below:



## Congratulations are in order...



Bishop Peter presents Tricia's award

...for student Tricia Poole, who completed the Foundations for Ministry course just before starting her studies with The Light Project. She says, "It's an interesting crossover, as one road is completed and another starts! Foundations for Ministry set me on a course that led me to The Light Project. I wouldn't have believed twelve months ago when I started it that I'd be doing what I am now! What a mysterious God we have!"

To find out more about anything mentioned in this issue, contact us by phone: 01244 400221 or mail: The Light Project, Abbey House, Abbey Green, Chester, CH1 2JH, or email: [office@lightproject.org.uk](mailto:office@lightproject.org.uk). Do get in touch!

...and for graduate-turned-staff-member Mel Turner, who was married to Rich Lally on Saturday 27 October at 1pm in Charles Rennie Mackintosh Church, Glasgow. Our love and prayers go with them!



The new Mr. and Mrs. Lally

### Hold the date!

The first of our Open Days for academic year 2019-20 will be on

30 January 2019

from 1-4pm

at The Light Project, Abbey House, Abbey Green, Chester, CH1 2JH.

If you think God might be calling you, or someone you know, to come and study with us, please

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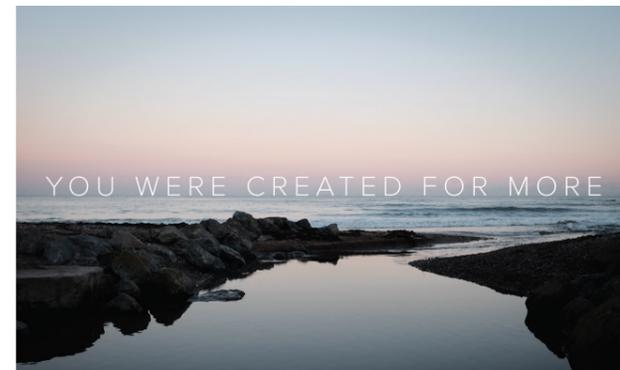
## A 'new thing' springs forth

We're very excited about a new initiative starting up with the aim of enabling communities to multiply disciples and release pioneers. Gaz Thomas will be heading this up - here's what he says about it:

The Light Collective is essentially a co-operative of evangelists and pioneers (both individuals and groups) who are seeking to find fresh and creative ways of sharing the gospel in the 21st century. Our official launch is in mid-November.

Although The Light Project will facilitate

### Looking forward, looking back: Created for More



Recent graduate Amy Bilson's student project has grown into something much bigger, as she explains...

As a result of an assignment last year I started a blog to engage those who don't know Jesus and who use the internet as a source to 'search for more'. I called it 'Created for More'.

In September this year I relaunched the blog and it now has a full website with four different streams: one engaging those who aren't Christians, one for those living out their faith in the every day, one explaining how we can make worship a lifestyle, and one specifically for youth, which talks about how young people can know and live out their God-given purpose. See [www.createdformore.co.uk](http://www.createdformore.co.uk)

and enable The Light Collective, it is really a group which exists for, and will be shaped by, its members. There will be opportunities to gather, pray, share wisdom, stories and resources, and times when those who are looking to pioneer new things can come together and work out how to move from vision to reality.

Please pray, for The Light Collective as it gets off the ground, and do please get in touch if you'd like to know more - contact [gaz.thomas@lightproject.org.uk](mailto:gaz.thomas@lightproject.org.uk)

### Additional support for our students

We are delighted to welcome Pam Webb, who will be working alongside Mel on student support. We're sure they'll both have her hands full with our bumper crop this year!



Pam Webb

Apologies for the lack of a Summer 2018 Newsletter! Tonya Chirgwin, who puts our newsletters together, has been off work with a broken ankle, but is now back on the case.