



NEWSLETTER

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Dear

I was preaching at a church recently. I arrived early and said "hello" to an elderly lady (in her 80s) who had likewise arrived in good time. She replied;

"They used to throw tomatoes at me!"

I looked at her inquisitively. She knew that I led street outreaches. She continued;

"When I stood up to preach in the marketplace, not everyone liked it. Yes, I often had tomatoes thrown at me as I preached."



She then explained that, as a younger woman, she would go into the marketplace every week to preach the Gospel and call people to follow Jesus. "I loved it," she said. She talked of her different experiences, the team of people she helped lead, and the adventures they had preaching in the open air. I listened intently, asking questions. As I heard her testimony, the fire was stoked within me. I would never have guessed that this elderly lady was a fearless open air Gospel preacher!

'So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.' (Acts 17:17-18)

Paul being called a "babbler". Imagine that! I know we aren't perfect here at K180, and we certainly don't have all the answers, but I pray that in our babbling (what a great word by the way!) the mighty power of God would be seen as hearts and eyes are opened to this glorious Gospel message. We aim to be fearless in our preaching, knowing that is only possible by His Spirit living within us (Acts 1:8). As you read through these pages you will read of fearless men and women, young and old, across the breadth of Europe from Iceland to Armenia, and all worthy of having tomatoes thrown at them. For some, it already is much more than tomatoes. Stoke that fire within us Lord!

With blessings in the Mighty Name of Jesus,

Martin

EUROPE ABLAZE WITH THE GOSPEL

...has been the God-given vision of K180 since He called the ministry into being.

God continues to bless us with opportunities to serve His work across Europe. The pins on the map show the countries where ministry has taken place in the last 3 months, and the work continues in many more. You can read more about how God has been changing lives in the pages that follow.

All this is made possible by the partnership in the gospel of individuals and churches. We are enormously grateful for this and hope that as you read about what God is doing through the work of K180, you will be encouraged to continue to pray, give and go!



FRIDAY NIGHT STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights in Ealing Broadway

Our team continue to be out on the streets of Ealing on Friday nights over 25 years since we started going out back in 1996. God is slowly growing the team which has encouraged us recently, and some team members are coming from as far away as Croydon (South London) and Chadwell Heath (East London). Please join us in praying for the Lord to raise up more team members locally from churches in the Ealing borough.



"The weekly outreach really is the highlight of my week! Every week it is such a blessing to be able to gather together, to go out and proclaim this great news with all who walk past, and to discuss with them the difference that Jesus has made in our lives."

(Matt, Team Member)



'On the Streets' United Outreach

Back in June, we had our first 'United' outreach where members of different teams from across London joined together to support and encourage each other. The Brentford Free Church team hosted us wonderfully and we look forward to another 'United' outreach next year!



EURO STREET TEAMS

Tbilisi, Georgia

Our team of three (Samuel, Paul and Gareth) were able to lead some evangelism training on the streets in the city centre. We found it refreshing how many were open to hearing the Gospel. Two young men prayed prayers of commitment on the streets and many others took Gospel booklets and John's gospels.



Bohumín, Czech Republic

As one of our long-standing Euro Street Team partnerships, we were thankful to be able to send another team to Bohumín. Our team of three (Frances, Daniel and Gareth) helped lead British-themed school English lessons and shared testimony. We were also able to share with the weekly KeX youth group and answer some challenging questions they had. Another highlight was the Sunday morning church service and the community BBQ.



"We trust in God's promise "Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you." (Isaiah 60:10) and we can see the K180 has been part of that over the years. We are grateful to our friends for being such a blessing to our church. The lives are being changed and the Gospel proclaimed. God is good and faithful."

(Miriam, lay church leader and former K180 trainee)



Hunedoara, Romania

This was our first visit for a street outreach mission with Pastor Emy and Deo Gloria Church, long-time partners with History Makers. The church were encouraged and our team (Steve, Hayden, Sofie, Hutch and Gareth) led training and shared the Gospel in many ways. Two people made decisions to follow Christ over the weekend.

"Thank you again for your service to us and for inspiring us in evangelizing those around us."

(Pastor Emy)

MINISTRY IN UKRAINE

Thank you to everyone who has given to our Ukraine appeal during the past year. Your support has helped, and continues to help, tremendously at this time of great need. It is hard to overstate the huge encouragement it brings to those on the ground. As well as in Ukraine, we have teams and ministry partners in Belarus, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Russia.

