

How can you help?

Because of the type of work that Ripcord do we have support ourselves financially. All the sound equipment and travelling expenses are paid for by the CUs that we visit. This leaves me to pay for my living expenses and the tools that I need to maintain the sound system. If you would like to assist me in my ministry financially please fill in the forms that I have included a return them using the free-post envelope.

Another equally important way to help is to support me through prayer. Each month I will publish a newsletter that will be sent to anyone who would like to keep up-to-date with what I am doing. If you are interested, please reply using the form attached to this newsletter (not using the freepost envelope).

In the meantime, please pray that I settle in with the team well, and for the tour in Slovakia. Also pray for my fiancé Angela as we get used to the long distance between us.

If you do decide to support me financially, please could reply using the freepost envelope by the end of October so that it is easier for me to plan my finances.

Thanks very much,

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Contact Information

I will be away in Slovakia until the end of October and will not be available to speak to until the 1st of November. If you would like to speak to me then please phone me on my mobile:

07968 806 197

Alternatively you could send me an email at:

arwood@uk2.net

In the meantime you can send any correspondence to Innovista who will pass it on to me when I get back. If you have any questions concerning my support feel free to phone the staff at Innovista.

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Wood's World

Some of you might be wondering why, out of the blue, you've suddenly received a newsletter from me. Well, I'm about to tell you!!!!

By the time you read this I will be on tour in Slovakia with a evangelistic Christian band called **RIPCORD**. I have joined as a sound engineer, but much of my time will be taken up working with the students that I meet abroad.

Who are *Ripcord*?

Ripcord are a band part of Innovista, a creative arts and media group that is in turn part of IFES (*International Fellowship of Evangelical Students*). As a group they travel around Europe visiting universities and playing at Christian conferences spreading the gospel through a medium that is relevant to today's young generation. Ripcord was set up 3 years ago as a resource to help Christian Unions attract students to their evangelistic events. Recently they have also been involved in the schools work in Oxford and the surrounding area. No one would deny that music plays a major role in the lives of young people today and it is able to cross cultural boundaries in an almost seamless way. Because of this it provides a fantastic medium for modern evangelism with young people.



Why am I doing this?

I see working with this team as a brilliant way to continue my interests that I developed while studying at University. During my time at Lancaster University I became very involved with the Christian Union and was appointed '*International Secretary*' during my 2nd and 3rd year. As part of my job I was responsible for evangelistic outreach to the many international students at the university, organising among other activities, socials and bible studies.

While at university I also continued to develop my interest in music and sound engineering. During my final year I was a band manager and sound engineer for a Christian band called *Glass Half Full* that played at many venues within Lancaster with an aim to spread the gospel in the same as Ripcord. The band were very successful and I really enjoyed the experience, especially selling Christian CDs to non-Christians!

Working with Ripcord combines both my interest of student evangelism, and music. I am very excited at the way this job has almost been custom made for my interests and skills that God has given me! I am looking forward to the year ahead and the experience it will bring.

Al's Response Form

Please fill in this form if you would like to be on my permanent mail or emailing list for my monthly letter.

I/We would like to receive your prayer newsletter by:

- Post
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Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Email _____

Comments:

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