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Dear

These are days of increasing challenge. Whilst there are pockets of encouragement across Europe, the general trend is one of Church decline and a growing antagonism toward Christianity. Yet, God is strong!

I am genuinely full of expectation in these days. Our God is able. We have seen growth in all areas of ministry and it's particularly exciting because that growth translates into more gospel proclamation, more people hearing the Good News and more believers equipped for the task. And this task grows more urgent each day.

I recently read these words penned by Catherine Booth (wife of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army):

"Oh friend, think of one such soul!... We talk about it, but who realises it – who, who? – the value of one precious, immortal soul, saved, redeemed, sanctified. Oh the needs of the world! They are dying. They are dying. When people come to me with their fastidious objections, I say "My friend, all I know is souls are dying, dying."

May the Lord grant us a fresh perspective as we reflect on the needs of the world and the life transforming message entrusted to us. This truth hit home to me recently as I heard a testimony on one of my travels.

Two young couples, both with young children, were in the same Life Group at this church I was visiting. They told the story of how one of the husbands had kidney failure, was put on dialysis and not given much hope as far as life expectancy was concerned. The wife of the other husband felt moved to help and became the kidney donor, giving new life to her friend. It was her words later during this testimony that were challenging:

"If you have the ability to save someone's life, why wouldn't you?"

As a believer, you and I have 'the ability' (God working through us) to save others. In other words, to bring the Good News and introduce precious souls to Jesus. May the Lord help us this day to make known this glorious gospel!

Martin

Update from K180 evangelist, Abi Mroczynska

Hello there, it's Abi (again). Since last writing, life has been racing along. As my time with K180 continues into the second half of the second year I've been continually stretched and challenged. This has been on a number of fronts. Firstly in role, both Martin and Gareth have been giving me opportunities to lead through teaching and training sessions within different contexts. These have included basic evangelism training with churches and teams interested in street evangelism; both in the UK and further afield – most recently in Reykjavik, Iceland.



Secondly in music, I've always loved music and am working on writing my own songs, though this is easier said than done! Being able to work on new songs and to sharpen my skills as musician and songwriter has been a wonderful part of my time with K180. Thirdly in leadership, this has involved occasionally leading the regular Friday night Ealing outreach and working more with K180 trainees. This has been great in helping me to continue applying what I've learnt and am learning as a K180 trainee.

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At the time of writing this, I'm about to participate in my fourth and final Emerging Evangelists Institute, where the teaching will (I'm sure) be really practical and useful, the people splendid company, and of course there is the all-important table tennis – a vital part of K180's ministry! While being on placement with South Hanwell Baptist Church, I have also been enrolled on a ministry training course with Sussex Gospel Partnership. This has been a great time of learning more about the bible and how to expound it, so far I've really enjoyed getting to grips with the grandeur of the gospel, and that we have the incredible privilege of sharing it!

Returning to Iceland...

By Gareth Hides

K180 is committed to ongoing sustainable ministry. Therefore when we help train outreach teams, we do not simply plan for 'one-off' training, but rather a growing relationship where we are able to stand alongside teams for a longer period of time, walking with them through the challenges and indeed the joys of consistent evangelistic ministry. Iceland is an example of a growing partnership between local churches and K180, with the common goal of spreading the gospel and seeing lives changed...

I had the privilege of leading the K180 team as we went out to Iceland again for a long weekend in February, this time to lead some evangelism training and street outreach with a group of churches in Reykjavik. It was a very encouraging time out there, amongst other things, supporting the Icelandic believers in their 'Downtown Mission' to the clubbers on a Friday and Saturday night from about 10pm-2am.

We brought our red box with us, and got to see some local believers share their testimony publicly on the streets for the first time. It was encouraging to hear the gospel proclaimed in the Icelandic language to the lost walking past. Our team got to pray with people who responded, both on the streets and in the church. I was invited to preach at one of the churches, Filadelfia, on the Sunday afternoon, and it was great to see God use us in speaking to hearts.

After I had preached, and everyone had gone downstairs for coffee, a young guy who had heard the message came up to me and said he just wanted to "surrender all to Jesus". Dominic and I had the privilege of praying with him. It was a very encouraging mission, seeing people engage with the gospel of Jesus! Thanks for your prayers!