Ukraine

Our History Makers core team member, Andriy, has remarkable energy as he leads others in providing critical needs to Ukrainians in the south and east of the country. This continues to be dangerous territory. It is inspiring to see Andriy's foresight as he serves those in great need... thinking longer term, helping families help themselves. Recent financial support has been used to provide:

- propane gas for heating
- wood for the winter
- 5000kg of potatoes for planting
- 200 chickens for 20 families
- 5 greenhouses
- basic necessities

As we write this report, we have just heard the following update from Andriy which highlights the ongoing intensity of the situation... "This Sunday the village of Stanislav was bombed in Kherson region. It was our home base for our humanitarian mission in that region. The Pastor of the local church, my good friend, was killed."

Please pray for his wife and children as they grieve.

Just before Christmas, Martin had opportunity to visit our team and partners in Lviv. It was good to come alongside, support (as best we can), and pray for those who are making Christ known in the darkness.



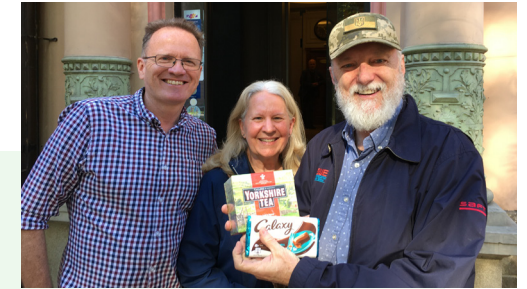
Volodymyr

Pastor Volodymyr (History Makers graduate) is serving in Ukraine and is actively supporting refugees in his church building. He used the bulk of the money we were able to send to buy 4 generators to go to 4 needy families.



Mark & Rhonda

Mark & Rhonda are tirelessly supporting Ukrainian refugees being housed at their home. They have been missionaries in Ukraine for many years and despite notable obstacles (especially Rhonda's sight), they continue to provide shelter and food for those who have fled from Eastern and Southern Ukraine.



Focus on Moldova

Our HM Champion, Vitalie Carabet, is on the national executive of the Baptist Union. In July, I had opportunity to visit the refugee camp that Vitalie has been instrumental in setting up. This camp daily provides shelter, food, clothing and medicine for around 100 refugees. They also have school facilities for the children and centres where adults can learn new skills. It is an amazing set up!

Vitalie has also made regular trips into Ukraine, taking desperately needed supplies to hard to reach, and dangerous, areas. He recently visited Kherson. Regularly, during his stay, shells were being fired and missiles could be heard overhead. The monies we were able to provide principally went toward the purchase of generators, plus food products including wheat flour, potatoes and pasta. Upon his return, Vitalie wrote; "The brothers thanked me for the help and support. These products help people who are left without food, without water, without heat."

And the tireless Vitalie has also planted a church just outside of Chisinau, in an area surrounded by several large villages, where presently there is no evangelical church. A good number of Ukrainian refugees attend the church alongside some local believers. Martin had the privilege of leading a team there during July. It was inspiring to see the passion and determination of these Moldovan brothers and sisters.



HOSTING TEAMS

We had a busy few weeks in July hosting teams from partner churches. The goal of hosting these teams is to equip them in evangelism, see the Gospel go out in London in a focused and intensive way and, we pray, see impact back in their home context for God's Kingdom. We also got to introduce both teams to cricket!

Jesus reminds us in Luke 10:2 that "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few". We are thankful that the Lord is sending the workers through these teams coming to London! Please pray for the teams as they are now home, with some going to university for the first time. Pray that they might shine the light of the Gospel wherever they go and that God may open doors for the message of Jesus!



Mount Bethel Church

We were delighted to host a 'Vision' trip, a team of six, from Mount Bethel Church in Georgia. As a ministry we've known Mount Bethel Church for many years. Martin has preached there, they've been very involved with History Makers but this is the first time they've brought a team to London. The team stayed at a local Air BnB and training was kindly hosted at South Hanwell Baptist Church. Ministry opportunities included plenty of different street contexts across London, a visit to the John Wesley House and Museum, a 'Bible in the British Museum' tour, as well as some sightseeing along the way.



'The Road,' Faithbridge

Once again it was a privilege to welcome 'The Road' student mission team to London. 'The Road' is a missions programme from Faithbridge Church, just north of Houston in Texas. Over the years, many students seem to have been impacted by their time in London on these trips, and this year was no different. The team stayed again at South Hanwell Baptist Church which was also our base for training and teaching. Some highlights of the mission were the Thursday afternoon outreach in Leicester Square with several people stopping and engaging in Gospel conversations, the British Museum visit, and the outreach in the Tower Hill area where, in small groups, we approached people in personal evangelism.



