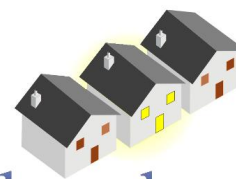




Newsletter Update

Friday 9th May 2014



Neighbourhood PRAYER.NET

Stats

2,352 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
237,552 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
564,480 People living there (240 per street)
****Click here to see our research sources.**



Dear Carl

We are approaching an important milestone; soon we will have covered 1% of UK streets covered in prayer (2640 streets).

As we approach this significant milestone, I could barely imagine we only started a few short months ago; I cannot help, but look back in wonder at what God has done through our charity.



I remember reluctantly taking to the stage at the National Day of Prayer and Worship, almost crying because of the thought of speaking to a stadium of over 32,000 people - I was so nervous made it difficult for me to form a sentence. I had no video, my powerpoint slides failed and I even forgot to bring the our resource book, "[Neighbours, Transform Your Street](#)", the legacy resource for the [National Day of Prayer and Worship](#), with me.



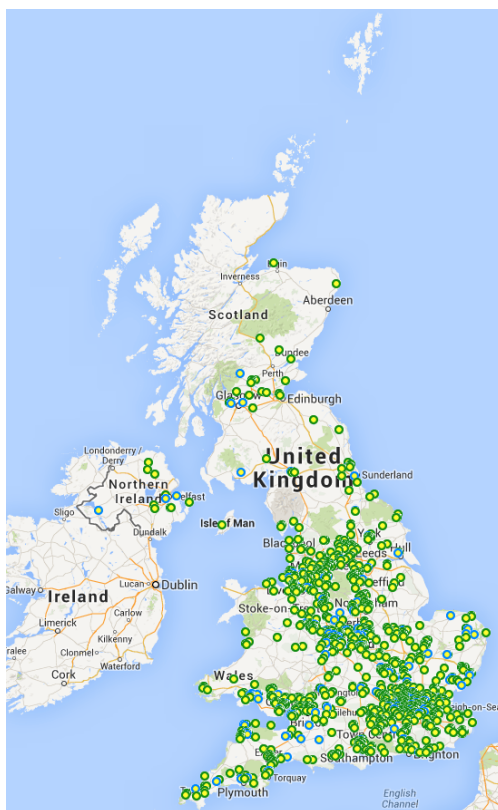
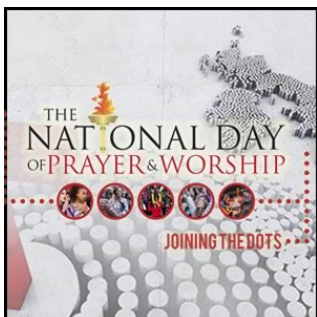
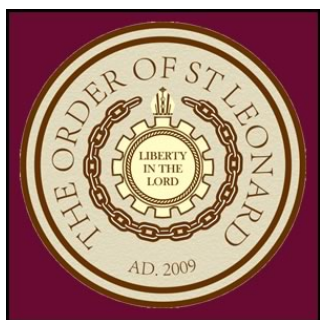
My husband Carl almost had to drag me onto the stage as I felt unprepared to say anything. It is a good job I didn't realise that this event was being broadcast on live radio and TV as well. I am so thankful to two faithful intercessors who prayed for me before I spoke.



Carl told me to speak from my heart. Godfrey Birtell, was singing, " Just One Touch From the King, Changes Everything" on the stage, a song I consider our anthem. I remember little, in fact nothing of what I said, relying on God to bring order to my words. All I know is that if it was based on my own eloquence, we would not be here today. God seemed to speak through me. In the days that followed, hundreds of people, (many of you reading this newsletter) had responded and were represented as a yellow dot on our prayer map.



In the months that followed, testimonies started to come in of people who had taken up the challenge to pray for and get to know their neighbours. People who were lonely, were spending Christmas with a neighbour, for the first time in years. A neighbour who would no longer be just a neighbour, but a friend. People who had not attended Church in many years were returning to Church and some who had never been to Church were accepting an invitation for the first time; and there were even reports of neighbours being healed in response to prayer!



These significant stories are having a major impact on a small number of people's lives. Can you imagine if this was replicated across every street in the UK. Can you imagine what a difference, we could make by working together on a National scale?

Thank you for being part of the journey so far, we have many miles to go and a distance to travel, but together, one street at a time, we can see our nation transformed!

Please check our [prayer map](#) to make sure your street is represented with a yellow dot and **can we ask that we all**



encourage two other people to sign up to pray for, care for and share Jesus with their neighbours this week?

Can We Visit You?

As part of our unwavering commitment to reach every street in the UK, we plan to visit all 124 postcode areas of the UK. If you want us to visit your area, to share testimonies, encouragement and to launch Neighbourhood Prayer Network in your area, please let us know. We will consider visiting any church, whether a small meeting or a large meeting, a City, a town or a village, even one of the many islands in our Family of Nations.



Above is a picture of when I visited Folkestone in Kent recently and where over 100 people gathered after signing up to pray for the streets in that area.

If you would like to invite us to come and speak, [please fill in this form.](#)

Neighbour Friday

Prayer

Choose three houses on your street and commit to pray for them every Friday. Pray a blessing over the whole street and all who live there every time you leave the house.

Care

Ask God if there is something you could do to help a neighbour this week.

Share

Simply ask God for an opportunity to speak to a neighbour this week and when the opportunity arises, start a conversation with your neighbour.

If you have not already bought a copy of 'Sharing Jesus' buy a copy for you and a friend, so that you can look at how to answer questions about your beliefs, with a neighbour, if they were to ask you.



HOPE has teamed up with Share Jesus International and UCB to produce a new book. Sharing Jesus focuses on how to put faith into words. With contributions from a range of churches and ministries, Sharing Jesus looks at how to spark God conversations, ways to explain the gospel, next steps, answering tough questions and leading someone to Jesus.

To order [click here](#).

Testimony from St George's Day (*this account is anonymised to protect identities*)

Just to update you! Forty three neighbours from our road, attended a St. George's Day tea party on April 23rd. I think this is the sixth one we have arranged via our monthly neighbours coffee morning for the ladies in our road. This coffee morning has grown so much in the last year that we are no longer able to host it in our homes and have to hire the Community Centre at the end of our road now!!Between 20-24 ladies attend each month.

We had warm dry weather for our St. George's day event and several neighbours have stopped me since to ask if I prayed or 'ordered' the good weather. Another neighbour took it on board to let our local Magazine delivered to every home in the town, to let them know what we had done in our road. One neighbour has started coming back to church in her electric wheelchair and is attending the ladies afternoon meeting there once a month. I am so encouraged. Praise God for the way he is blessing this road.

Financial Update

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to us. For those of you who are financially struggling, please know that we do not expect you to donate financially, but we value your prayers. For those of you who are able, could you consider giving £1 a month or £12 a year. Every pound counts and if many of us give a little, it makes a massive difference to us.

Pioneer Partner Churches?

We are also are looking for our Churches friends to consider giving a regular gift of £25 per month and become a Pioneer

Partner. A pioneer partner will receive additional resources, free of charge and will help us shape the vision as they feed back to us, what works in the local church. If you are interested in doing this please [Click Here](#).

Current finances

April - All paid Praise God.

May - £427.93 left to find.

June - £531.00 left to find.

If you would like to make a gift [click here](#).

If you would like to give a small monthly gift [click here](#).

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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