Training evangelists



We aim for multiplication to be at the heart of every ministry we are engaged with. In other words, seeing every initiative bearing fruit on every level. So it was an immense joy to see the launch of Red Timoteo near Madrid during March, a Spanish venture birthed out of the UK 'Emerging Evangelists Institute' (EEI).



The 'Timothy Network' is an innovative programme designed to equip young evangelists who have a specific call for the public proclamation of the gospel in Spain. The 'Timothy Network' is for men and women between 18 and 35 years with a passion for preaching the Gospel (whether at specific events, in the media, churches, universities, parks or other contexts).

"[God has me] all shook up. My call has been defined"
(Josue)

The centrepiece of Red Timoteo is a 3 day retreat held twice a year, where participants take time away together to explore a given theme. With special guest speaker, Juan Blake, the theme for March was 'The call of the evangelist' and it was an inspiring time of teaching, reflection and worship. The participants left spurred and looking forward to part 2 later in the year...

And in the UK – 'Emerging Evangelists Institute' (EEI)

April 2014 and saw evangelists gather from UK, Iceland, Lithuania and Spain as together we explored the theme 'The evangelist and Communication'. With guest speaker **Mark Ritchie**, it was a vibrant time of learning and application. Now for the outworking of the training!



Trainees

From time to time we have trainees learning alongside the ministry as they explore their call to Evangelist. For 5 weeks we had the privilege of Ruth Colderwood joining the K180 team. Here are her reflections...

I arrived on a Monday afternoon not 100% sure of everything I would be doing, but sure I would be sharing the gospel a lot on the streets. It has been a fantastic 5 weeks and I have had lots of opportunity to step out of my comfort zone. I have shared my testimony and an illustrated message on the Red Box, which was one of my aims for the placement. Speaking in public without much preparation and practice was probably one of the biggest challenges and achievements that I accomplished. 'Preaching' without notes was definitely a 'first' for me, even if it was only for a few minutes. Equally speaking in church though I have done frequently I had not done at such short notice and with as little preparation time. Improvement is needed in this area, but to have done it is a breakthrough in my personal development.

"How much do I care for the lost?
How much am I willing to share with others who do not know Him?"

Having so much opportunity to share the gospel on the streets has been so encouraging. We are told people are not interested in Jesus, but my experience was that many were very willing to talk about Him. It was great to see how far people's views could be changed in a very short period of time. Most surprising was the number of people who were prepared to let us pray with them, there and then, on the streets including those who professed to be Atheists!!!!

Seeing my Icelandic brothers and sisters going out from 10pm to 2am every Friday and Saturday in the freezing cold, hearing of the team in England going out on the evening of the worst weather in England has been a challenge to my commitment in sharing the gospel. Equally, having a young lady, tell me without any prompting that she was going to hell, but not wanting to respond to Jesus gift of eternal life, but then thanking me for caring enough to share the gospel with her. How much do I care for the lost, how much am I willing to share with others who do not know Him?

I have also been challenged on how well do I know the gospel, and how much has it got a grip on my heart. How much do I get hung up on secondary matters that distract from the main thing-God's Salvation.

Thanks to the team for being interested enough in me to give me so much of their time and energy. They have been such a blessing, caring for me, challenging me, and most of all encouraging me.



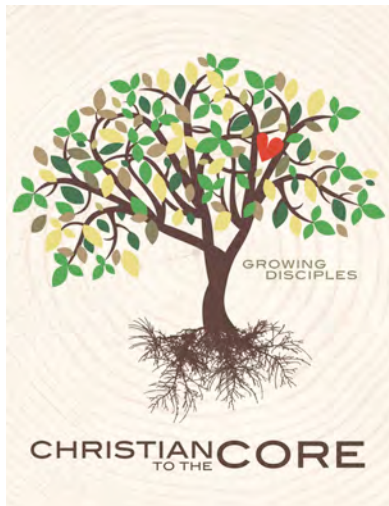
Discipleship

The call in the Great Commission is clear... to “make disciples”. As well as proclaiming the Gospel, we work hard at ensuring follow up happens and that nurture of new believers is of highest priority. We are also keen to help believers on their journey of faith, particularly as it pertains to sharpening our witness.

