



NEWSLETTER

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Dear

The Gospel is changing lives across the world, even today, more than we perhaps realise. From time to time, God gives us a glimpse of what He is doing and it is like drinking a glass of cold, refreshing water on a hot day.

One such moment came as we were leading some street evangelism training in Ljubljana, Slovenia. At our first training session, a man called Goran made a beeline for me. I remembered him from some History Makers leaders training we had held in Ljubljana 5 years before. The first thing he said to me was;



"Martin, do you remember me? I want you to know that History Makers changed my life."

He went on to explain that he had not wanted to attend the History Makers training, but his line manager made it mandatory. And God spoke powerfully to Goran, giving a clear vision to plant a church where there was, at that time, no Gospel witness.

That History Makers weekend ultimately led to him resigning from his job and, with his wife and children, planting a church in Domžale, a town where there was no evangelical church. This church has now been there around 4 years and, whilst relatively small in number (around 20), it is steadily growing. Indeed, when I visited in September, there were at least two 'not-yet-believers' from the local community who had come for the first time.

To hear Goran's 90-second testimony, head to: youtu.be/7GiqmJaFwUc

'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.' (Romans 1:16)

As we press on, we are thankful for your partnership in the Gospel, expressed in many different ways. As you run with us, you are very much a part of all that you will read on the following pages. Our team hope that you will be encouraged, inspired and challenged as you read. The Gospel truly is the power of God. It is an amazing privilege that we have as His people... entrusted to bear this Good News to others who so desperately need to hear it. May the Lord strengthen each of us in these days as we press forward, holding out this word of life, pointing people to our Mighty Saviour, Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory!

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!



GOOD NEWS ON THE STREETS OF LONDON

We continue to be thankful for the many opportunities the Lord has given us to encourage and support street evangelism teams across London in their regular Gospel witness on the streets.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

(Romans 10:14-15)



In October, we hosted a 'Street Evangelism Taster Morning' in Ealing, which was well attended by several from other parts of London, plus some from the Ealing area. Gareth and Hayden led some helpful basic training, followed by going to the streets with the Gospel. For some in attendance, this was their first experience of street evangelism.



In November, we were invited by All Nations Revival Church in Mitcham to lead some evangelism training and go to the streets together. Please pray for Pastor Kevin and others at the church as they seek to establish a regular outreach on the streets, complementing the other ministry with which they are already involved.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Please pray for street evangelism teams in Ealing Broadway, Hackney, Brentford, West Drayton/Yiewsley and West Ealing – for souls to be saved as the teams prepare for 2024.
- Please also pray for our upcoming 'On the Streets Conference' from 2–4 February in Northampton. This gathering is for anyone connected to a street evangelism team in Greater London. Please pray that this will be a refreshing time and a catalyst for ministry for all who will attend.

ON MISSION IN SLOVENIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA

In September, we sent two teams to Ljubljana and Štip, to serve alongside local churches in Gospel ministry on the streets.

In Slovenia, we connected with brothers and sisters at Ljubljana Evangelical Church, leading some evangelism training which was attended by some from other churches, took time to prayer walk and intercede for the city, and preached the Gospel on the streets where many stopped to hear the Gospel, including a young man from Belgium who made a recommitment to follow Christ. We were also able to visit a church plant - led by Goran, an alumnus of History Makers - in Domžale, a nearby town.



In North Macedonia, we were again hosted by Oasis Church, led by Pastor Angel and his wife Daniela. The team was made up of people from South Hanwell Baptist Church, which was a great encouragement as this is my (Gareth's) home church. Evangelism training was well attended and we were able to share the Gospel on the streets of Štip, which saw many thousands visiting from other cities for a food festival. The opportunities were certainly plentiful, with several key Gospel conversations being had.



"God is at work, softening hearts, as seen in the number of significant conversations we had with unbelievers as a team."

(Clare, North Macedonia team member)



THE JOURNEY

We have just officially concluded our year-long partnership with Cornerstone Church in West Drayton, West London. It has been an adventure indeed and we have much gratitude to God! One of the stand-out highlights has been the formation of a street ministry team that is committed to taking the Gospel into the local town centre every Saturday morning. It is most encouraging to see young people committed to that team and to hear testimonies of clear Gospel conversations after every outreach. New people have started coming to the church, including through the street outreach and, of more importance, people are growing as disciples of Christ. To God be the glory!

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

HAYDEN REFLECTS...

