

It's been a very long time since we sent you a newsletter, so to make up for it, we're sending you a lovely long one this time! Make yourself a cup of tea, settle down in a comfortable place and make sure you keep reading to the very end because most of the team has contributed this time, and every contribution is well worth reading. Some of them might even surprise you!

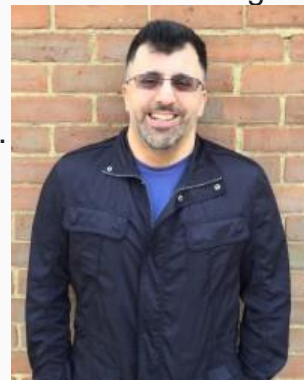
### Location Location Location

Back in January we left our office at the TaB Centre, and were warmly welcomed back to our previous office space within Palmers Green Baptist Church, now run by New Life Church. To quote one of our team members, "it was like coming back home". As a team we introduced ourselves to the church on the Sunday before and they prayed for us and our ministry. The space is smaller than we had at TaB, but with a lick of paint in a lighter shade, some new desks and a different solution to storage, we happily fitted in. It is such a blessing to be part of a church where we have strong links, and to be back where n:flame began.

## **My name is Chris Adamou, I'm 39 years old and well in to my fourth year with n:flame.**

Since I became a believer in 2009 I've been passionate about understanding and communicating the Christian faith to others.

I got involved in leading a Bible study early on as a believer, having had no experience of teaching in the past. God has called and equipped me for this mission; filling me with a hunger for understanding His truth and a desire to explain it to others in an understandable, yet challenging way.



As someone who has been on quite a journey of discovery, I took the long route to Christianity. This includes several long pit stops en route, including atheism, Gnosticism and the occult. I believe that this experience has helped me to empathise with seekers as well as my fellow believers and when God called me to quit my job and join n:flame in 2014 it was time to take this passion for teaching out in to the schools of North London.

The new RE curriculum is very theologically dense and I have particularly enjoyed the process of researching and developing lessons. This has been an exciting challenge for me, as I have had to answer not only the age old

questions about God, but also the modern uncertainty that young people now have around relationships and identity. It's not just about having sound, uncompromising theology though, as important as that is. *Delivering* lessons is also a thrill for me as it's an opportunity to teach the faith from a *living* perspective, bringing a level of passion and authenticity that many students may never encounter otherwise.

In an atmosphere of confused and often corrosive ideas, the gospel of the Kingdom of God continues to bring hope and certainty about the value of humanity and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Chris Adamou



Some people ask me how I stay so passionate about doing schools work, well it's simple. The students are so desperately hungry and open to hearing the truth, it can't be anything but an exciting privilege. Seeing faces light up and scales being removed from their eyes by the Holy Spirit is the best trip ever. Since Andie's move to Lebanon it's been a challenge for us all, however we've been encouraged by how we've been able to maintain healthy levels of schools work. Teaching lessons such as Christmas, Eschatology, Atonement, Incarnation, Forgiveness, Easter and Why did Jesus die? makes the hard work worth while. If anyone reading this feels they would like to get involved but not sure if they are capable, I can tell you I felt exactly the same but if God can use a Granny like me, He will definitely use you! Taste and see.....I challenge you!

Kathy

"I really felt the LIFTing up of Christ and everything else deep inside" – young person  
"It's a blessing to our estate's church and our youth" – youth worker

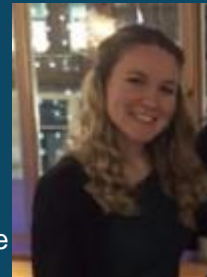
These are some quotes from this term about our LIFT events this year. Our Saturday monthly youth events previously called "Celebrations" have been refreshed, rebranded and held in a brand-new location in Tottenham. Now called LIFT, they have incorporated a gig-style format along with worship that reflects the current music scene, and relevant evangelistic messages and testimonies. The



events are gaining momentum, and bringing back an evangelistic edge. Through our partnership with the Message Trust we have been able to make more connections and bring in some great hip-hop artists who have come to perform and share testimonies. Over the term we have seen many new young people come to the events, more interest from local youth workers and churches, and most importantly young people engage with the worship and prayer ministry and respond to the gospel! It's been great to see many of our younger committed team members taking initiative and jumping in to pray for those who responded to the message. In the second event we had a couple of young people give their lives to Jesus! At our final event, The Message Trust ran a bus mission in the local estates leading up to the event which provided engagement with local young people. It was great to see some of the young people from the bus mission also turn up to LIFT on the Saturday night! We are really excited to see LIFT becoming a great way to bring both church and non-church young people together to experience God.

