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Dear Ms Prescott

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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:

"Observing Christian Faith during the Childhood Years", published in International Journal of Children's Spirituality, 2016.

"Help or Hindrance? Exploring the effects of Christian nurture upon the whole faith of the child", published in International Journal of Children's Spirituality, 2017.

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

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