Trainee and Kschool 2022 graduate Hayden Helton from Auburn, Alabama, spent nearly six months with us from June to December 2023. She reflects on this significant time in her walk with Christ:

I am at a loss for words trying to describe all that the Lord did during my six months of traineeship with K180. I had the great privilege and joy of receiving and giving training, encouraging two amazing short-term teams as they stepped out in faith, being a part of short term mission trips in Europe, and partnering together with different street outreach teams across London. Today, I feel more called and equipped than ever to share the good news of the gospel, and to walk alongside others as they do likewise. I am confident that there is no other way I would want to spend my life than declaring the hope of Jesus to this world. The last six months have had the greatest eternal impact on my life, and I can confidently say that I love Jesus more today than I did six months ago. Proclaiming Jesus is worth it, and evangelism springs from an overflow of our love for Jesus. Will you join me in praying in the coming year for a deeper desire to share the hope within us at every opportunity He gives us? He is faithful in providing these opportunities! I praise God and give Him the glory for all He has done and will do as the gospel goes forth in London, in Europe, and around the world.

I deeply appreciate your prayers over the coming months.

Thank you!

Because of Jesus,

Hayden Helton

Read more about our training opportunities on Page 12.



HISTORY MAKERS

History Makers trainings have taken place in several countries during the past 3 months with the aim of equipping leaders with the 8 biblical values. Here are some photos and testimonies that capture unforgettable moments for each of the participants, speakers and organisers. Thank you to all who support the training of young leaders across Europe in so many ways.

Spain

In early September, over 30 participants from across Spain gathered together in Guadalajara to be equipped with the 8 core values. Praise God that despite strong storms paralysing the train system throughout the country, all the participants arrived and the team were able to hold the entire training. God spoke to each participant throughout the sessions and they left very blessed. Please pray for the participants as they seek to put into practice all they have learnt.



"HM, you blessed my life so much. I feel very strengthened and eager to serve the Lord. God spoke to my life in each of the teachers' teachings. It really has been a time of training, I go with many expectations of what God wants to do with me."
(Cristina, HM Spain 2023)

Czech Republic

14 enthusiastic participants gathered in September for what would be an inspiring week, developing biblically as leaders through the eight core values, seeking the Lord in personal time each day, and forming deep relationships with each other as they shared and prayed together.

This year's participants had the opportunity to meet special guests, including the chairman of the Evangelical Brethren Church, the director of the theological seminary, and youth



department leaders from two denominations. We praise God for the testimonies arising from this week. Please pray for the participants, the HM team, and for the growth of History Makers across Czech Republic.

"I deepened my intimate relationship with God and found a lost desire for further ministry in my church. It was very refreshing and enjoyable. It will forever be one of the most important weeks of my life."

(Petr, HM Czech Republic 2023)

God talked about my priorities. He reminded me of a question that goes with me on my walk with God for my whole life. "Are you really serious about me? Do you trust me?"

(Vojta, HM Czech Republic 2023)

Romania

In September, 25 participants gathered together for this latest History Makers training in Romania. Participants included 2 Ukrainian refugees along with their families, and their presence added to the richness of the event. God continues to amaze us with how He is using History Makers training to bless and impact so many different people in so many different ways.



Georgia

September saw History Makers training hosted with a focus on international churches. It was a blessed time with around 50 participants. Two Nigerian churches and one Indian church were represented, as well as North Caucasian participants, and a Ukrainian pastor from Poland who serves the refugees. Please pray for Gospel impact in each of these nations.

Armenia

In October, History Makers took place once again in Armenia. Many leaders gathered to explore the 8 core values. During the week, participants walked through each of the values with opportunities to put into practice the aspects taught each day by means of small workshops and devotionals. Please continue to pray for Gospel impact in Armenia.



TRAINING EVANGELISTS

Many of you reading this will know that we consider the identifying and equipping of young evangelists as a key strategy for Gospel impact in Europe. It has been an exciting few months of training, and also of planning...



Spain

Young evangelists gathered just outside of Madrid for the next instalment of Red Timoteo (Timothy Network). Together we explored the theme: 'The Evangelist and Context' and sought to wrestle with the question of how we bring the relevancy of the Gospel into the present Spanish cultural context. It was encouraging to see this army of young evangelists eager to be equipped and sent back onto the mission field!



"EEI has deeply challenged my thinking."
(New participant)



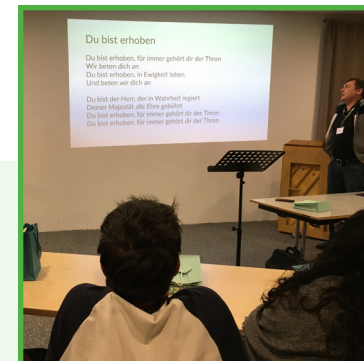
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It was a privilege to welcome a number of new participants for this latest module, which focused on 'The Evangelist and the Church'. This particular module is often very challenging to the participants as we explore what it means to be rooted in the local church and how we mobilise the Body of Christ in evangelism. Further to some excellent input from Peter Kennelly (Open Air Campaigners) and Glenn Johnston (from Northern Ireland) we know that these young evangelists were stirred...



Germany

The Philippus Netzwerk (Philip Network) leadership team has recently experienced some changes, and we are delighted that Peter Wiebe (To All Nations) and David Byle (OM) have joined the team as we seek to encourage and equip young evangelists in Germany. We met in the beautiful village of Elend in early December with several new participants joining, and there is a tangible sense of expectation as we head into 2024 with the training opportunities ahead of us.



