



# Newsletter Update

Friday 16th May 2014

### Stats

2,382 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)  
240,582 Houses on those streets (101 per street)  
571,680 People living there (240 per street)  
**\*\*Click here to see our research sources.**



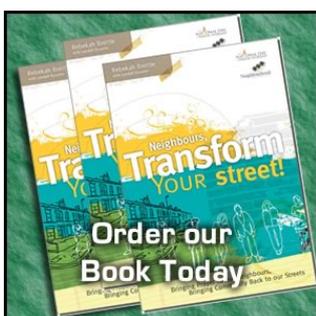
Dear Carl

This week we bring you a testimony of how prayer on one street has already had a major impact, with a drug dealer moving out of a street and two neighbours seeing their lives radically transformed! We carried out a telephone interview with the author of the testimony, to see what advice she has for us. Please send us your stories, they are such an encouragement to so many. This week's newsletter is a bit longer than normal, but well worth the read.



## Neighbourhood Prayer Tour

We are excited about the number of people who have responded to our Neighbourhood Prayer Tour. Please send us your requests here. We will be responding next week via telephone and trying to ensure that we are able to go to all our invitations!



## Commonwealth Games in 69 Days!



We are excited to be partnering with "More than Gold." There are only 69 days to go until the Commonwealth Games. I hope that wherever we live throughout the British Isles, all of us will get behind the Commonwealth Games in Prayer! There is some information toward the end of this newsletter about this, but please visit the More than Gold website for latest information and updates and how you can get involved.



## A Testimony from the North of England

(anonymised to protect identities).

*"When I moved into my road, I was the only Christian here and I started praying for my street. A couple then moved in here, they were also Christians. We started praying between us for our street. The drug dealer next door to me, left and a lovely lady moved in and she now has a young child. She looks after me when things get tough health-wise. The daughter of a local church leader who*



*lived on my street was in a bad relationship and hated God. The relationship ended and she gave her life to Christ and is 'on fire' for God. The person living at Number \* also now goes to the local Church. That leaves 20 houses to go! I just keep praying and things keep happening. My friends at the Prayer Room call me their prayer warrior because, although I don't get any public credit for what I do, I know that I am doing my Father's business."*

**I spoke to the author of this testimony on the phone and I asked her some questions:**



**How did you know that a drug dealer was living next door to you?**

*"I was told by one of my neighbours, after I had just moved into my new house, I had been there only three weeks. I started praying and a year later they moved on. I did my best to show kindness to them, whenever I could."*

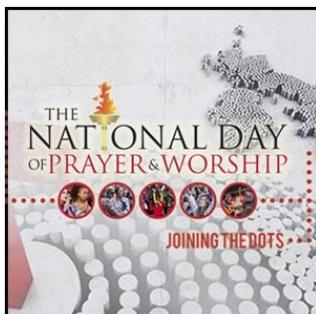
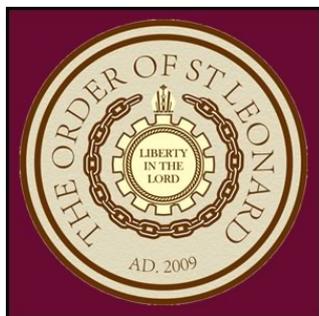
**How long were you praying before other things started to happen?**

*"It was about five years. It is important not to expect miracles, because they won't come, not for a while. There has to be a change in people's heart first. You have to keep praying, even when you don't see answers to your prayers. Keep your prayers short and make sure that you are in relationship with God. It is God that does the work. It can be disheartening when you don't see anything happening, but you have to keep going, it doesn't happen over night, but over a long period of time."*



**What advice would you give to those who are praying for their streets?**

*"It is really important to get together with someone else. It doesn't mean that you pray together regularly, but when you can. My Christian neighbour and I met and drew a map of the street. We highlighted the houses on the street where we knew people and divided it between us. It is important to seek every opportunity to get to know people, keep what you know confidential and pray. For example, someone lost their job, so we prayed and they are now in a job that they love. I keep a board in my house with things on it that remind me to pray for people, cards neighbours have sent me and other visual reminders. I have some health issues, so I can't always do too much, but I can pray. I also think it is really important to carry a Bible with you wherever you are and use it. Also at every opportunity offer a short prayer to God. I pray very simply just as if God is standing next to me wherever I am - which He is."*



The person I was speaking to, said that it was also really important to realise that this is all about God. Where things have changed it is because of what God has done,



and she didn't want any credit for the changes.

