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Dear

When was the last time you shared testimony as to your relationship with Jesus?

On day 1 of our mission to Lithuania (see page 4) the team was introduced to a local Pastor who was keen to meet us and possibly have a few of us share during his Sunday service. I was caught a little off-guard by one of his opening questions; "How many of you here have an extraordinary testimony"? I looked around the team whilst expressing to the pastor that we all had a story to tell. What exactly did he mean by "extraordinary"? He then gave an example of a man who survived an impossibly nose dive inescapable plane crash and who then turned to Christ. The team looked at each other. Anyone survived a dramatic plane crash?? The Pastor tried to weed out a "miraculous" testimony... "How many of you were brought up in a Christian home"? A few hands went up to which the Pastor turned up his nose in disapproval.

A week later I was speaking at an evangelistic training event in Scotland. In the Break I was chatting to one participant and asked him how he came to Christ. He hesitated. He then shared how God saved him from bigotry and from a life of violence and potential terrorism. After he finished he told me it had been 4 years since he had shared his "full" testimony. As I asked why he explained that after coming to Christ it soon became clear that Christians were only interested in his dramatic testimony. He received invitations to speak and started to become some sort of celebrity. He was stopped in his tracks when one believer talked with him after an event discouraged because of they didn't have a testimony like his.



Good News on the streets

If you are a believer in Christ you have a powerful testimony! It is your story (that no-one can argue with) of how God has transformed, and is transforming your life. Never play down your testimony. That would be an affront to God Himself.

Were you able to take the opportunity to share your testimony at Christmas? If there was ever an open door to share your story then Christmas is that time. May God forgive us if we have allowed our lips to be sealed at this time of celebrating His coming into the world. And may you know His encouragement as you seek to be a witness to Him as we start this New Year!

Martin

Investing in young leaders

In partnership with the International Leadership Institute (ILI) we continue to develop the training of young leaders across Europe. It has been a very encouraging last few months with leaders trained in Czech Republic, Poland, Spain and the Ukraine.

And lives are being changed...

In Poland we had the visit of one young catholic priest. After spending some time with our young leaders his faith came alive!

As we spent an evening in prayer and worship he ran to the front to give testimony with a big smile on his face...



Polish young leaders

"I was once afraid of meetings like this. But I have seen your faith and my heart has been opened"

This is an exciting aspect of our ministry that is growing fast. It is thrilling to see young leaders equipped to press forward as they pursue God's call on their lives. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and financially as we invest in these young lives.

In faith we believe that the number of young leaders trained in 2012 will be doubled! We already have initiatives scheduled for Belarus, Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, Spain, UK, Ukraine (east) and Ukraine (west). And there is more in the pipeline, not least growing the 'Christian to the Core' (C2C) training. This training equips believers to effectively disciple new believers. As well as training planned for Poland, there are several other countries lining up to participate in C2C.



Young leaders in East Ukraine

Exciting and demanding days! There are wonderful opportunities before us to impact this young generation of leaders for the task of proclaiming Christ. Will you partner with us this coming year? It is hard to think of any better investment!

Why not visit our website www.k180.org

History Makers in Spain

Back in August 30+ young leaders eagerly gathered for 'History Makers' (the name of the young leaders training) near Merida in the heat of the Spanish summer. Staying in a Christian retreat centre (attached to a convent) we had an ideal setting for 'meeting with God'. And what an amazing time!

As one faculty member reflected... "We had everything. There was joy, laughter, tears, times of teaching, times alone with God and passionate worship."

Teaching on 8 core biblical values for leadership, a team of faculty from the Spain, UK and the US spent the week encouraging these young leaders to make a difference with their lives for Jesus – to make history!



And one early evening the participants decided that we would go into the local town to preach Christ in the streets! For some it was the very first time. We prepared music, drama, testimonies and preaching. In those few hours we thank God for the 5 who came to Christ, those who were prayed for and the many, many people who heard something of the Gospel!