Practical Application for EYE Network evangelists in training

Alongside the residential training weekends, we seek to regularly provide practical opportunities for EYE Network participants. We strongly believe that such opportunities give rich experience and are a catalyst for Gospel growth and, therefore, Gospel impact. 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 such, in October, a team of 12 young German evangelists travelled to the city of Essen to work alongside local churches in proclaiming the Gospel in their community. Additionally, and as a key aspect of this practical opportunity, the team experienced getting '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 over 6,900 people gathered to hear the Gospel proclaimed by Franklin Graham. We thank God for the many who came to Christ that weekend.



www.eye-network.org

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

As we said "Farewell" (for now) to Hayden in December (see page 7), it seems a good time to highlight the ongoing opportunities available for K180 trainees. Training others, particularly young evangelists, has been at the heart of K180's DNA right from the beginning. We tailor-make traineeships based on an individual's availability and budget, usually anything from one week to one year! (On rare occasions sometimes longer). Our traineeships are for those aged 18-35 who are exploring the call to Evangelist or who already have a sense of call as an Evangelist and who are seeking to be equipped to proclaim the Gospel.

Traineeships typically include:

- Short-term European weekend missions (availability depends on schedule/time of year)
- Regular creative street ministry in London
- Evangelism training
- Exploring evangelistic ministry in a local church context with one of our partners (usually a formal placement if traineeship is 6 months or longer)
- Developing evangelistic literature (writing Gospel tracts/flyers)



"The last six months have had the greatest eternal impact on my life"
(Hayden Helton, 2023 trainee)

Please visit our web page for more information and for an online application form:
www.k180.org/trainees

We are delighted to be running our annual Kschool training programme again this summer, from **3-31 July 2024**. Applications are now open for everyone aged 18-23. Who could you prayerfully encourage to apply?
www.k180.org/kschool-2024

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, Italian and Spanish, this event is accessible to many across Europe.

This event is also open to applications from any young evangelists from across Europe.

More details can be found at www.beholdeurope.org

UNASHAMED COURSE

The 'Unashamed' eight-week course was birthed with a clear intention: to equip for day-to-day witness by answering the "But how?" of evangelism. Firmly rooted in Scripture, and with plenty of practical advice and a challenge at the end of each session, this training sharpens us as ambassadors.

From September to November, the Unashamed Course was held in eight weekly online sessions in French. A small group of participants, including those from Belgium and France, were challenged week after week. And what a thrill to hear some of the testimonies from participants who took up the challenges and, with the Lord's help, put them into practice.



"This course gave me a deep understanding of the meaning of the gospel, the profound significance of The Cross and the importance of sharing this good news for the salvation of souls. I became more daring thanks to all the practical tools given: the Bible verses, the outline of the cross and the weekly challenges... In practical terms, my neighbour gave her life to Christ thanks to this course. Glory to our God!"
(Sarah, Belgium)

Unashamed+

Unashamed+ are occasional training events designed to complement the Unashamed Course by further equipping believers to share their faith.

On 10 October 2023, Peter Kennelly (OAC Ministries) was our guest speaker for our latest Unashamed+ online event: 'Prayerful Proclaimers: Reaching the Lost Through Prayer'. We were joined by around 120 participants from 6 countries, and were blessed to have 3 skilled translators interpreting simultaneously to make this excellent training accessible to so many. Peter shared on the vital role of prayer for every Christian, first in our relationship with God as His children, before going on to talk about the essential role of prayer in evangelism. He gave some practical ways we could grow in this, recommending we ask Jesus to teach us to pray and to keep us in prayer for souls.

We are grateful to Peter for his encouragement and challenge from God's Word.

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

We have much expectation of God as we look ahead. There are many opportunities before us, doors we believe the Lord has opened. We are at a pivotal point of our core team development and we anticipate appointing at least 3 new team members during the course of 2024. This will 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



As we start a new year, it would be easy to look ahead with a sense of trepidation. The schedule is bulging. The team are stretched. We have projects on the 'back burner' awaiting their moment. The culture continues its drift away from the things of God. There seems a greater sense of lostness. The need is great. And yet, I am reminded of the words of Jeremiah, which are close to my heart; 'But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.' (Jeremiah 20:9)

We pray that the Lord will stir such a fire within our team as we press forward into 2024, giving us the strength to take every appropriate opportunity and to fulfil each engagement to His glory. We pray this for you too... wherever the Lord has you in His harvest field.

The first few months bring some exciting initiatives as we seek to be faithful to His call. At the time of writing... a snapshot...

EYE Network young evangelist training

Georgia, UK, Spain

Euro Street Team missions

Italy, Belgium

History Makers young leaders training

Finland, Turkey, Armenia, Moldova

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, *Martin* and the K180 team