



# Kerygma 180°

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Dear

Some people say that evangelism is hard. I tend to think that we often make it harder for ourselves, especially with the oft-held perception that people are not interested in Jesus. One thing that is abundantly clear from our street ministry is that spirituality is alive and well across our society. It's true that people often have a problem with church, but the many people that are ready to talk about spiritual things constantly encourage us. And what is more, people see the difference in the lives of believers as we faithfully share this Good News.

I thought you might like to read some very recent quotes from the streets...

"What we really need is a saviour to come down and rescue us" (summary from a man in Islamic dress)

"For years I have been trying to connect with God"

"It's funny you should stop me. Just recently I had a dream about Jesus"

"I am an accountant earning £70k and I'm not happy. How can I be happy?"

"All I have given you is hate, anger and aggro. All you have given me is love. Can I take your number?" (a man who was antagonistic at first)

As you read through this newsletter I trust you will be encouraged and get a sense of lives being changed. By God's grace, we believe the initiatives K180 are involved with are making an eternal difference. Not because it's K180, but because it is God's work!

Can I personally encourage you to partner with us?

**To pray for us** – this is critical and we are grateful for the prayer warriors who already faithfully pray for the ministry of K180. You are on the spiritual frontline!

**To financially support the work** – there are ongoing ministry costs and your support in this area enables us to invest in more lives. It would be a tremendous blessing if you can commit to support us monthly. This enables us to budget and commit to future projects. A response form is enclosed.



Thank you for prayerfully considering such investment. We deeply value your partnership in the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ!

*Martin*

## Young evangelists in training...

Working alongside the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the first 2012 residential training for young evangelists participating in the 'Emerging Evangelists Institute' (EEI) took place in March...



... and it continues to make a difference as evangelists seek to pursue the call on their lives... "It's the best Christian conference I have been on. The others are good but this spoke directly to me as an evangelist" (Rob, Essex)

The EEI is highly focused on equipping proclamation evangelists for ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With guest practitioners bringing sharp teaching and an emphasis on application, by God's grace this initiative is having eternal impact!

## Young leaders in training...

At the time of writing, training in **Ukraine** is coming to a close. Young leaders have gathered near Lviv to explore 8 biblical core values for leadership. Under the leadership of our 'History Makers' (HM) champion in Ukraine, Olya Kornilyuk, many young leaders have been trained over 3 years. One of the exciting things about HM is that it is not just a conference, but rather a journey. Following the week together, mentoring kicks in and there is an ongoing accountability to work out what God has worked in!

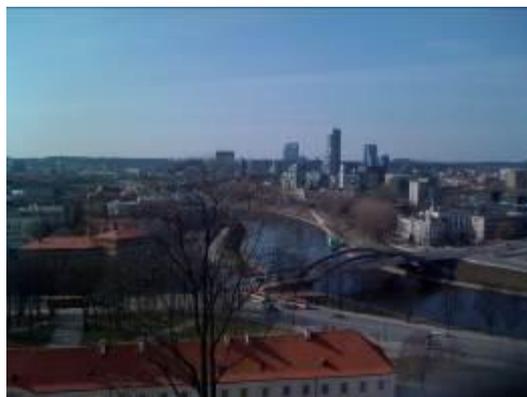


And in the **USA**... the first History Makers. Whilst not directly responsible for co-ordinating this event, we were invited to participate, hopefully bringing some European experience 'to the table'. What a fantastic week as young leaders from 5 US states converged on Texas. If you have time, take a look at the video... [www.vimeo.com/39853655](http://www.vimeo.com/39853655)

*Why not visit our website [www.k180.org](http://www.k180.org)*

## On the streets in Lithuania

Following our mission back in October, Bible Way Church in Vilnius invited a team back to help train in evangelism. It was clear from the outset that this was God's timing for this visit. The young people's group (18-30) at the church had been faithfully praying for 3 months that God would direct them in evangelism and then they discovered that a church leader had invited us to come.



It was an exciting weekend of practical evangelism instruction as well as going onto the streets to proclaim Christ right in the heart of the capital city, Vilnius.

One of the leaders of the young people's work had a confession at the end of our time, "When the team arrived I was not planning to get involved at all this weekend. Then God challenged me to come to the teaching. I want to tell you that every teaching touched my heart. I wish more people could be here to catch the fire. I am so excited!"



German evangelist Elmar Diener preaching

The K180 team led the way on the streets with music, preaching and testimony. But then the local believers spontaneously leapt up on to the Red Box to declare the Gospel through song and testimony! It was thrilling to hear the Gospel passionately declared in Lithuanian as many people stopped to listen.

As we spent our final few hours in Vilnius, the minister for evangelism at Bible Way Church came to pray with the team and the young people's group. "This weekend has been a big break [breakthrough] for our church. Thank you for coming." Praise God!

