



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear

I remember being chosen to play for my school basketball team when I was about 14 years old. I was super excited. Our coach, a former professional, knew all there was to know about basketball. And he chose me for the team! There would be days when I would get up early and head to the school sports hall to train. I always made sure I was on time for team practice and did everything I could to learn from my coach. On match day I felt so special as spectators watched on during the games. It was quite something to be chosen for the team!



**'You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.'** (John 15:16)

Within these pages you can read about this year's Big 3 mission. On the first night in Woolacombe our team was invited to share the Good News with a group of 20 or so teenagers at a local church. Team member Stuart shared testimony of how the Lord rescued Him, explained the Gospel, and invited the young people to make a decision to follow Jesus. There was an overwhelming response as many indicated such a decision!

It was amazing to see the Lord touching lives. It was a powerful moment. One of the youth leaders later shared; **"Our youth strategy changed overnight... from reaching out to discipling!"**

This switch to discipling is, of course, now crucial. There are plenty of people who make a decision for Christ and then sit back. Perhaps they attend church or some of the meetings, but they are not really living the call day by day. They are essentially spectators. Spiritually speaking, this is dangerous ground. As disciples we are chosen. The call of Jesus is "Follow me." (e.g. Matthew 4:19). Note - He calls us. He chooses us. We do *not* choose Him.

Being chosen for the basketball team was special. My perspective changed. My attitude changed. My commitment changed. How much more as a disciple of Jesus Christ when we see afresh that He chose us? We dare not be spectators. He has a purpose for our life, and the call is to give ourselves completely to Him and the cause of the Gospel.

*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 5 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!



## BIG 3

### Big 3:23 – On Mission in Devon

At the end of April, as part of our annual Big 3 mission (which was really a 'Big 2' this year), we sent two teams to Devon for a bank holiday weekend of mission. In Paignton, one team worked alongside local Counties evangelist Stevie Walker and his church reaching out in the town and the surrounding areas. The other team worked alongside Calvary Chapel Woolacombe. We had opportunity in Woolacombe to share the Gospel with a group of young people at a church outreach event. After team member Stuart had shared from the front, most of the young people indicated a response to follow Christ! The youth leaders were naturally very encouraged, with one of them saying; "Our youth strategy changed overnight... from reaching out to discipling!"

It was certainly an encouraging weekend seeing the Lord at work as the teams shared the Gospel at every opportunity!



#### Paignton

**"Have been encouraged as a church, found it uplifting and encouraging. Weekend was refreshing and giving us a kick!"**

(Stevie, Church Evangelist)

#### Woolacombe

**"I enjoyed the new challenge of ministering to people on and around the beach in Woolacombe with tracts, preaches, gospel songs and illustrations. I started off the weekend feeling quite weak in the flesh but, by His Holy Spirit, God gave me the strength and boldness to engage people in deep conversation, one [conversation] in particular resulting in someone's salvation!"**

(Henry, Woolacombe Team Member)



**We plan to host another Big 3 mission next year. Why not consider applying to join one of the teams? Details TBC – watch this space!**

## ON THE STREETS CONFERENCE

In February, we hosted our third annual 'On the Streets' Conference at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead. We gathered 30 members of street outreach teams from across London (including one or two guests from just outside London) to pray and worship together, feed on God's Word together, and encourage one another. We give thanks for all that God is doing through this group of street teams in our capital city!



**"Very encouraging weekend meeting with like-minded evangelists. Time to be refreshed, empowered and motivated for the coming year of witnessing. Thank you so much for organising this weekend conference."** (Steve, participant)

## UNASHAMED+



In March, we had an exceptional Unashamed+ evening via Zoom with evangelist and missionary Hélder Favarin who explored Acts 17 using Paul in Athens as a biblical example. Hélder highlighted how we, as Christians, can daily be alert in every conversation with people, and how to find a point of connection that will lead to a conversation about the Gospel, and thus share the Good News with those around us.

Participants joined us from 28 countries for this encouraging time where Hélder left us challenged to be intentional about prayerfully finding Gospel bridges in our conversations.

