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Dear Trustees,

By way of reintroduction, I applied for a grant from the Fellowship last year in furtherance of my academic studies for the St Helen's Associate Scheme and the Cornhill Training School. Very graciously, the Fellowship agreed to fund the course fees for the academic year. I wanted to write to you with a brief update as to how the funds have been used and of course express my sincere gratitude.

At the Cornhill Training Course, it has been a busy few semesters. We spend the morning looking at the particular book of the Bible eg, Titus, Acts, Jonah or a particular systematic theological doctrine eg, the doctrine of church, the cross and the Bible. We then break off into teaching practice groups and give sermons on Colossians, breaking down the fundamentals of what Paul as an author is trying to persuade his Colossian readers and thus us as readers to do. Cornhill has been really beneficial in testing things I have always held to be true against the plumb line of the Bible's teaching.

I spend Tuesdays with the other St Helen's ministry associates doing in-house training. So far, we've worked our way through Philippians, Malachi and are currently immersed in 2 Corinthians. We spend a great deal of time unpacking the particular book, verse by verse and section by section so as to ascertain what the relevant author is trying to convey and convince his readers. We then spend time giving sermons on a particular passage with a view to be able to teach and preach on what we have been learning to those within our ministry. Spending such time at St Helen's has been challenging and yet incredibly rewarding and enriching.

Without the provision of the grant from the Fellowship, it will have been significantly harder to arrange for the means to finance the academic year. The provision of the funds has meant that I have been able to dedicate more time towards my studies and furtherance of my academic endeavours in the sight of the Lord.

My wife Victoria and I are incredibly grateful for your generous provision and look forward to working with you in partnership in the gospel in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rajkumar