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Dear

In recent days I have spent a number of hours visiting in a hospital. It seems to me that a hospital is a world on its own, having its own time and often oblivious to the 'outside world'. Everyday life is put on hold as more important matters are attended to. And what can be more important than life itself?

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (Jesus)

A week ago M* stopped in the street to listen to the Gospel message. One of the team chatted a while with him and prayed with him in the street about a specific matter. Last Friday he returned with much joy. His prayer had been answered. He had met with Jesus and wanted to commit his life to Him! Please pray for M* as this journey of discipleship unfolds.

The Bible makes it clear that we are in a spiritual battle. How easy it is to forget this or pay little heed to it! And yet when we talk about the importance of life, the spiritual dimension is at the heart. God desires that we have life and peace with Him. Our

A few from our Zambia team entered a village home. A mother and young daughter, named 'Doubt', listened intently as this Good News was shared. Smiles grew and life took hold as the mother and daughter joyfully turned to Jesus. It was a precious moment, none more so when the mother changed the name of her daughter from 'Doubt' to 'Faith'. Praise God! New life indeed!

rebellion toward God (sin) separates us and leads to death physically and spiritually. But the Good News is that Jesus has dealt with the sin problem, and reconciliation with the Living God is possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus! In Jesus we have life, now and eternally. Lord forgive us when we are distracted from the task of declaring this life-giving message. The thief (satan) will do anything to distract.

K180 is about life. Everything we are involved with is geared around declaring the Gospel and training others to do the same. We are determined not to be distracted. Time is too short. Hospital visits remind you of that.

It has been an encouraging few months. Thank you to those who stand with us in prayer, financially and in other practical ways. You are as much part of what you read within these pages as the K180 team.

Martin



On the streets with K180...

The testimony of M* on the front page is one of many encouraging testimonies over the last few months. There have been countless conversations, many people prayed with and some have turned to Christ. Every time we take to the streets we are always encouraged. And why shouldn't we be? The Lord is faithful to His word and the life-giving message of the Gospel is powerful.

We have teams regularly on the streets of London and beyond. Sometimes we work with other ministries, but always in partnership with the local church. Indeed, any long-term interns are assigned to placement churches 2-3 days a week. The local church benefits and the interns gain valuable experience.

And then we have short-term interns, venturing to London for anything from a long weekend to a few months. All internships are tailor-made as we seek to maximise the experience for those exploring the call to evangelist.

Kelly O'Bannon was with us for 10 days in July...

"Thank you so much for allowing me this amazing opportunity to share in your ministry. I have learned so much... I have been so inspired by your various work and the team, that I hope to put what I have seen and experienced into use"



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Training leaders...changing lives...

In partnership with the International Leadership Institute (ILI), this area of our ministry is highly strategic as we help equip a new generation of young leaders in various countries across Europe. Ukraine was our focus in May and we had a great week of exploring biblical core values for leadership, with the heartbeat of seeing a lost world come to Christ.

It is a huge privilege to be involved with these young leaders determined to make a difference with their lives. It is refreshing to be around such enthusiasm and fire centred upon Jesus!



Some of the Ukrainian young leaders

The Americans came...

From time to time K180 is involved with hosting teams from overseas. We always take time to thank those who give time, energy and resource to stand with us as we seek to reach our great city of London.

And so 10 days in July saw our team swell by 15 on occasions as a group from Lakeview Baptist Church took opportunity to come alongside K180 during their visit to London. It's great having so many on the streets. It creates it's own impact as a crowd draws a crowd. And many, many people heard the Good News. And so one Christian from London posed a question: why do we need a team from Alabama to take the Gospel to the people of London? Where is the Church?



Zambia 2011

We have a goal – twice a year we determine to take evangelists to a completely different cultural context. As well as being a blessing to those we visit, we believe that the ministry of the evangelists back in the UK must be affected by the experience. Mission changes lives.

This was our sixth visit to Zambia working in partnership with the Pilgrim Wesleyan Church in Lusaka, Kalomo and Livingstone. Partnering this year with South Hanwell Baptist Church, we had a team of 14 preaching, teaching and taking the Gospel to where it was most needed.

From village to village...