"These two weeks have reignited my prayer life and shown me what God can use me for in His kingdom. I feel equipped now more than ever to go out and evangelise."

(Roberto, adult team leader)

HISTORY MAKERS

Armenia

Two History Makers training events took place within the space of two months across Armenia and saw 138 trained in all. The first had a different strategic angle as pastors gathered for the training each bringing young leaders with them. They went through exactly the same training but in different rooms, coming together for times of worship and for meals. This intentionality in multi-generational training was refreshing to see and we look forward to seeing the fruits in due course.



The second training was focused on another group of young leaders. Coming from different churches, the 60 who gathered eagerly explored the 8 biblical core values for leadership which form the heart of the History Makers training.

At the time of writing, History Makers training for the Armenian churches in Moscow has just concluded. Leaders from several different churches gathered as History Makers team members from Armenia and Georgia drove the 2,000km to lead the training. Report to come!



Luxembourg

This summer we have finished the first cycle of the HM School in Luxembourg. Two participants have obtained their certificate. We are completely grateful to God for this opportunity to collaborate with a local church in Luxembourg. A new cycle of the HM journey will start this autumn. This opens doors for new participants and gives the opportunity to those who finish the cycle to receive their certificates. May God continue to multiply leaders who will in turn equip other leaders in this small nation.



North Macedonia

In August, participants gathered in North Macedonia for a week of HM leadership training in a beautiful region in the mountains near Lake Berovo. Speakers of various nationalities attended: Albania, Belgium, North Macedonia, Turkey and the UK, and there were moments of empowerment, friendship, encouragement, and challenge. We had the pleasure of being visited by two leaders from Kosovo who see a great potential in these trainings and with these young people in North Macedonia. God willing, doors will continue to open, and we will be able to continue working to train leaders in this country.



HMJs coming up:

In **Spain**, the HM training has been scheduled for 4–8 September. May the Lord continue to equip leaders of leaders in this nation.

In **Czech Republic** the HM training is scheduled from 9–15 September. We believe that another event of great blessing for the participants is coming. As always, God continues to work and equip more leaders in this nation.

Another HM training in **Georgia** this year? Yes, from 10–15 September the HM co-ordinators in Georgia are organising another event as it is very well received and the Georgian leaders are asking to be trained. Thank God for multiple opportunities like this.

TRAINING EVANGELISTS

Whilst the EYE Network teams prepare for training in the autumn, we are further developing the practical opportunities we provide for participants and graduates. We strongly believe that such opportunities give rich experience and are a catalyst for Gospel growth, and therefore Gospel impact.

EYE Network Participants

We aim to provide evangelistic mission experiences in different cultural settings where EYE Network participants can exercise gifting, as well as be inspired, as they engage in proclaiming the Gospel alongside each other and local churches. As an example, a team of 5 travelled to Chisinau, Moldova in July to work alongside the new church planted by our ministry partner, Vitalie Carabet, and have the opportunity to get 'behind the scenes' of the major evangelistic initiative being conducted by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association at that time. It truly was an inspiring time as we laboured alongside local believers and then worked with the BGEA team as 19,000 people gathered to hear the Gospel proclaimed by Will Graham. We thank God for the many who came to Christ that weekend.



EYE Network Graduates

We are on the verge of launching a brand new initiative that we trust will focus investment on gifted young evangelists. The Graduate Training Initiative (GTI) is designed to provide an intensive period of training for selected young evangelists, providing rich experience, solid ministry growth, and ultimately accelerated Gospel impact. The 'pilot' year will start in January and we presently have 3 young Spanish evangelists lined up, all eager to make the most of this opportunity. More on this in a future newsletter.

COMING SOON...

New EYE Network training programmes are in the pipeline for both the Balkans and also Georgia. Teams have formed, the groundwork is well underway, and initial dates are being set. This is an exciting moment of development and one that we will bring significant Gospel advancement in those regions.

ANNOUNCING BEHOLD EUROPE 2024



Taking place every two years, Behold Europe is a gathering of evangelists who are primarily connected to the EYE Network training across Europe.

The aim of Behold Europe is for mutual encouragement, equipping and envisioning as we meet together. We believe such gatherings are a catalyst for accelerated Gospel proclamation, enhanced co-operation in ministry, and the raising of more evangelists at this critical time. We also plan to open this event to applications from any young evangelists across Europe who might be interested.