Lets all of us follow her example, and keep praying, wherever we are, even when the answers don't seem to come immediately, even for some years!

## Neighbour Friday

### Prayer

2 Cor 5:7

Lord, I pray for my neighbours, who are living with chronic pain or severe illness; that the facts about their condition won't dishearten them. May they know that You can strengthen them for the challenges they face.

Encourage a neighbour today, or help with something practical like getting to an appointment.

### Care

It is not too late to organise a Hi-Tea, (hello with a cuppa, an afternoon tea for your neighbours), as part of the Big Lunch on 1st June. Alternatively you could get involved in a street party being organised as part of the Big Lunch through a local church or community group. If you do organise a Hi-Tea, please let us know and send in a picture or two, it will encourage our friends in the network.

### Share

A season of Saying Thank You

Write a Thank you card to your local Neighbourhood Police officer Team and give them a gift of the Father's Love Letter and a gift edition of the Word For Today (a daily devotional based on Bible readings). You can order these for free from UCB [www.ucb.co.uk/communitydistribution](http://www.ucb.co.uk/communitydistribution)



For suggestions of what to write in your thank you letter, please turn to page 88 of [Neighbours, Transform Your Street](#)

And/Or



[Order the Sharing Jesus Resource](#). Sorry for the delay for some of you who have ordered, we used our stock very quickly. We now have new stock and your books will be with you shortly.

If you have not already bought this excellent resource, buy it for £3 plus postage today. It is excellent value for money!

## Financial Update

Thank you so much for your prayers and for your financial gifts. Every single gift is appreciated. We are currently working on some new prayer guides, a prayer journal for 2015, prayer resources for the local church, a legacy campaign for More than Gold, recruiting new volunteers and planning a tour throughout the UK. We hope through God's grace, we make every pound go far further than in should in the natural! We also write the Friday prayers for the UCB Prayer For Today. Your gifts make this possible. Thank you. Have a look below at the amazing opportunity we have in Scotland, any help appreciated.

April: All paid - Praise God

May: £189.37 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](#).

## Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow in only 69 Days



Please pray for the initiative below, the report in from More than Gold.

*Lord let Glasgow flourish through the preaching of thy word and praising thy name.*

*West Highland Way Bible Relay - The concept*

- *As we walk the land to pray for Scotland and the opportunities the Games bring we will be passing a Bible from one parish to another down the West Highland Way and Kelvin Walkway from Fort William to the centre of Glasgow*
- *The Bible will be used by 'Flourish' during the games as they witness Christ in the heart of the city.*
- *There will be Penny Gospels per day to be given away to anyone who wishes one as the Bible travels down the West Highland Way and Kelvin Walkway.*
- *Where the Bible stops each night there would be a time of praise and prayer for the Games in Scotland.*
- *It is hoped that there will be some folk who will walk the whole way joined by individuals from each place it visits thus making it a team effort.*

*What next?*

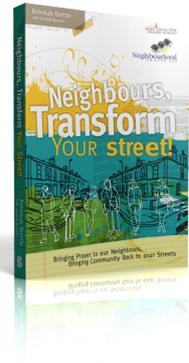
*The idea is that each parish would be responsible for the passage of the Bible through their parish with the involvement of other denominations and the community within their area. This work is progressing well. The Scottish Bible Society*

*have agreed to gift the Bible for the event and the Penny Gospels will be sponsored for the journey. But we need walkers, please pray and please tell your friends about this opportunity.*

*Please contact More than Gold at 07769 11 44 27 if you are interested. Please pass this to friends and family who may also be interested.*

## **In closing - The Scottish Book Project.**

We have been given the opportunity in the run up to the Commonwealth Games to give a Neighbours Transform your Street book to a Prayer Leader in each of the 400 towns and villages the torch relay will pass through. It's an amazing opportunity for us to get the word out in Scotland, which if you look at the [Prayer Map](#), doesn't yet have much coverage.



Would you consider sponsoring a book, which will help us cover the cost of doing this. If we could find 400 sponsors willing to cover the £10 cost of the book, we could replace our book stock and have the potential to sign up hundreds of new streets in Scotland

If you would like to sponsor the cost of a book, please [Click Here](#).

Thanks so much for your continued prayer, we feel like we are simply trying to catch up with what God is doing each week and are so humbled that you are continuing to walk the journey with us to see these Isles Transformed by the Power of God.

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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