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Dear Friend

## Looking for leaders

It seems that every week there is another crisis meeting about the euro or another announcement about issues relating to the protesters outside St Paul's. A lot of summits have taken place, but a definitive solution is yet to be found. Many commentators say that solutions to the problems exist, but leaders with the courage and vision to implement them are hard to find. Good leadership would make the difference.

At Spurgeon's we're not just training people for ministry, we are also preparing them to be leaders. Many will lead churches, others will lead mission projects or head up Christian organizations. All will be looked to for leadership as the church seeks to reach out to communities which are feeling the pain of these challenging times.

## Helping churches to grow



Hayley Young graduated in June 2011 and is now minister at Hayling Island Baptist Church in Hampshire. Hayley had no contact with the church growing up, but she was profoundly affected by a visit to Auschwitz and got in touch with her local Baptist church. She overcame dyslexia to achieve an Honours degree and is now helping her church to grow through building bridges in the community.



Jamie Kidd is another young leader. Jamie's story of finding God through two near death experiences as a paratrooper featured in the June edition of Off the Record and has also appeared in The Sun. Now Jamie is a minister in training at Pinner Free Church and is using his story to reach out to people with the Gospel, particularly young men.

## Can you help to put leaders where they're needed?

Training to be a leader means making sacrifices including financial sacrifices. Hayley and Jamie have both received financial support from the College for their training. And so have many others like them. Each year we aim to have a fund of £40,000 available for student support. Already this year, through our investments and a recent gift from a Trust, half of this amount is available. **Please help us to find the other £20,000 needed to train our Christian leaders for the future.**

Hayley and Jamie cannot solve the eurozone crisis or the theological issues around capitalism, but they are helping to provide the leadership that churches need to help to solve the spiritual crisis in our world. With your support so can many others. Thank you for your interest in the vital work of Spurgeon's College.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Nigel G Wright**  
Principal

**PS.** Your gift will be such an encouragement to us at this time and can we remind you that for no extra cost to you, your gift can be increased by an additional 25% by completing and signing the Gift Aid Form.

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