In November we heard that some of the Spanish participants had run their own 'History Makers' journey in their hometown, seeking to equip many other young leaders. Fantastic! This is one of our chief goals – multiplication!



And training young evangelists...

Alongside our own intern initiative, we have the privilege of working alongside the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and in particular the 'Emerging Evangelists Institute' (EEI).

The present EEI intake is in mid-session and in the autumn we had a fruitful residential week with some excellent teaching and the opportunity to work alongside Will Graham (Billy Graham's grandson) as he conducted 'Rock Thurrock', a borough wide initiative aimed at reaching the young people in that part of Essex. This involved taking the Gospel to the streets and into a local



Some of the EEI team with Will Graham

high school, and getting a 'behind the scenes' view of the big preaching event itself as Will Graham proclaimed the Gospel to the hundreds that gathered. Many came to Christ that week as the Gospel was faithfully preached. An inspiring time!

"This is amazing. God has lit a fire in me" (young evangelist at the end of a night outreach to young people on a housing estate).

EEI goes international...

K180 has taken the lead in opening further opportunities for young evangelists in partnership with the BGEA. The door has opened to take teams of evangelists to work alongside the BGEA during their Festivals and Celebrations (like the old 'crusade' events). The first of these took place in October... [Vilnius, Lithuania...](#)



At the invitation of the Franklin Graham Festival, a team of 8 evangelists worked in partnership with local churches in preaching the Gospel and preparing for Franklin Graham to preach to thousands at the national Siemens Arena. There was a very encouraging openness on the streets as we sought to share Christ and many local believers were challenged as to their ongoing witness in their local communities.

At the start of this 'Festival of Hope' the Lithuanian church numbered around 3000 believers. Over 1500 responded to accept Christ over 3 nights of preaching at the main event. Wow! The Church grows 50%! Please pray for the discipleship that is now taking place.

STOP PRESS: In April we will return to Vilnius to continue working alongside the local church

An encouraging testimony

I took a call on my mobile phone this morning and the caller started something like this, "You probably won't remember me, but I met you on a Friday night in Ealing Broadway **5 years** ago".

After some opening chat, Nelson then told me that he had been reading the New Testament I had given him on that night and came across my mobile number in the back. He went on (slightly paraphrased) - "I still remember the conversation that night. You challenged me about God and stuff. I want you to know that I gave my life to Christ earlier this year and am soon to be baptised! I remember you saying to me that night to hold on to your number and to call you when I am ready. Here I am!"

You know, I vaguely remember the name Nelson and I certainly don't remember his face. BE ENCOURAGED. As the Bible says: "Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58)



In late August the K180 team joined with the annual 'Open Air Campaigners' London Prayer Walk. Starting in Erith (Kent) and finishing in Ealing, the team spent 4 days prayer walking (with occasional outreach!) across this great city of London.

I heard it said once that evangelism without prayer is like dynamite without a fuse. Prayer is critical as we seek to reach the lost with the Gospel. As a team we spent quality time praying over London and made sure we covered some notable spots too (see photos below!)



Update from Armond

Oct 2011 Martin asked me to begin to pray into where I see myself in the next 5 years and causing me to look at what shape of ministry I feel the Lord is calling me to. The first 6 months became a time of having to pray and seek God, as things were growing and bigger choices were to be made as to the nature of my ministry. Having been here for almost 6 years at that point and 2 ½ years with East Hill overseeing the Evangelism and youth, we felt there was more God wanted to do in equipping me for leadership ministry.



It has been a journey of vision, and God has shown me that if I am to grow in working towards seeing Europe ablaze with the gospel, while loving to work & serve in my local church in that capacity, there were going to be some important choices I would have to make.

Let me be clear, I have been and I believe God is calling me to continue to serve in full-time ministry and calling me to 'live by faith', and this time is to move forward in my growth and vision I believe God is giving and calling me.