Behold Europe gathering 2022

When the team in Iceland volunteered to host Behold Europe in 2024, we thought it would not be possible. Prices are very high in Iceland and with most participants also needing to book flights, it seemed an impossible dream. Then we received an offer from the Pentecostal Movement in Iceland to make use of their conference facilities. This generous gesture opened the door for us to establish Iceland as the host nation for **Behold Europe 21st to 24th June 2024!**

With interpretation into French, German, Icelandic and Spanish, this event is accessible to many across Europe.

Do you know a young (18-39-year-old) evangelist who might benefit from participating in Behold Europe?

More details can be found at www.beholdeurope.org

TRAINEES

Hayden

At the end of June, we welcomed Kschool 2022 graduate Hayden Helton back to London for a longer traineeship.

About Me

My name is Hayden Helton, I am twenty years old, and I am from a small town in Alabama in the United States.

Why have I come back?

"While I was here [in London], I felt a deep tug on my heart for evangelism, London, and sharing the training I had received. I... began praying about the possibility of me coming back...to discern this calling further. The Lord has opened the door for me to spend six [more] months here in London.

Training opportunities

K180 are always open to hosting individuals exploring the call to Evangelist from a week to a year. Contact gareth@k180.org for more info.

We've also got **Kschool 2024** coming up (**3 to 31 July**) for those who would like to be equipped for evangelism during four weeks of training and ministry.

For more information:
www.k180.org/kschool-2024



Highlights So Far

I am nearly two months in, and the Lord has been so gracious in allowing me to be a part of His work here. I have been blessed to be a part of a mission team to Romania, support weekly outreach teams in London, and had the opportunity to walk alongside two teams from the U.S. ... I have been reminded of God's kindness and care in giving me opened eyes to the vital need for evangelism when I came last year, and now allowing me to be a witness to Him doing the same in others' hearts and lives. This is what my heart burns for."

PARTNERSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Firstly, thank you very much for your interest in the ministry of K180. We are thankful to God for our partners in the Gospel. Whether you already give or are thinking of giving, we trust that this newsletter has encouraged you. Our website naturally carries more information, and all that you read of would not be possible without the support of those partnering with us financially.

We are grateful for every donation. Every penny makes a difference.

Regular giving is of particular help as this helps us to budget effectively. If you are considering partnering with K180 financially, you might find it helpful to see an outline of our core projects which can be found at:

Core projects: www.k180.org/projects

The ministry of K180 is seeing strong growth and there are many opportunities before us. Indeed, even as we write, we are looking to add to our core team. In reality we need 2 to 3 more team members to enable us to press forward with much purpose, taking the Gospel opportunities before us that are in line with His call for this ministry. The need is great and we want to be found as obedient to His call as we yearn to see His purposes fulfilled in these days.

Our website explains different options for giving – www.k180.org/donate

If you reside in the UK, the easiest way is to give online to:

Account Name: Kerygma180

Sort Code: 20-41-41

Account Number: 33227057

If you have any questions about how you can partner financially, please email finance@k180.org

Thank you very much for your consideration.

LOOKING AHEAD...

EUROPE *ablaze* WITH THE GOSPEL



I see that the saying is true... the older you get, the faster time goes! I hope that the sense of urgency grows too. The days are getting shorter and time is running out. People simply need to have opportunity to respond to the Good News.

Yet “how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” (Romans 10:14). Here “preaching” is someone heralding the Gospel message. May the Lord help us to keep the main thing the main thing. There is nothing more important than a person’s eternal destiny. And there is only one way to the Father: Jesus.

The autumn months bring some exciting initiatives as we stick to the course and continue to proclaim and to train. At the time of writing...

EYE Network young evangelist training
Germany, Spain, UK

Euro Street Team missions
Slovenia, North Macedonia, Germany

History Makers young leaders training
Spain, Georgia, Czech Republic, Romania

I trust that the pages of this newsletter encourage you and help you as you seek to grow in your relationship with Him, and to be more intentional about sharing the hope that you have with others. We are full of anticipation as we look ahead. We see the need and are determined to be faithful to His call. The Lord is working out His purposes in these days and at K180 we seek to be obedient as we follow close after Him. We know that we cannot, indeed dare not, do this alone. As you partner with us, whether that be by prayer, giving, or going with us, you are very much part of this team that desires above all else to see that the glory due His Name is realised.

Many blessings in Jesus’ Name,

and the K180 team