What a privilege to take the Gospel message from village to village. At each new location we would teach believers, seek to equip leaders and take the Good News of Jesus into 'the field'.

According to our hosts, the great need in the Church is discipleship of new believers and the training of leaders. Each team member therefore prepared some discipleship teaching, with four of the team prepared to teach pastors. It was humbling to arrive at one village centre to find many pastors awaiting our arrival. Some had walked up to 70km to be present.

"The fool says in his heart, "There is no God"" (Ps 14:1)

Across the ages, from the children upwards, it was challenging to see their hunger for God. It's ironic that when we engage people on the streets of London, we will from time to time meet someone who points to "the poor in Africa" as evidence that there is no God!



"I am a new man". The Zambia trip was a life-changing experience for team member, Tiger.

Preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ was central to our visit and the team was often out in the afternoons proclaiming Christ in the open, in homes, indeed wherever the opportunity presented itself.

It is encouraging to be able to report that many people came to Christ, and the team have many testimonies of 'Divine appointments' where individuals, and indeed often households, were ready to commit their lives to Jesus. On one particular afternoon the team split into pairs and with local believers went out into the village community. Every pair returned with joy at seeing lives won, souls saved for eternity!



We were buying supplies from a store in Livingstone. Team member, Ryan, felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to preach outside the store. So he stood in a corner and preached Christ and Christ crucified. Upon finishing a young man walked up to Ryan and gave his life to Jesus! And in the providence of God, this young man lived very close to the pastor who was travelling with us. It's God's work. Listen to His voice. Go when He says go. You will see the power of God. He is faithful to His word.



Thank you to all those who donated towards this trip. Some of you gave money for bibles. We were able to give away 270 Tonga bibles! Praise God! It's hard to put into words what this means to the recipients. So many believers do not have a bible. When one is received, not only is it treasured but also it is well used!



Interns...

We count it a privilege to have interns with us throughout the year. Their presence has not only been a huge blessing to the team, but local churches have benefited by their involvement and we have been able to reach more souls with the Gospel. Following you can hear from four of our interns...

Aaron Carr: "Lounging on the other side of the pond (and standing at the far side of the semester), my time in London is slowly fading into the haze of the humid Georgia summer. But no matter how far removed I become from my time in the United Kingdom, I will not soon forget the unique experiences I had with K180. As I reflect on my time spent with, I am struck by the variety of experiences that I had. From preaching on the streets of Ealing Broadway to painting up gospel messages on a large canvas in the heart of Leicester Square, to sneaking gospel tracts into the nooks and crannies of Southall, I was constantly engaged in exploring evangelism in new and exciting ways.



Aaron Carr preaching in Leicester Square

Another highlight of my time in London was being asked to preach at South Hanwell Baptist Church, K180's de-facto base of operations. Not only did I get to preach a surprisingly fun message on a complex topic (the general idea of submission), and get to experience the warmth of a London church, but I got to bring some of my American friends with me to experience it as well. So thanks again to Martin for helping me experience everything that K180 had to offer. I have grown in my faith and acquired a whole host of new skills that will serve me well as I continue to explore God's call to the ministry."

Hi, my name is **Marc Randall**. I'm doing a year-long internship with K180 and South Hanwell Baptist Church (to Feb 12). I did a month internship with Martin in Sept of 2005. The first time I came here it changed my life. I moved back to Halifax, and started doing street evangelism, and the Holy Spirit came alive to me.



In the time with K180 I've been encouraged to do Open Air Preaching and share my testimony on the streets. There are regular outreaches on the streets, going out several times per week. I'm now part of the BGEA Emerging Evangelist Institute since being in London, and have been on a mission trip to Zambia. I am challenged to have a deeper walk with God, and that everything comes through intimacy with Him.

On Friday nights I join the late outreach team. There are people we meet who hand out flyers for nightclubs and a strip club. I prayed God would open a door for me to talk more with these people. That night I talked with Ash and he made a comment about leaving the conversation because he didn't want to talk about church. Later on that night Ash returned and we talked more. He asked many questions about Christianity and said that this was the first conversation like this with anyone in his life!

Taking the love of Jesus to where its' most desperately needed and hardest to find

Grace Nissley joined K180 for 1 year in March...