Christian to the Core (C2C) is your twelve-session journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God’s greater purposes for your life. C2C explores the Eight Core Values of the most vibrant and dynamic Christians, discovered through global research by the International Leadership Institute. You can use it alone, but this exciting resource is best used in a small group where you can study, share, and pray with others.

Just as a tree grows from its core, you also have the ability to grow when you focus on the core of who you are and what you can become in Christ. This journey can transform your life, relationships, and legacy.

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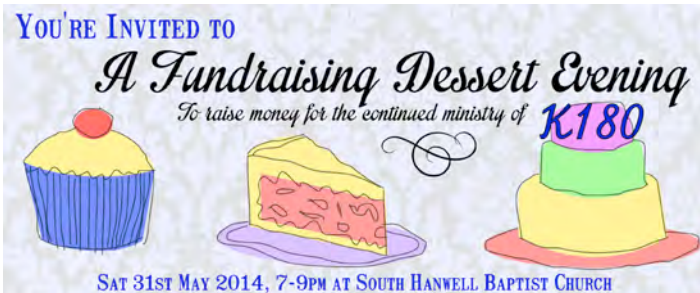
Coming up...

After two great 'Unashamed' meetings in January and March, we now look forward to 12th July when we'll explore the importance of aiming at the heart in sharing our faith.

More details on our website: www.k180.org/unashamed



And if you are in the London area on 31st May... you are welcome to join us for an evening of desserts, interspersed with testimonies, celebration and an insight to the future ministry of K180!



History Makers in Lithuania

With 7 countries represented, the first History Makers in Lithuania took place in March. And what a week it was! It was amazing seeing the Lord at work in the lives of these young leaders. From waking one young leader up in the middle of the night with a profound message, to igniting a passion for taking the gospel onto the streets, many testimonies were evidence of a powerful week. If you haven't had opportunity as yet, check out our website (under History Makers Lithuania) to see a video of testimonies.

"I'm changed. I cannot stay the same" (Roberta, Lithuania)

"This is the most significant moment in my Christian life since my baptism" (Ina, Albania)



Perhaps most encouragingly we are hearing reports of multiplication across Lithuania! Evangelism teams forming, young leaders praying with professors at their college, follow up History Makers events planned and local church ministry impacted. Praise God!

Hear the words of one church leader in Vilnius who contacted us after his young leaders returned from HM:

"I was very impressed about what they told me. They are very happy they went to HM. I mean very, very happy. They have already been into the city to spread the gospel, giving booklets and talking with people. And they have more plans". The church leader went on to talk about the difference it is making to them as a church, with HM having "really moved things forward" for them.

Why not check out our website... www.k180.org

Looking ahead...

We are so grateful for your partnership in the gospel. As part of each newsletter, we plan to highlight one of our on-going projects to give you a flavour of what's happening and how you can help.

Our vision is nothing less than '**Europe ablaze with the Gospel**' and we believe each of the K180 ministry 'projects' are transformative in that one by one, lives are being changed!

Training young evangelists

We are utterly committed to praying that the Lord would raise up evangelists in this day. Our desire at K180 is do everything we can to encourage those early in their call to the office of evangelist, with a goal of seeing such evangelists planted within the local church context, out of which to exercise their ministry.

Our approach is essentially two fold:

- Partnering with the 'Billy Graham Evangelistic Association', we help equip proclamation evangelists in the UK and Europe through the 'Emerging Evangelists Institute' (EEI). Taking two residential weekends a year, we work through 4 modules over two years, exploring this call to proclaim the gospel. Additionally, we provide practical opportunities for ministry in the UK and overseas
- We also host a 'Trainee' initiative throughout the year in London. Those who want to explore the call can join with K180 for a period of time that suits them and we commit to invest teaching, both in theory and practical (with the emphasis on the latter!). Many evangelists early in their call have taken part in this training.

How can you help?

First and foremost we seek your prayer cover. This year has seen several young evangelists enter training and our prayer is that this will prove a significant time for the Kingdom. These are our key areas of development:

- Developing the K180 Trainee initiative
- Developing the EEI and particularly the practical mission opportunities that come with it

Thank you as always for your interest and support in varying ways. We truly value your partnership and look to the Lord as He leads us forward.

With our love and blessings in Jesus' Name