It is true to say that on missions such as these, invariably the team receive more than they give. And this was no exception. This was a strengthening experience for the young evangelists who formed this team. Ministry back home (which in this case is London, Birmingham, Wales and Germany!) will not be the same...



James from Wales proclaiming Christ

## So who do we speak with week by week on the streets...?

In the last few weeks alone the London K180 team has spoken with many, many people about the Gospel. We present the glorious message of Jesus creatively through preaching, music, testimony, flyers, drama... but our goal is to get into conversations with individuals one-on-one. And **every** time we go onto the streets there are plenty of 'God conversations' taking place. At the end of each conversation we try and ask the person for their name so as to pray for them in the coming week.



Each of these names represents a person spoken to in the last few weeks and a soul precious in the eyes of God. And these names are just a fraction of the number of people who are engaged with the Gospel week by week.

And on the streets, as well as reaching all types of people, including those who would not dream of entering a church (e.g. the atheist, those of other faiths etc), [it is not overstated to say that in any given week, the outreach team will reach more non-believers with the Gospel message than the average church would in one year.](#)

My name is Marc Randall. I just finished doing a year internship with K180. I am very thankful for the time I had in London. I found my walk grow deeper with Jesus. There is a renewed and greater desire inside to disciple others, with a hope to disciple other young evangelists. I learned a lot about the local church and the call of the evangelist within the local church. I enjoyed the outreaches.

I was with K180 for three days a week, the other three days being with my placement church (South Hanwell Baptist Church). I learned more about the call of the evangelist within the local church, and feel more built up to fulfill it. In the outreaches we did one-on-one evangelism, and open air preaching. I found I grew in confidence doing open-air work.



I also was able to participate on a mission's trip to Zambia, and lead a group to Scotland. In the three days with K180 there were regularly scheduled outreaches, teaching times on relevant topics to evangelism, theology classes, and book studies. Additionally, I took part in the Emerging Evangelist Institute. During one of the training weeks we were staying in a retreat centre, helping out with a festival, and also receiving teaching. I prayed with a student for opportunities to witness Christ to people in the retreat centre, and a little while later I started talking with the night clerk. The next night he prayed to commit his life to Christ!! I would recommend doing an internship with anyone who is exploring a call to evangelism.

## Grace Nissley reflects on her year in London...

The main reason for me working with K180 from March 2011 until March 2012 was to explore the call of ministry I know God has placed on my life. Going into my internship I was really wondering if God would lead me more towards evangelism or discipleship for my main ministry. During my year working and living in London I experienced a lot and learned even more. As my year went on I came to realize that discipleship and evangelism go hand and hand. You can't have one without the other. That evangelizing and then helping those who choose Christ to become mature Christians is what I am called to do. Not just me though, we are all called to make disciples, maybe not by open air proclamation, but in one way or another God gives each of us the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus and we need to share it! Because if YOU don't... who will?



There is a lot I could say about my time and all that I learned but I think I would rather share a testimony with you...

During one outreach in January, me and two others went out on the streets of Ealing. It was cold, windy and to top it off I couldn't stop coughing! Needless to say I didn't really feel like being out. But after we had spent some time praying I really felt I should share my testimony. So I prayed that God would help me to stop coughing just long enough to share and He did! As I was sharing my testimony only one person stopped a man probably in his early 30's he listened just for a minute before his wife tugged on his arm to leave. As the outreach was winding down I was talking to another team member when the man who had been listening earlier approached me and said he was muslim but wanted to learn more about Jesus Christ, and wanted to know if there was a church he could come to!

With a big smile on my face I gave him directions, asked his name (D\*), and I told him that I would be there that following Sunday if he came. Sunday came but unfortunately D\* was not there. I was a bit discouraged but I knew it was in God's hands and I shouldn't worry. Two days later I left for a missions trip and I was gone for two full weeks and although I did pray for D\* a bit, I would be lying to say I ever thought I would see him again. It wasn't until the night I got home when I was eating dinner with the couple I stayed with, that I heard about the new Iranian couple who had started coming to church because of the outreach we did.

At first I didn't put two and two together until I was told that the man mentioned me by name and that the man's name was D\*! He had come to church the week after I went away and had continued to come and wanted to know more about Jesus! During my last month in London I got to spend time with D\* and his wife A\* and although they are yet to make a commitment to Christ, they asked for a Bible and are continually asking more questions. I believe that very soon I will hear the amazing news that D\* and A\* have become Christians but until then please keep them in your prayers. **Thank you to all of you who have helped me this year by supporting K180. Please know you are making a difference with every pound (or dollar) that you give!**

## Return to Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama

Two years on and February 2012 saw a K180 team return to partner alongside Lakeview Baptist Church in reaching their community for Christ, with a particular focus on reaching college students.

