# Newsletter Update

Friday 14th June 2013

#### Stats

1,553 Streets being prayed for See Map 156,853 Houses on those streets (101 per street) 372,720 People living there (240 per street)







# Dear Carl,

Congratulations to World Prayer Centre for hosting a powerful "Trumpet Call" on Saturday. It was a powerful event! 1100 joined them in Birmingham to pray for the nation! Thank you to all of you who attended or supported in prayer! Our weekly prayer guide, "Neighbour Friday" is included at the end of this newslettter.







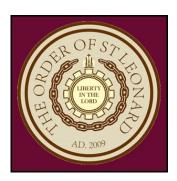


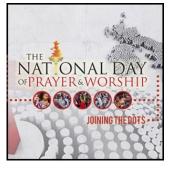
In our book, Neighbours Transform Your Street, we profile Bury Metro Church (pages 78-80) as one of several stories showing how churches have impacted their local community in a powerful way, through prayer and action. In 2008, the church, with a small congregation of sixty, wanted to do something as part of HOPE08. They invited local agencies, the police and council to their church, show casing local projects. At this meeting, they had a stand called "Adopt a Street" where they invited local people to vote for a street locally that the church would adopt. The church promised to pick up litter, visit people and look after the people there. The street with the most votes was adopted.

Once a week two volunteers would visit people over a 3 hour period, people were always given the opportunity to say no.











Over time people began to trust the church. Volunteers were able to pray with people on the street, take them to the doctors appointments, do shopping for people when they were unwell. Another team would pick up litter once a week. At christmas the church gave out christmas presents to all those living on the street. The church grew to 160 people over a four year period and many in the local community attend youth groups, parent-toddler groups, father's groups who don't attend the Sunday services. The church now adopts more streets and is spreading the idea locally. Is this something that you could do as a church or home group?

# **Special Book Offer**

In our book, Neighbour's Transform Your Street, we detail many more testimonies like this, as well as prayer guides and contributions from Jonathan Oloyede, Les Isaacs, Matt Wilson, Debra Green, J.John, Lloyd Cooke, Paul Blakey and many more. Please, if you haven't already, buy our book. We have a special offer on for the next three weeks where you can buy our book and City Changing Prayer together £14 plus postage of £2.49 instead of £18 + £3 postage if you buy separately.

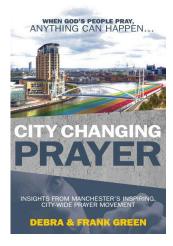


Below is a book review of City Changing prayer. Our charity relies on money from the book to keep going. We also believe this is an invaluable resource for you and your church.

# City Changing Prayer

There are many challenges facing this nation and indeed the church. Many of us have been given a vision from God for our own communities, but don't always know how to proceed.

Recently, I have re- read a book called City Changing Prayer, by Frank and Debra Green. I first read this book not long after becoming a Christian on Alpha in 2003. This book made me believe in prayer and set me off on a journey that lead me to seeing Neighbourhood Prayer Network realised.



Debra has been a spiritual Mother to me over the last ten years and NPN strongly supports her work at <a href="Redeeming Our Communities">Redeeming Our Communities</a>.

In City Changing prayer, she details how to pray with Christians from other denominations and shares the journey of city wide prayer meetings in Manchester that lead to Message 2000, Festival Manchester and crime rates falling. I believe if you are



hoping to pray with other Christians or work on projects with other Christians, this is an essential read. This is not just for people who live in cities, it has principals which are universal.

## **Neighbour Friday**

#### **PRAYER**

1 TIM 1:8-11

Lord I pray for anyone on my street who might be directly or indirectly involved in human trafficking. I pray that You will help us as a community to be vigilant, keeping our eyes open for the signs of people being trafficked. Find out more about how to spot the signs of trafficking activity from www.stopthetraffik.org or page 189 of Neighbour's Transform Your Street.

## **CARE**

Could your home group or church consider a summer barbeque for your local streets?

#### **SHARE**

Ask God for opportunities to tell a neighbour about something God has done in your life or someone elses' life recently.

## **Every Blessing**



Rebekah Brettle

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