

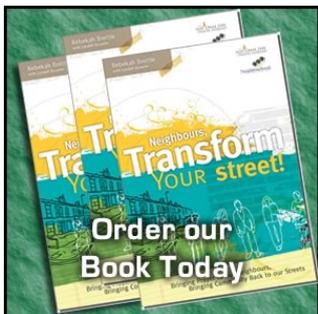
Newsletter Update

Friday 18th October 2013

Stats

1,861 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
187,961 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
446,640 People living there (240 per street)

****[Click here to see our research sources.](#)**



Dear Carl,

This week we bring you a testimony from Nottingham, where Chris decided to hold a "Macmillan coffee morning" in her house for her neighbours living on her street.

Saints in the Stadium



I had the privilege of speaking at "Saints in the Stadium" at both the leaders reception and on the stage. The atmosphere at this event was one of a big family coming together and there was a deep sense of unity. Please visit the [National Day of Prayer and Worship](#) website for more details, which is well worth a read if you were unable to attend. I definitely have a sense that this event will be a catalyst for transformation across our nation. Next week we will share details of an event coming up soon in Scotland ahead of the Commonwealth games.



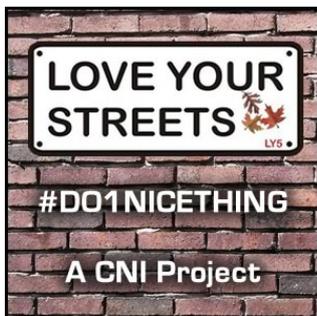
In the News: Foodbanks



The media has been covering the rise in the use of foodbanks across the UK.

"Numbers relying on foodbanks triples in a year" 16th October 2013, www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-24536817

Neighbourhood Prayer Network is deeply concerned about this. It is likely that all of us live close to someone struggling to meet their food bills. The reasons for this are numerous: a sudden job loss, a recent cut in benefits, debts including pay day loans, a sudden illness, low pay, chronic disabilities, delays in benefit payments, sudden unexpected costs. Regardless of the underlying reasons, it is shocking that a country reported to be the 7th wealthiest in the World, has people relying on



foodbanks to eat. We are asking people this week to consider donating food to foodbanks. We also pray for anyone who reads this newsletter, who is using foodbanks. We also pray for all the volunteers who give up their time to help some of the most vulnerable in society.

Testimony: Macmillan Coffee Morning brings Neighbours together

Just wanted to tell you about our amazing coffee morning.

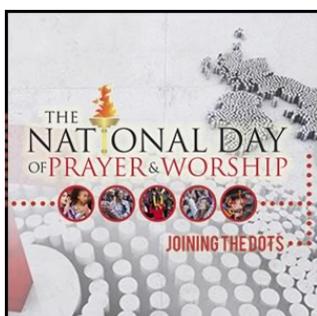
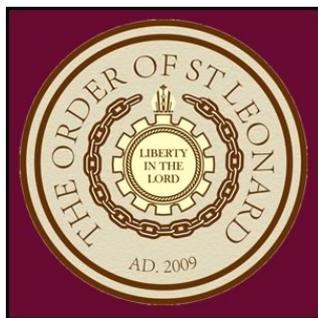
I had been prayer walking my street for a long time. I attended the National Day of Prayer on 29th September 2012 and registered to pray for my street. I knew that there were quite a few Christians living on our street, so five of us meet every 2 months.

While praying for our part of the road I was wondering how we could get to know neighbours in a non-threatening way. The idea of a Macmillan coffee morning popped into my head! I knocked on the doors of all 48 houses a fortnight before, but at the same time as we were to have the coffee morning giving an invite. That way I met a few people. The invitation was for 10-11.30 am and was provided by Macmillan nurses, I wrote a small note on the bottom of each invitation.

Several replied to say they couldn't come, but sent a donation. However apart from 3 neighbours I knew I had no idea how many would turn up. Maybe 6 - 10, I hoped. Instead we had 19 and all thought it was an excellent idea to get to know each other. Several said we must do it again. The coffee morning lasted from 10 am until 12, and was held in our home. We served people teas, coffees and cakes.

I really believe this was God's idea and it is so encouraging to see Him at work. We will keep praying that His kingdom will come and many on this street will come to know Him.

Chris, Nottingham



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, an initiative of Samaritan's Purse has been blessing underprivileged children around the World with gift filled shoe boxes, wrapped and packed by adults and children in the UK. Running between September and November, it is the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal. (Extract from "Neighbours, Transform Your Street, page 194)

Could you consider in light of the above testimony inviting your neighbours round to pack shoe boxes? Boxes must be taken to a collection point by 18th November. For more details about Operation Christmas Child visit: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



We recommend that you do this activity with other members of your church and do not invite children to participate, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please also inform your church leader what you are planning.

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

Neighbourhood Prayer Network is joining many ministries and denominations to pray with HOPE 2014 between 18th October to 31st January. These prayers are taken from the HOPE prayer guide. This weeks prayers are at the bottom of this newsletter.

You can download the whole guide from www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray. The whole of this weeks prayers are at the bottom of this newsletter. To obtain a free copy from UCB, visit [UCB2GO](#) or order more at the same address.

FRIDAY 18TH OCT 2014 YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY
ROM 15:13

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CARE

Could you donate some food to a local foodbank?

AND/OR

Could your church put on an alternative Halloween party? See page 223 of "Neighbours, Transform Your Street or visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

SHARE

Could you and some people from your homegroup, invite neighbours to your house to pack a shoe box with presents for underprivileged children around the world? www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk The last date for collection is 18th November.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

P.S. Don't forget to click on the block advert links to some of our great partners (on the left).



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HOPE THROUGH THE CHURCH

Source: Redeemed Christian Church of God

PRAYER CHALLENGE: Find a hope prayer partner - someone you can pray with each week during this season of prayer.

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SATURDAY 19TH OCT DEDICATION TO GOD
ROM 12:1

We are the epitome of God's creativity and love, and our lives should be devoted to Him. Let us pray that our hearts will be set on things that are godly, constantly looking to Christ as our model of perfection. Lord, may we embody Your good news today.

SUNDAY 20TH OCT HEAL OUR LAND

2 CHRO 7:14

Father, we pray that You will unite Your Church here in the UK, and bless all involved in preparing for united mission through HOPE 2014. As we humble ourselves and seek Your face, we pray You will forgive us our sins, and open heaven to rain down blessings that will heal our land.

(Source: Bible Society)

MONDAY 21ST OCT PRAYER AND FASTING

MATT 6:5-16

Fasting and prayer together bring about special breakthroughs, and release God's presence, power and change. As we prepare for this upcoming year of mission, let us ask God for a renewed desire to seek His face in the place of prayer, and to practise the discipline of fasting.

TUESDAY 22ND OCT COME HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 1:8

In order to accomplish great things for God, we need the Holy Spirit to enable and empower us. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will equip us and enthuse us to engage with people in our families, communities and workplaces, so that we may share with others the saving grace of Christ.

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCT HEARTS OF COMPASSION

MARK 1:41

Let us ask God to give us compassionate hearts for those in our community who are ill, distressed, broken-hearted, bereaved and in need. Let us ask God to lead us to someone today who needs to experience the kindness of God. Our compassion might herald a new dawn in their story.

THURSDAY 24TH OCT BOLDNESS

ROM 1:16

As secularisation and religious pluralism increase, the vision of HOPE 2014 is that all Christians will be bold to proclaim Christ to those around them. May God give new passion for mission to all the Christian leaders meeting today at Lambeth Palace, hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to launch HOPE 2014.

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