**"Thank you very much, definitely, I found this event both very inspiring, constructive and encouraging!"** (Noël Merci, participant)



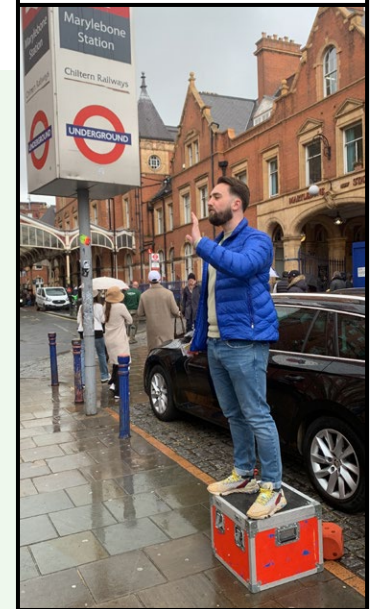
# LONDON GO MISSION

From 11-15 April, in partnership with OAC Ministries, we again hosted our annual 'London GO' mission, where two teams share the Gospel at every property location on the London Monopoly board. We met for devotions and prayer each morning in-person at Regent Hall (Salvation Army) on Oxford Street before heading to the streets. Many got to hear the Gospel across London, receive prayer and take John's Gospels or Bibles. We were thankful as well for believers previously not connected with K180's ministry who joined the team for a day or the entire mission – God certainly sent us the labourers!

FLEET STREET



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STRAND



REGENT STREET



**"...what a wonderful time of lots of people from different places and churches uniting to share the greatest news the world needs to know. May we never forget the truth of this message."**  
(Matt, team member)

**"M said that he had backslidden... I shared the Gospel and prayed with him. He took a copy of John's Gospel. He was so blessed by our time together that he made up his mind that he would go to Wednesday night Bible study at [a local church]."**  
(Paul, team member)



# TRAINING LEADERS FOR GOSPEL MINISTRY

**Training leaders for Gospel-centred leadership is a key focus as we keep in mind the vision God has given K180... 'Europe Ablaze with the Gospel'. These last few months have seen some exciting initiatives including a very strategic gathering of our European 'Champions' in France...**

## HM European Champions Summit

In April, around 30 History Makers country leaders from 19 nations met in a beautiful place in northern France and spent an encouraging time together in prayer, worship, seeking the Lord and planning. They were encouraged in how to move forward in their countries with the History Makers 8 biblical core values, and to make more disciples of Jesus, all with the goal of reaching more nations with the life-transforming Gospel. We believe this time together will be a catalyst for Gospel impact across Europe.



**"It was an encouraging time. Sometimes I feel overwhelmed with such a great task, but I know I am not alone. There are hundreds and thousands working for the Great Commission and I was encouraged by those who serve in more difficult areas... Also, by the young folks... Yes, I was very encouraged!"**  
(Emy – Romania)



## HM Armenia

In April History Makers training for young leaders took place once again in Armenia. We thank God for the 70 participants who could be equipped in this country. May God open doors to expand His Kingdom in Armenia.



## HM Georgia

History Makers Georgia took place in both February and March. 105 participants from 6 nations, and 14 churches gathered to deepen and sharpen their call to leadership. Leaders of leaders have been further equipped for Gospel ministry.



**"These have been the best days of my life." (Aria)**

## HM Online French

Every month online History Makers training is given in French. This is open to any French-speaking nation. Therefore, aside from participants from Europe, we also have leaders from Africa and America who have now graduated from Module 1 and 2. We look forward to seeing further History Makers training set up across the French-speaking world.

## HM Luxembourg

History Makers School in Luxembourg continues in partnership with a local church. Every 2-3 months, the participants meet on a Saturday to grow in their leadership as we explore some of the 8 core values that are at the heart of the History Makers training. We have completed 3 of the 4 sessions, and in July we will celebrate the graduation of our first cycle. A new cycle will begin in October. May God continue to open opportunities in this small nation in partnership with local churches.



# TRAINING EVANGELISTS

Several of the EYE Network teams across Europe held training this Spring. It was heart-warming to see young evangelists gathering face-to-face in Germany, Spain and the UK, and online for French-speaking training. We are convinced that the raising of young evangelists is a key strategy for Gospel impact in Europe.



## Philippus Netzwerk (Germany)

The training in Germany is at an exciting juncture. A new leadership team has formed with some exciting plans for the future as we seek to be faithful in providing sharp training across Germany. We are deeply thankful to Elmar Diener and Artur Penner who led the team with wisdom and tenacity over recent years, and grateful they remain close by! The training in March was a good springboard going forward and even looks to have launched a new team... in Georgia!



