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Newsletter Update

Friday 21st December 2012

Stats

981 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)

99,081 Houses on those streets (101 per street)

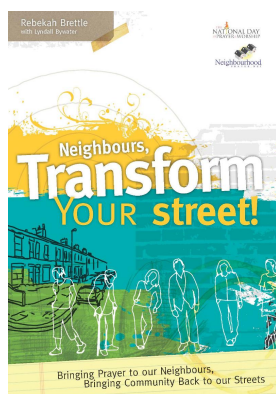
235,440 People living there (240 per street)

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Dear Carl,

Happy Christmas

We want to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas! We also want to thank each and everyone of you who pray for your neighbours. I firmly believe that every street that we regularly pray for, will, in time, be impacted by God's love and power.

We only formally launched on September 29th 2012. Since then we have seen 981 people register to pray for their streets and testimonies are already coming in of new and positive relationships forming with neighbours. Carl & I are also working this out where we live. We have been living at our current address for just over a year, so we hope that some of our neighbours will join us on Christmas eve for mulled wine and mince pies!

Personal Testimony from me at Christmas

I normally try to avoid telling my own stories, but I thought this one would encourage some of you. At Christmas 2009, just prior to forming a relationship with my husband Carl, I was feeling very down. I was seriously considering not celebrating Christmas at all, but at the last minute, decided that I would take the opportunity to turn a bad situation into the best I could. I had only been living at my then address for 6 months and encouraged by my local church, Ivy Manchester, I decided to deliver 72 Christmas cards to my immediate neighbours, with an invitation to Churches Christmas services, and a small gift of some chocolate.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. While delivering the cards and gifts, a housemate, Gemma, came across a student who was facing Christmas alone. Gemma invited her to spend Christmas with us. Her friends had been praying half an hour before, that she wouldn't have to spend Christmas alone! She lived across the street.

On Christmas day, extending the invitation to some friends and neighbours from my previous address, we had a house full, some from South America, Libia, a family from Kuwait

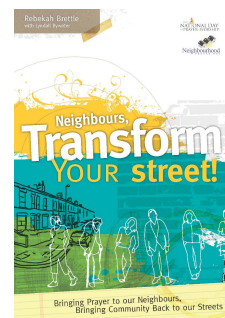


(who didn't speak English), and some friends. In total there were thirteen of us for Christmas dinner including five Muslims.

Careful to be sensitive to the Muslim faith, I tried to find Halal Turkey. My Muslim friends even asked me if I would take them to my church, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They are still Muslims today. The Christmas I was dreading became one of my favourite memories of Christmas, followed quickly by getting together with Carl and then us getting married in 2010.

CHRISTMAS OFFER

Our book, Neighbours, Transform Your Street, is written with the sole aim of spreading our vision as well as the great work of the wider church. For Christmas, from now until December 31st we are doing a special offer, a church can purchase a box of 14 which would normally cost £140, for £120 with free postage. We will send all orders off within 4 days of them being placed. All orders placed before or on 31st December will be honoured.



Any profit made, helps to fund our work. All our staff are currently volunteers. The book would also make a great gift for your church minister. [To place your order for a box click here.](#)

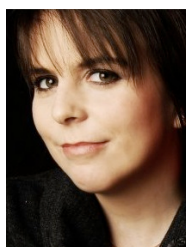
If you are feeling low, this Christmas, however bad things may seem, your circumstances could be about to change for the better. There is always hope, when we put our faith in God.

For those of you looking forward to Christmas, please remember over the Christmas period those who might be struggling.

May all of you have a blessed Christmas and remember the true joy of Christmas, that we remember the birth of Jesus and the reason for our hope! There is no greater Christmas gift than being in a deep friendship with Jesus and I hope all of us next year with develop an even deeper friendship with Him!

Don't forget to encourage your friends to [register that they are praying for their street](#), we're only 19 streets away from our first 1,000 streets being prayed for.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

Today is Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

Matthew 6:19-21

Lord, Help us and our neighbours to remember what we are celebrating this Christmas. Help us remember those, both in this country and overseas, who struggle to put food on the table.

CARE

Can you sacrifice something for Christmas this year, and give your money, talents or time to someone who needs help?

SHARE

- Could you invite your neighbour to your local Christmas service ?
- Could you give your neighbours a Christmas card on your street ?
- Could you buy your immediate neighbours a small Christmas gift such as some chocolate ?
- Could you invite some neighbours around for a mulled wine and minced pie party at your house ?

UCB's Prayerline

If you or your neighbour need prayer this Christmas you might want to ring UCB's Prayerline, there are dedicated staff who will pray with you on the phone or you can send them a quick email and they pray for that need. To get more information about prayer line and to submit a prayer request [Click Here.](#)

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