

Autumn News & Prayer Letter 2012

Christian Helpline Association Update

As you may be aware, Crossline Hull is a founding member of the Christian Helpline Association, (CHA) which includes a number of Christian listening lines in the UK. CHA members to date are Crossline, Hull, Coventry, Scunthorpe and Plymouth along with Premier Lifeline - a branch of Premier Radio based in London.

We have, over the past few years, been working closely together with our other Crossline colleagues in the CHA to help give better time coverage to our callers and already are tied in with their number **0845-33-77-789** - This number can be used nationally and has given us quality extended coverage from 6pm till 12pm each day.

Now we are looking to link in with our other partner, Premier Lifeline which will extend the coverage even further to 17 hours each day, initially, from 9 in the morning until 2 am the following day. This will be a major advantage to all our callers giving better access to our listeners and lower call rates for people calling from outside the local area. The system will also make it easier for our listeners to work from home without having to transfer calls from the office.

To help our callers, we will change to an 0300 number. These numbers are charged at local call rates so if calling from landlines with local call packages included no charge will be payable. Mobiles will also be free on included minutes unlike 0845 or 0870 numbers.

It is, and will remain, a pre-requisite that all our partners have similar training methods and quality standards and also have the same Evangelical Christian beliefs and goals as Crossline Hull. It is also a stated priority that we maintain our local coverage, hence, calls from East Yorkshire will come to the Hull centre first, then, if no one is available, the call will go to the National network, so people will have a Christian listener available over a greater time period.

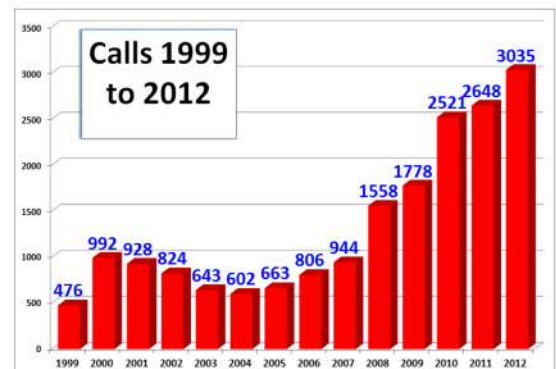
We hope to have the system running in early 2013 and our next newsletter will announce the future date of changeover along with full details of the numbers and systems.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this major step.

Record Call Numbers for our 14th Year

Calls at the end of our 14th year showed another significant increase. Almost 400 extra calls were received taking our yearly total to over 3,000 people who we have shared God's love with.

With the new extended coverage we look forward to our 15th year showing an even greater increase. Many thanks to our listeners, prayer and financial supporters throughout the area.



Save a Tree & cut our Costs



We currently mail around 150 Newsletters four times yearly with an additional 150 going by e.mail. With postage costs increasing and to reduce this cost, we are hoping to send more Newsletters electronically.

To receive future 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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Dear Prayer Partner

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There has been an uncomfortable point in everyone’s life, for those of us who have had the measure of understanding, where we have heard the words, “Can I have a word with you, we need to talk!” We can express this in different tones from childhood to adult to clarify what it is all about.

We are all in the training arena of life from nursery to old age, we never stop learning. The important part is what we learn and, who instructs us in righteousness along this road of life, in which there are no rehearsals.

This education can come from parents, guardians, teachers, employers and the Church but it is up to us to make our lives work out to set our standards to accomplish our goals and dreams.

As we reflect on these matters, how do we fit in with God’s goals for our life? When with the Word of God’s creation we need to acknowledge man’s sin and our degradation. Our God and Father of all mercies is stating the same issue. “Can I have a word with you we need to talk!” - first to the body of Christ his Church and then to anyone else who will listen.

Do we, his body the Church sense the groaning and yearning of the Holy Spirit within us for the unbelievers and hurting?

It is Jesus commission to the Church to reach the lost sheep for his Kingdom. Jesus in empathy said, “I am not willing that anyone perish but that all can come to repentance.” (2nd Peter 3:9)

We live in this turbulent World called Earth and Jesus chose to come and live amongst us to portray His amazing love. We can only learn of this love as we apply the same to one another, as we read and fulfil His word.

When we neglect the Word, we allow our faith and Christian principles to slip.

We do however, with the freedom that God has given us, disobey at our own peril, so let us not be found wanting, focus on the Word and take the Word and our glorious Christian message to our friends, family and to this hurting World.

Our prayer requests are;

- For an easy change over to the new telephone system
- For more listeners for the ministry.
- For more speaking opportunities at our local churches
- We again want to thank God for the generosity of our prayer partners and ask him to guide us in using the finances wisely.

Anne Walters - Crossline Prayer Leader

- I am interested in Telephone Listener Training.
- I enclose my donation to support the ministry of Crossline.
- Send me information on Covenanted Gifts or Gift Aid.
- Send me information on the bus advertisement sponsorship.
- Please add our church to your prayer support list in order to receive your quarterly prayer letter.

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