## EEI (UK)

With guest speaker Mitch, from Crown Jesus Ministries, bringing some excellent teaching, this most recent module saw us tackle the subject of 'The Evangelist and Communication'. With some new participants joining, we took time to look at forming and delivering an evangelistic talk, which included each participant preaching for 5 minutes, and then braced to receive friendly critique! The goal is to sharpen each other as we pursue this precious call to proclaim Jesus. It was an encouraging weekend!



## Red Timoteo (Spain)

Meeting just south of Madrid, young evangelists gathered to explore 'The Call of the Evangelist'. During the weekend, through teaching, group times, devotionals and simply time to connect and share experiences, we sought to encourage these evangelists who are early in their ministry call. We were particularly grateful for co-founder Hélder Favarin who brought some excellent teaching and now steps aside from the Red Timoteo team. Hélder is moving to the US to take up a new ministry position and will be very much missed in Spain. Please pray for Hélder and his family as they make this transition.



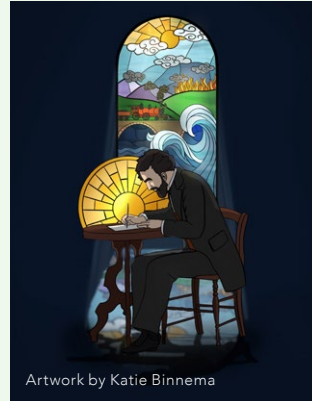
## RJEJ (French-speaking world)

A second online cycle of RJEJ began in March. With a changed format, new participants gathered one evening on 3 consecutive weeks as they began this journey. In many ways RJEJ is an 'experiment' arising from the pandemic. With many French participants from several countries joining our French-speaking initiatives during Covid, we decided to try this EYE Network group online to enable as many as possible to attend from across French-speaking Europe—and even from beyond! Module 2 is scheduled for October.

# IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

## K180'S NEW EVANGELISTIC MUSICAL!

The premiere tour of "It is Well with My Soul" — our new, original and evangelistic musical written by Gareth Hides — has just finished after touring 4 venues in 4 nights! The musical, set mostly in Chicago in the years following the US Civil War, tells the story of the people behind the beloved hymn. Our vision for this tour was simple: to present the Good News of Jesus in a creative and engaging way. We wanted this to be a Gospel event for Christians to invite along a not-yet-Christian friend to see a professional production whilst at the same time hearing the message of Jesus as told through the story of Philip and Lucy Bliss (alongside Horatio Spafford).



Artwork by Katie Binnema



Photo: Daniel Watson Photography



Photo: Dominic Ryland-Jones

It was great to see 3 of the 4 venues sold out, but most encouraging has been hearing how God is using the musical to impact lives in various ways. Please join us in praying for all who came along to the performances—may the Lord bring forth eternal fruit.

**"I was BLOWN AWAY on Sunday [at the performance]. God really reignited my passion for serving Jesus."**

(Jan, audience member – Witney performance)

**"We were so grateful and impressed by how brilliant the musical is and such a great tool of outreach... Our only regret is that we didn't buy more tickets to bless others with this privilege of watching this amazing musical."**

(Melody, audience member – Dudley performance)

We've been able to record an original cast album which we plan to have streaming on all online platforms sometime this summer.

For more information, please visit [www.itiswellmusical.com](http://www.itiswellmusical.com)

# INTRODUCING MARITZA

After serving alongside K180 as a volunteer and then on a part-time basis, we are delighted that Maritza González has now joined our team full time, with her particular emphasis being French-speaking Europe. Always with her desire to see local churches inspired by the eight core values of History Makers, as well as being trained in evangelism through the Unashamed Course, Maritza also helps us with some of the administrative tasks of the ministry such as translation and communication. May God continue to draw more people with passion and talents to this team so that together we will move forward faster and more effectively throughout Europe and so see Europe ablaze with the Gospel.





# MISSION TEAMS

**Every year we host teams coming to London with a goal to train in evangelism and spur them on in their ministry back home.**

In March we hosted a team of students from Indian Rocks Christian School, Florida. They had a packed mission week in London where we immersed them in evangelism training, hand-in-hand with proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus on the streets of London. We are thankful for this team's commitment to come to London to share Christ and we enjoyed seeing them step out for the Lord and grow in their walk with Him.