Pete Barnardo

As part of my Gap Year I went on a mission trip to Sri Lanka for two weeks. With 10 others we did workshops in schools, assemblies, Sunday school, painted a house and worked in an orphanage. We were able to see God at work at all times! My highlight was: a girl that attended our Zumba workshop came to us after the workshop for prayer. After we finished praying she said to us that she is a Hindu but was thinking about Christianity a lot. Because of us praying for her she decided to trust in our God. The Zumba Workshop was done with another gap year student in a school. Some years ago the church offered Zumba, but stopped it because there weren't enough people joining in. They told us that they were praying for it to start back for a long time, and with us offering the workshop it was an answer to prayer and people got excited about doing Zumba again!



Thank you for your support, without you we couldn't reach as many hearts!

Sarah Liebhard

## Sri Lanka



It was such a privilege to be able to return with a team to Sri Lanka and join in with the work that goes on in the church communities over there. Having been two years ago, it was great to see how much has developed in this time. The work that we did was very varied. Whilst in Colombo we worked in the school delivering assemblies and workshops. For the students, a chance to take part in creative workshops such as drama, art, music, dance and prayer was a real change from what they are used to. On the Sunday we served the church by running activities for the children and youth groups – probably in a way that was different to the usual style they would expect on a Sunday.

When we headed up to Jaffna our work was different. We worked with the local church to paint a house that was newly built by a charity called The Dust Project. This house was donated to the family as they were not able to all live together previously in one place. The cost of painting the concrete house would be equal to a years wages, so us giving a week of our time to transforming it blessed the family immensely. The mornings were mainly just our team, but in the afternoons children from the area joined us after school. We also, as a team, had the opportunity to visit village housegroups during the week and pray for families who were new to the church community. Hearing the stories of how Jesus had transformed their lives and freed them from spiritual ties was amazing.

The entire trip was a good time for our team to grow and bond together, serve together and bless each other. We hope that the link with n:flame and Sri Lanka will long continue.

Ruth



So far I have really enjoyed the gap year!

I have learned so much the last few months. Especially about myself and who I am in Christ!

In February I went with an nflame team to Sri Lanka. We visited two places, Colombo and Jaffna. In both of the places we had a really good opportunity to see God at work.

My highlight in Colombo was doing the Zumba workshop with the students from Paalem school. Even though it was really hot and

exhausting, seeing them having fun made it worth it. At one point a girl came up to me and she asked for prayer because she wanted to follow Jesus which I found out afterwords. :)

In Jaffa my highlight was totally the day trip to the beach with the orphanage kids. Some of them couldn't even swim so we tried to teach them how to swim. But also it was an amazing day because some of the children went to the beach for the first time and seeing them smiling and laughing because of playing in the water and trying to jump over the waves was really great 😊

I'm really thankful that God gave me this opportunity to spend time with the people there and to learn more about e.g. his protection.

Sharlien

My highlights for the year so far would be doing the month long schools lessons, as I enjoyed getting to see and be a part of what n:flame does so well. Of course I have to mention our mission trip to Sri Lanka, as it was such an awesome experience. I felt it was a great opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and see how God can work through you to bless others. I can't say there weren't any challenges; as having to cope with the drastic change in climate, living and working with 10 people, whilst adapting to a different culture was a bit trying. But overall it helped me to grow as a person and taught me a lot. So far this gap year has been very enlightening and I look forward to more teaching/ training so that I can put into practice all that I've learnt.



Deleisha

Congratulations, you've made it all the way to the end!

If you've been inspired by what's been happening and would like to be involved on a more practical level, we are always looking for more volunteers. Whatever your age, experience, background or availability we'll be happy to make you part of our team. Just get in touch with Ruth or Anna and they'll take it from there!