Dear Ms Prescott

I am writing to express my grateful thanks to you for your financial support of my research project, and PhD.

I am delighted that the PhD thesis has now been completed, and passed by the University of Manchester. I enclose a brief newsletter to share some of my key findings. However, I have also had the following journal articles published:


In addition to this, I have been privileged to present the following:

International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry Conference in Amsterdam, April 2016 - presented a paper entitled "The Effect of Parents on their Child’s Faith in Everyday Life".

International Association of Children’s Spirituality Conference, in Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln, July, 2016 - presented a paper entitled "Help or Hindrance? Exploring the effects upon the whole child of three contrasting styles of Christian faith nurture".

Faith, Formation & Education Conference, Liverpool Hope University, July, 2016 - presented a paper entitled "Needle in a Haystack: Identifying Faith in Early Childhood".

Presbyterian Church Ireland: Special Assembly, Ulster University, August 2017 - delivered a seminar series entitled "Disciples in the Family".

I also have two more draft papers that I hope to submit for academic journal publication within the next couple of months. These are primarily the contents of the PhD thesis.

In addition to these presentations and publications, I have been working hard to build links and disseminate the findings within the church and Christian family/home context. This is something that I am seeking to develop more, as part of my new role at Liverpool Hope University. I am also exploring the option of having a book published, for the audience of Christian parents and church workers, in order to share many of the research findings and recommendations of the PhD thesis.

I am very excited about the possibilities for both future academic research and working with churches and Christian families at a practical level in order to most effectively equip and empower parents in passing their faith onto their children.

Thank you so much for your invaluable support of this project. I am indebted. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or would like to find out more about my ongoing work.

Kind Regards

Sarah Holmes