

a day in the life...in the life



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In a new feature, **Laurence Crutchlow** describes a typical day

A brisk walk from Waterloo station to CMF's HQ in Marshalsea Road aids my recovery from wedging into a crowded train carriage at the start of most days.

Staff meet to share news, read the Bible and pray each morning. We share plans and news, then take turns in sharing thoughts on a Bible passage. I usually enjoy this, but occasionally regret signing up to lead a particular day when the passage allocated is something tricky - the four living creatures of Ezekiel 1 being the most memorable recent example!

After that, no two days are the same. I might be writing or editing for *Nucleus*. On another day I might be writing to potential speakers for National Student Conference, or on the phone to the National Student Committee chairman discussing future plans. Occasionally I might do a radio interview, or even appear on TV!

Hopefully a day will involve meeting with students - perhaps reps from London medical schools, or the Student Conference Committee, as well as office interns. Face-to-face student

contact is the most enjoyable part of the work but must be balanced with administration. Though this can appear dull it is essential to ensure National Student Conference actually happens, and that *Nucleus* appears on your doorstep!

Not all days are office based - I might travel to visit a student group or give a talk, and will occasionally work from home if doing a big piece of writing.

I try to keep GP and CMF work fairly separate, but some overlap is inevitable, and it isn't unusual for me to phone my practice manager on a CMF day, or answer my CMF email in a gap between patients on a GP day.

Working at CMF is a great opportunity to help the Christian doctors of tomorrow be prepared for the future, and enables me to use both medical and Christian training far beyond my consulting room. As you pray through your future, why not ask God whether you should consider similar work? ■