It was a wonderful two weeks with many highlights, not least a number of people professing faith in Christ. Perhaps the most remarkable testimony for me personally happened one morning on the Auburn University campus. I engaged a Chinese student in conversation. He was in his third year of study and had recently started to explore Christianity. He found that much of the Bible made sense to him and had been helped by reading one or two other Christian books. We then sat down on a bench as we talked through the Gospel message.



Preparing for outreach

At the end I asked him if he was ready to accept Christ as his Lord and Saviour. To my amazement he then said that he was ready and started to describe how he had got to this point. He said that two years ago he had been invited to Lakeview Baptist Church to hear a man from England talk about the Good News of Jesus Christ. "I believed his every word, from first to last" he said. "I remember this man from England saying he used to work in a bank. I wonder if you have heard of him....!" He then recognized me. It was a moving moment as he prayed to receive Christ. Please pray for Xin as he is now discipled through the guys at Lakeview.

Another highlight for the team was late night on the famous Toomers Corner where many students congregate at the bars. For the first time the Lakeview outreach team set up a box (well, two buckets!) and we preached the Gospel to the passing students and gave testimony to His saving power. It was an incredible night as one after the other, students on the outreach team jumped up to proclaim Jesus! And the crowds gathered to hear this Good News.



Nick Taylor teaching Auburn students

Please pray for the Lakeview outreach team as they go to preach Christ every Thursday night at Toomers Corner.

*Taking the love of Jesus to where it's most desperately needed and hardest to find*

*One of our team members was Katya Dubrovka. Katya is one of our History Makers leaders in Ukraine. Here is her reflection on the US adventure...*

This February I was so blessed to be a part of K180 mission team in Auburn. It seemed almost surreal that I even got to be there, but Lord answered prayers and made the trip possible. I never imagined that this mission trip would change me so much. It just blows my mind. I met so many great people on this mission. The team members showed me great examples in preaching the gospel and shared their experiences with me. It was a privilege to be able to do evangelism in Auburn University campus and on the streets.



I will never forget the day when we came to Lochapocka School where I got opportunity to share my testimony with the whole bunch of teenagers. That school reminds me of our Ukrainian schools because I think they had more kids from disadvantaged families than other public schools. I thought that they may not accept me because at first glance I was so different from them. But they listen carefully to what I talked about. They listen to my

story and realized that there was something in common between us. I told them about what God has done in my life, how he saved me and forgave my sins.

I realized that I don't have to worry or to be afraid to talk to people about Jesus even if they are different than I am. Everyone needs a Savior and He is the one who can open every heart.

I am deeply thankful to God for letting me realize that sharing the gospel is the most important thing that Christians can do. And it's great joy to be instruments of God and to help the people to find their way to Jesus Christ.

Team members Abi, Grace and Katya with former K180 intern Marie Adamkova (now studying in the USA)



## Family News...

By popular request we are pleased to include some family news! Time moves on so quickly and it is hard to believe that our youngest daughter, Eliza, will start high school in September. Please pray for Eliza as she prepares for this transition and as she seeks to make new friends.

I was also recently encouraged by Annie's faith. Last weekend I was settling down to watch a big football match (which I had been looking forward to), when, with 1 minute to go before kick-off, the TV went blank! I couldn't believe it. I tried in vain to get it to work and after 20 minutes had got nowhere. Annie, hearing my 'distress' decided to pray. At the moment of saying "Amen" the TV came back on! I have something to learn here. Unfortunately my team went on to lose. Hmmm... maybe I should have asked Annie to pray again when we were 1-0 down???

## Looking ahead...

It has been an exciting start to the year in many ways, and there are so many opportunities ahead to make Christ known and to equip others to do the same.

Of particular note: we have three interns joining us during the summer months (May to August), each spending 6 weeks alongside us. We then have a team travelling to Hungary to serve at the Franklin Graham Festival of Hope. Swiftly following this will be our annual mission to Zambia.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. It is our privilege to labour alongside you in His harvest field. By God's grace, lives are being changed for eternity! We hope you sense the significance of your investment as you pray, give and go alongside K180.

With our love and blessings

### Diary snapshot

(for latest news and engagements please see our website)

Alongside regular weekly outreaches...

#### May

8<sup>th</sup> – Interns Rachel Williams and Jeremy Herman arrive

19<sup>th</sup> – Evangelism training – Portsmouth

27<sup>th</sup> Preaching at South Hanwell Baptist Church (Martin)

29<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June – Team to Festival of Hope, Budapest, Hungary

#### June

17<sup>th</sup> – Intern Austin Hunter arrives

20<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Zambia mission