This summer, we are planning to host two further teams: a first-time visit from Mount Bethel UMC in Georgia (11-19 July) and a team from 'The Road' missions programme at Faithbridge Church in Spring, Texas (24 July – 5 August). Please pray for these teams as they prepare to come to London to minister.



**"The things I've learned at K180 will help me as I move for college and want to talk about my faith."**  
(IRCS team member)

# THE JOURNEY

**Further to partnering with Brentford Free Church (2021) and Clapham Baptist Church (2022), this year K180 has the joy and privilege of partnering with Cornerstone Church in the far reaches of West London.**

It has been an encouraging start to the year, particularly seeing a weekly street ministry team form and plenty of 'God conversations' in the local community week by week. And it has been great to hear of new people coming along on a Sunday! Whilst they are not necessarily as a direct result of the street ministry, it is interesting to note that the Lord always seems to send new people to outward looking churches.

## What is The Journey?

Many churches readily admit that they struggle to develop an "evangelistic culture" within the life of the church, although they yearn to see this happen. Often the demands of church life, the pressure on time, and all manner of distractions, mean that taking time to develop an evangelistic thread through all that we are and do is neglected. In 2019, after an approach from the 'London Baptists', K180 developed a one-year church partnership initiative known as 'The Journey'.



## What does The Journey entail?

Ideally, each of the following will be incorporated, but naturally we appreciate each context is different and we aim to 'tailor-make' our approach accordingly.

### K180 will...

- Assign a trainee evangelist to work alongside the church for the equivalent of 2 days per week, helping to sharpen evangelistic focus
- Help bring focus to praying daily for unsaved friends and family, and aid everyday witness through appropriate tools
- Provide/lead two small group discipleship studies during the year; 'Christian to the Core' focused on discipleship, and 'The Unashamed Course' focused on day-to-day witness
- Help start a weekly street evangelism ministry
- Provide an advanced mentoring opportunity for a selected group, lasting 6 months (meeting monthly) that will include book study, mandate to disciple another, one-to-one mentoring, participating in an evangelistic mission weekend, and planning an evangelistic event for the church

Interested to know more? Please visit [www.k180.org/the-journey](http://www.k180.org/the-journey)



# LOOKING AHEAD...

If I pause for a moment to consider the Gospel need all around us... well, it can be quite overwhelming. The need is immense, but God is strong! We are grateful for the many initiatives the Lord has

entrusted to us at this time and, in the midst of all the complexity of ministry, as a team we seek to keep prayer at the heart. We know that we can only advance on our knees. Did you know that we have a wider prayer team open to anyone? If you would like more information about receiving regular prayer updates, please email: [prayer@k180.org](mailto:prayer@k180.org).

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The pandemic does seem some time ago now, and as I look at the diary we are moving quickly toward pre-pandemic levels of face-to-face ministry. This is good. As useful as online training was, and still is, it cannot replace being physically present. We are designed for relationship, to live in community, to interact, to physically labour alongside each other. And so, we are very much looking forward to a summer of running alongside different partners as we undertake short-term mission trips, deliver History Makers training, host two visiting teams here in London, and much more besides. All with one purpose... to see Europe Ablaze with the Gospel.

## HOW TO PARTNER

Thank you for standing with us as we seek to be faithful to His call to make Jesus known. We are thankful to all those who are praying, giving and joining us 'on the ground' as we exercise ministry. We are thankful for your partnership in this precious, life-giving Gospel. As you pray, give, and go, you are on the front line with us. We are thankful to God for such partnership.

Would you consider becoming a partner with K180 by donating monthly toward the ministry? We have a clear sense of where we are heading and I trust, through the pages of this newsletter, you have caught a glimpse of the Gospel impact we are witnessing. We believe there is much more to come as we pursue the vision He has put in our hearts; 'Europe ablaze with the Gospel'. Resources are needed as we press forward, adding to our team, and faithfully seeking to go through the open doors before us. If you would like to know more about how you can be a financial partner and, indeed, see where donations are spent, please visit [www.k180.org/donate](http://www.k180.org/donate) or feel free to email me directly at [martin@k180.org](mailto:martin@k180.org) if you would like more information or to discuss further.

Running the race with you!

and the K180 team