So I made the choice at the beginning of this year to step out of employment with my church, initially to step into a more formal role within K180 and give more time to local ministry. But after several meetings with Martin, K180 trustees, my pastor and much prayer, the suggestion was made to look at going into full-time secular work, which to my surprise came with an immediate affirmation and peace.

After consideration of different studies and work placements, I have chosen to step back into secular employment, where I have set aside an initial 2 years before God to work towards becoming a manager or a responsible role within the company of Starbucks, where God has naturally re-opened this door for me earlier this month. I have set this time aside to test the call for this life of ministry, but with the purpose being stretched and further equipped.



I was asked; do I feel this is a step back, especially in contrast to what I have been presently doing? But someone put into words through prayer over me the very words which God has given me, that this season is no less important than the time given to both East Hill and K180, as we believe this is all part of His plan.

Let me also be clear, I will be continuing to serve and applying myself as much as I can to both the ministries at my church and serving with K180, things don't just stop, but for me this is all part of pursuing the call.

Armond

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

A year goes by so quickly... by Martha White

I can hardly believe that it has been a year since starting my internship with K180, there are so many testimonies that I could share of God's power at work and this year has become one of the biggest journeys with the Lord I have had. Filled with many challenges, obstacles and most of all excitement; I have learnt, accomplished and seen a lot in this past year, things that I know Christ made possible. This year, God has really increased my passion and desire to proclaim His word. I have learnt what it is to be a servant of Christ, just as He was, and I realized what a privilege it is to serve our almighty God. One of my favourite verses which brilliantly describes how I feel from this year is in Philippians 1:21 "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain". There is nothing I would rather do then to serve the Lord completing the will He has for my life, for unless we are seeking after and doing what the Lord has called each of us to do our lives mean nothing.



I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout this year through prayer, financially or encouragement it has meant so much to me all your love and support has really blown me away, and I just can't wait to take everything I have learnt and teach it to others. I will miss K180 so much it has become like a family to me. But I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me next.

Internships

One of our greatest privileges is hosting interns. I am convinced there are very few other places our money is well spent than investing in young evangelists and leaders. Working in partnership with several local churches, we believe that the K180 internships provide good grounding for ministry and benefit the local church as all mid to long term interns are assigned placement churches (where they work 2-3 days a week).

We have several interns lined up for 2012 and look forward to all that the Lord will do! In the meantime, we are grateful to the Lord for entrusting us with various interns during this past year. Five are pictured here (left to right: Grace, Aaron, Martha, Ryan and Marc)



Looking ahead...

We trust you are encouraged as you read through this newsletter. I hope you get a sense of growth! We are very much looking forward to 2012 with its opportunities and challenges.

Your partnership is invaluable. We could not proceed alone. I read a quote just this morning:

“To go fast, go alone. To go far, go together” (anon?)

We continue to seek your partnership as we take the opportunities before us. We hope you sense something of the impact of your investment as you read of the ongoing preaching of the Gospel, and the training of young evangelists and young leaders, not to mention lives being changed!

Our key short-term practical objectives as we move into this New Year are:

- New team members
- Accommodation base (for new team members & for the regular flow of interns)
- Finance – there is no easy way of saying it. Growth in ministry brings financial challenges

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.

Above all, please pray for us, that “whenever I [we] open our mouth[s], words may be given me [us] so that I [we] will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:19)

Praying you will know a peaceful and fruitful New Year!

With our love and blessings

Diary snapshot

(for latest news and engagements please see our website)

Alongside regular weekly outreaches...

January

18th – 22nd Visit of Jacob Bock (On The Red Box)

February

7th – 21st USA mission, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama

March

12th – 16th BGEA Emerging Evangelists Institute, Northampton

18th to 23rd ILI 'History Makers' – USA

25th – Preaching in Houston, USA

April

13th to 16th – Lithuania mission