



Winter News & Prayer Letter 2019

A Day in The Life of a Listener.

As we have shared before, over the past few years our lines have become extremely busy. When we first opened in 1998 we were taking less than 1,000 calls a year. For the past 7 years we have averaged over 3,000 calls a year, a huge increase.

The need is very real and many people ask what is it like to be that 'listening ear' at the end of the line? The answer isn't easy to give, as each caller will have a different need.

Our comprehensive training prepares our listeners for the majority of calls and God always steps in and gives support and guidance in ways that we had never thought of!

We are there for anyone, with a compassionate, listening ear to demonstrate the love God has for His World irrespective of their religion, background or status in life.

Our many calls focus around Loneliness, family problems, healing, emotional problems and our largest category, prayer in agreement. Prayer in agreement allows our callers, many who live alone, to pray with a Christian listener about any situation they may be facing. These calls are a real blessing not only to the caller but also to the listener in coming alongside and supporting other Christians in their faith and their closer walk with God.

Of course we do get people who are very low and contemplating suicide. While this is quite rare (about one in 200 calls) we have specialised training for these calls and to date we are not aware of any callers who have taken their own lives. Praise God!!

Talking to one of our listeners recently, he had taken a suicide call the previous week, he said, "If we weren't there to give spiritual support and share Gods love with a hurting World, who would that person call?" He continued, "Crossline is so vital and fulfils a need few other helplines can provide. Instead of celebrating Christmas that person's family could have been attending a funeral..."

Could you fill a role as a listener at Crossline and reach that hurting World? --- Just give us a call and we will send an entertaining DVD which looks at the role Christian listening can play in improving relationships and our interface with the world. Even if you don't join us we promise it will be a valuable life skill for your interaction with your friends and family.

Just email us at prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk

Or call and leave a message on **01482-610054**.

The need is real, the ministry immense!

££££ Each call we receive costs us around £1:50. As most of you will be aware, we are a totally voluntary charity with no paid staff but could you help us reach a lost generation? A gift of just £15 helps us to comfort 10 people! To send a one off gift or set up a standing order and become a Crossline Angel our bank account details are; CROSSLINE (HULL) - Account no :- 41381765- Sort Code 05 05 27.



Save a Tree & Cut Our Costs

We currently mail around 40 Newsletters with an additional 160 going by e-mail. With postage costs increasing and to reduce this cost, we are hoping to send more Prayer/Newsletters electronically.

To receive future Prayer/News by email just email prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk with your full name and in the message line type 'email please'



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Prayers Answered.

Firstly, a very happy New Year from all at Crossline to you and to your families.

A prayer request from our previous letter has been answered and we are pleased to announce that we have appointed Phil Fox as our Chairman. We welcome the wisdom and experience that Phil brings to the management board of Crossline Hull.

2019 A Nation Divided.

As we enter 2019 we enter a huge year for the United Kingdom which will shape our future for decades to come.

At the time of writing this prayer letter, we are still uncertain as to what will happen with Brexit and the future of our nation.

Sadly the one thing that is certain is that the nation is more divided than ever on this contentious and highly emotive subject. The issue has caused splits in communities, regions and families, more than any other issue I can remember over the past 60 years!

Our prayer is that Christians across the UK will come together in praying for our nation and Brexit and that Gods will in this situation will come to fruition.

A special prayer released by the 24-7 Prayer movement really says it all so we include that prayer.

“Lord, in this time of turmoil... We pray for the Prime Minister and leaders of all political parties as they negotiate the future of our nation: Father, give them Your wisdom and vision.

‘We pray for all in Parliament as they represent their communities: Jesus, give them Your humility and strength.

We pray for the media as they interpret events for the nation: Holy Spirit, give them Your truth and compassion.

We also pray for Your Church, as we show Your love to our neighbours, that will speak hope, embody courage and model unity in diversity.

Almighty God, we place our trust in you: For Yours is the kingdom the power and the glory, now and forever. We pray all this in Jesus name Amen.’

Until our next prayer letter in the spring, we wish every blessing to you and your families.

Prayer Requests for Crossline;

Please pray for the continued protection for all staff, listeners and trainee listeners, our finances and for all our callers, whose needs are real and many!

- I am interested in Telephone Listener Training.
- I enclose my donation to support the ministry of Crossline.
- Please add our church to your prayer support list to receive your quarterly prayer letter.

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