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## Blessed Are The Flexible

“You can’t stop the Gospel.  
It’s not possible.”

—Dominic Burns  
Managing Director of  
AWM Europe

The Gospel will accomplish the purpose for which God sends it (Is. 55:11), and that is to change lives. That’s the power of the Gospel. At Charis, students personally encounter this power as they are preparing for their second-year missions trip and also on the trip itself! “Every single student encounters the Lord in a very unique way,” Dominic shares. “When they come back from their trips, they’re different, and you can see it in their eyes.” In preparation for these trips, students are instructed to be flexible.

“Blessed are the flexible,  
for they shall not be bent  
out of shape.”

—Delron Shirley  
Charis Adjunct Faculty

This adage is used often at Charis locations around the world to prepare students for their missions trips. “That’s something that I always tell the students—‘Just be flexible because it’s not gonna go the way that you think it is, even if we have an itinerary,’” says Selina Brown, Assistant Missions Coordinator at Charis Walsall. Elaborating on this idea, Isaac Akowuah, the Director of Charis Cape Town and Charis Johannesburg, says, “It’s really just opening up yourself to God for Him to express Himself through you, regardless of the opportunities or the people

that come across your path.” Students indeed see their trips as opportunities to share the truths they have internalised. “It’s an opportunity for them to get the practical, hands-on touch to what it is that they’re learning,” says Lorna Wilson, the Charis Walsall Missions Director. “For two years, we’ve been pouring the Word into them, and they now have a platform where they practically go out and do the Word.” Isaac adds to that, “It’s one thing to hear the teachings in class, but when they are given the practical side of it, just to apply what they are taught, it really becomes more real for them.” This is a major purpose and benefit of our missions trips, and it’s experienced by the *flexible*.

When students can adapt to any situation, they are often more blessed than the people to whom they are sent. Read these testimonies from students who reported their experiences.

"My husband and I went on our second-year missions trip to Romania to minister in churches and among the Roma gypsies. In one week, our team saw about 130 people saved and many people filled with the Holy Spirit and healed! There just is nothing like seeing the Word of God come alive! It has made me bolder and more determined to step into all of my inheritance that Christ purchased for me!"

—Iris Tolaini  
Second-Year Student of  
Charis Walsall

"During my second year of Charis, I went on a missions trip to Uganda. It was during this missions trip that all that knowledge I had in my head became alive in my heart as well. As we were stretched and pushed to our limits on this trip, preaching and teaching in streets, churches, prisons, and orphanages, I experienced God's faithfulness and the integrity of His Word. I found myself remembering and understanding lessons from Charis teachers that I thought I forgot. All along I had this understanding and power within me, but I did not discover it until I stepped out."

— Laura Jankauskaite  
Second-Year Student of  
Charis Walsall

On this Uganda trip in particular, we saw 105 souls saved, 220 baptisms in the Holy Spirit, 14 instant healings, and 11 demonic deliverances! Praise God!

"We're there because money has been provided and utilised and we're sent," Lorna explains. "There's power in being sent. When people realise that they're part of the sending, they also have their blessing in it."

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Iris Tolaini ministering on her missions trip to Romania

## TESTIMONY:

I knew that God wanted me to go to the Philippines for my second-year missions trip. As my departure date drew near, I became anxious. I had always suffered from phobias, panic attacks, and night terrors, but I "managed" them. However, the Lord showed me that the fear I thought I was managing was managing me. He showed me that I had to surrender this area of my life and withhold nothing. I said, "Take it, Lord. I'll trust You." From that moment, things changed. Whenever I thought about the missions trip, I no longer had that sickly feeling of dread in my stomach. It was replaced by excitement. While on my trip in the Philippines, I noticed that most people I was led to minister to had issues relating to anxiety. I was able to speak truth to them and watch their faces as they internalised the truth of who Christ is and who He says they are. It was powerful! I realised that our pain, tears, and experiences are not wasted. God uses them for His glory!

—Patricia Willie  
Second-Year Student of Charis Walsall



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