

- Sat 22nd Please pray for the financial situation at Damaris Norway – who are still a small organisation and are in need of grants and support. Please pray they will locate the right channels to help them continue to provide Norway with the culturally-relevant resources that Damaris has to offer.
- Sun 23rd Pray for Nick Pollard in his role mentoring Tom Price as a scholar-communicator. Nick spent some time last month with Tom as he was leading a mission at Winchester University and was very encouraged to see Tom's developing gift.
- Mon 24th Please pray for Katie Coles as she leaves Damaris at the end of this month. Pray for God's guidance and provision for Katie and that God would use the skills she has developed at Damaris in her future.
- Tue 25th The Damaris team wishes you a happy and blessed Christmas. Pray that people worldwide would have the chance to hear and understand the message of Jesus this Christmas.
- Wed 26th Give thanks for all who support Damaris, either in prayer or financially. We are very grateful to God for them all.
- Thurs 27th Give thanks for people who do volunteer work for Damaris, including Vicky Thompson, Peter Lambros, Alun Leppitt, Peter and Heather May, and our interns, Nicola Lee, Bex Bennett and Rachel Taylor.
- Fri 28th Give thanks for those who provide valuable services to Damaris: Steve Macklin (technical support), Iain Gutteridge (design work), Becky Ward (proofreading), Gregg Ramirez (printing), Louise Clasby (cleaning) and the team at Worthers (websites).
- Sat 29th Give thanks for the wider Damaris team, such as those who write for our websites and present school conferences.
- Sun 30th Give thanks for all the people who subscribe to Damaris websites. Pray that they would find the material useful in whatever context they are using it, be it at school, church or elsewhere.
- Mon 31st Give thanks for all who use our *Culturewatch* website. Pray that they would find it useful in thinking about the issues raised by popular culture and what the Bible has to say about them.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4: 2-6



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- Sat 1st Pray for the *What's the Point?* conference today at Cheltenham Ladies College, presented by Nick Pollard, Peter Williams and Luke Pollard.
- Sun 2nd Give thanks for the appointment of David Whitmarsh who will join us in January as Managing Director. He brings experience of accountancy, sales and charity management as well as having been a Baptist pastor. This is a big step of faith for David as he moves from managing a very financially secure endowed charity, to Damaris, a faith ministry that trusts God to survive from day to day. Pray that God will honour his step of faith. And pray for Nick and Carol as they hand over responsibilities so they can focus more on speaking, writing and developing leading-edge resources, and being able to give appropriate time to their family.
- Mon 3rd Give thanks for several radio interviews that Tony Watkins is doing about the works of Philip Pullman, coinciding with the launch of the film *The Golden Compass* (based on one of Pullman's novels). Pray that many people would find Tony's book *Dark Matter* useful in thinking through the atheist worldview behind Pullman's novels.
- Tue 4th Pray for the ongoing development of the *Talking About* videos, exploring what the Bible has to say about big themes in our world. Pray for Fiona Stewart as she writes the scripts for the first DVD (on Prayer) and plans the forthcoming videos on Jesus and Forgiveness. Pray for Di Archer who is working with Fiona to produce a set of small group resources for use with the DVDs.

Wed 5 th	Pray for <i>President for a Day Experience</i> conferences today, at Teign School in Devon, and tomorrow, at Grantham Church High School.	Thurs 13 th	Tonight is the Damaris team Christmas meal. Please pray in particular for Nick and Carol who are hosting it.
	Pray for the meeting of the Damaris trustees with Nick and Carol at the Damaris office today.	Fri 14 th	Pray for the meeting of the <i>Global Student Forum</i> management group who are meeting today in London to continue planning the 2008 event. Give thanks for the progress made so far and pray as work continues.
Thurs 6 th	Pray for Steve Couch and his teams as they continue to provide new material for our secondary school websites <i>RE Lessons Online</i> and <i>Assemblies Online (Secondary)</i> . Give thanks for all our subscribers, and pray that the lessons and assemblies will prove to be a significant part in the moral and spiritual growth of students.	Sat 15 th	Please continue to pray for Damaris Norway's <i>Konfirmant Online</i> project, providing teaching material for confirmation classes following the successful model of <i>RE Lessons Online</i> . Give thanks that churches around Norway have begun to use the resource. Please pray that the website would help present the message of Jesus in a relevant and challenging way.
Fri 7 th	Pray for Steve Alexander who is developing skills in writing grant applications. Pray for the success of two submitted applications, to the Department for International Development (asking for funds to expand the scope of the <i>President for a Day Experience</i>) and to Spring Harvest Charitable Trust (asking for funding towards our new <i>Deovox</i> project).	Sun 16 th	Give thanks for our two Media Interns, Bex Bennett and Rachel Taylor. Pray for Rachel as she moves on from Damaris at the end of December, and for Bex as she gets to grips with video editing software.
Sat 8 th	Pray for a <i>President for a Day Experience</i> happening today at Ringebu FHS in Norway.	Mon 17 th	Pray for Tony Watkins and Tom Price as they make revisions to the <i>Culturewatch Courses</i> in light of the pilots run this term. Pray for more opportunities to do pilot courses before next summer.
Sun 9 th	Give thanks for Nick and Carol Pollards' 30 th wedding anniversary tomorrow, and for Carol's 50 th birthday on the 20th! Pray for them to be able to have a great time of relaxation as they have a little time off to celebrate.	Tue 18 th	Pray for the trial conference today of <i>President for a Day Experience</i> trainee presenter Steve Jones. Pray that it would go really well and that we would be able to accredit him as a presenter. Pray also for two other <i>President for a Day</i> conferences happening today, at Downfield Sixth Form College in Stroud and St Benedict's High School in Alcester.
Mon 10 th	Pray for four <i>President for a Day</i> conferences this week (one every day except Tuesday). Pray for good communication for the presenters and that students would engage with the issues involved, including exploring what the Bible teaches about wealth and poverty.	Wed 19 th	Please pray for the continued development of <i>Deovox</i> , Damaris' new audio devotional resource. Pray for Richard Collins as he leads the project – for guidance in developing the resource and for making good partnerships to fund it.
Tue 11 th	Damaris is exhibiting <i>Assemblies Online</i> at the BETT educational technology show in January. Please pray for the work being done to prepare for this. Pray for Fiona Stewart and Phil Prior, working on a marketing strategy for <i>Assemblies Online (Primary)</i> .	Thurs 20 th	Pray for Steve Alexander to be able to tie up all the administration tasks before the Damaris office closes tomorrow.
Wed 12 th	Pray for the <i>Ethics in the Age of Science</i> conference being presented solo by Peter Williams at Bournemouth School for Girls today.	Fri 21 st	The Damaris office closes today at 5pm. Pray for a good break for all the Damaris team over Christmas. We reopen on Wednesday 2 nd January.