"This Time last year if you had told me that in March 2011 I would move to London, England to do full-time ministry, I would have called you crazy. This just goes to show how much God can change a person in one year. It's amazing how much I have already learned and grown. I know God is using me to tell others of His love for them.



During a Friday night outreach, one of our team members was up on the box sharing her testimony when a group of teens walked by, some stopped to listen others just continued on. As they walked by I stopped a young man named Joe and asked him what he thought about what my friend was saying, one thing lead to another and before I knew it I had a group of about six or eight teens standing around asking me sincere questions about God and the Bible. I was able to share my testimony as well as the Gospel with them. We chatted for about 20 minutes and while none of them made a commitment right then, I know God was at work and He was planting seeds in their lives. One of my deepest desires is to see God raise up a generation who love Him and will seek after Him, so having conversations like this where teens are sincerely wanting to know more about Christ and what He did is very encouraging to me, as I hope after reading this you too are encouraged."

Ryan Schiavo...

"There is incredible FREEDOM in stepping out and doing what God is calling you to do. God is continually giving me greater freedom to stand up and proclaim both grace and truth boldly, with courage and conviction, to a city that so greatly needs to hear it. I don't feel any hesitation to simply preach the Word of God as it's written, and God has been FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD. People really do respond to the open-air preaching of the Gospel, regardless of what some critics might say."



"A memorable encounter on the street involved a teenage boy named Will. He and his friends were visiting London a school field trip. I approached them with gospel tracts, and asked them if they ever considered Jesus. After briefly sharing the gospel with them, I asked them if they would like to become Christians. Will was ready to make that commitment. So right there in the street, in front of four of his friends, Will prayed with me to receive the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior. Will has been connected to a youth group in his hometown. He's also an aspiring musician, and has testified to me that God is helping him write better lyrics for his songs. Praise God for Will's salvation. Please say a prayer for his newfound journey with the Lord Jesus Christ."

Looking ahead...

The days are urgent. Time is running short. We dare not be distracted by anything that will keep us from fixing our eyes on Jesus and the task He has called us to. The first half of 2011 has been wonderfully encouraging and there is more to come! Once more, we invite you to stand alongside us, labouring together in His harvest field while it is still day. The next few months see much opportunity on all ministry fronts...

In partnership with ILI, training events for young leaders ('History Makers') will take place in Ukraine, Spain, Poland and the Czech Republic. There will also be an additional discipleship training event in Poland. There will be some change with our interns with two leaving and ongoing enquiries with several others who may join us for a season.

And alongside the many street outreaches in London and beyond, we also have opportunity through the BGEA 'Emerging Evangelists Institute', to take a group of young evangelists to Lithuania to work alongside Franklin Graham.

Perhaps though, the most exciting aspect is the growth of the street ministry here in the UK. Partnering with 'On the Red Box', specific training has been taking place and more is planned, as we seek to equip as many as possible to be able to proclaim Christ in the open air. It has been wonderful to see the street teams growing and seeing lives being transformed by the power of the Gospel!

And so, we want to encourage you to join us (or to continue with us) on this adventure of making Christ known to a world that desperately needs to hear.

In this tenth year of ministry we are trusting the Lord to raise up a band of believers who will commit to support K180 with £10 each month. Your gifts will help us to take the myriad of opportunities that lay before us, and we know, in line with His word, that the impact will be eternal. One thing we can promise, you will receive the best returns possible on your investment! And so we would like to invite you to join us. You can do so by completing and returning the enclosed standing order form.

However, as we make this appeal, we remain aware that these are not the best of economic times. We sincerely hope that our invitation does not cause offence and please forgive us if it comes at a difficult time. We simply ask that you would pray for us, which is always the chief request of our partners.

With our love and blessings

Diary snapshot

(for latest news and engagements beyond mid Sept, please see our website)

Alongside regular weekly outreaches...

August

8th-13th Interns to Edinburgh

21st – 27th ILI 'History Makers' – Seville, Spain

21st – 27th ILI 'History Makers' - Ukraine

30th – 2nd 'Walk & Talk' London Mission

September

11th – 17th ILI 'History Makers' - Czech Republic

15th – 17th C2C Poland

12th – 17th ILI 'History Makers' - Poland