



Spring News & Prayer Letter 2014

Crossline Angels Update

Earlier in March we sent out a plea to raise funds for several expenses we need to address.

In common with a number of charities the past few years have been a tough time with regard to donations. As you may be aware everyone involved with crossline is a volunteer and our running costs are kept to an absolute minimum, while offering a high quality 365 day service to our callers.

Recently we have received a number of unusual bills concerned with the maintenance and running of the offices and if we are to continue, need to raise money urgently to get these paid.

*Could you be a Crossline Angel? We are currently receiving an ever increasing number of calls, we know there is a real need for a Christian based services from hurting and lonely people. **We want to continue God's ministry, now in its 16th year but do need your support to do this.***

If we can get just 40 people to donate £10 per month then this will cover our costs on an ongoing basis. (We have also contacted a number of local trusts to help us with funding for some major projects.)

Our testimonies prove the value and support we offer. Any gift no matter how small, will be warmly welcomed by us and our 3,500 callers each year who need that compassionate Christian ear.

Additionally due to the increasing number of calls we are receiving we need additional listeners. We are therefore hoping to bring a conference to Hull in the late summer based around Christian listening with the aim of recruiting more listeners. We normally do this free of charge or with a nominal charge to cover expenses but won't be able to complete this without your help.

In our 15 years of running Crossline we have never directly appealed for funds but our need for funds and listeners is very real.

Our bank account details are shown below, if however you need a direct debit form or any other details regarding becoming a listener, please call us directly on 01482-610054 or leave a message with your address and we will forward this to you.

CROSSLINE (HULL) - Account no :- 64613076 - Sort Code 05 05 15.

Record Call Numbers Continue

As with our past ten years, calls continue to increase almost 18% over 2013's record numbers.

January proved to be a record month with 360 people helped in the month.

Calls to the other partners in the National Christian Helpline also continue to increase, with a growing number of calls for agreement in prayer. It never fails to amaze us as to how people living in this relatively cramped island have no one close to pray with. We pray for our callers situations and we also thank our dedicated team of listeners for their willingness to devote their time and energy to be there for the hurting.

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

Feeling Rejected?

Rejection is at the route of many of our calls at Crossline. Whether this is from parental, relationship, workplace, physical or mental roots, it is a major factor in so many tragic situations that we hear and read about every day. These can result in abuse, self-harm and in extreme cases suicide or murder. As an example, Childline recently reported an increase of 68% in cases of self-harm to young people, many young girls. Rejection was in many cases the root cause.

One very sad fact is that we hear of many Christians who feel rejected not just by other people but by other Christians or Church fellowships.

Psalm 34:17-20 (NIV) states ‘The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.’¹⁸ The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; ²⁰ He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

So if we are righteous, we are to face many afflictions, rejection being one of them, I wonder if that is because we have a target on our back called follower of Christ? We often see the Devil attack Christian works and followers but we should know and always be reminded that we have the victory in Christ’s resurrection, remembered at this blessed season of Eastertime.

*We know from the bible that this is not God’s plan for our life, remember that Jesus was totally rejected for **our** sins he had to endure the physical pain of crucifixion but more importantly to Him separation from his father God.*

As spring approaches and the buds appear on the trees and the flowers awaken and break through the soil so let us too bloom into all we can be with God at our head.

Let us look for people in our families, friends and Churches who need to feel included, not rejected and let the light and warmth of our Christianity shine on them and bring them to a springtime with Christ.

Remember in 1 Peter 5:7 ‘Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you’ It is God’s promise to YOU and all who turn to Him.

- 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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Postcode.....Tel No..... Church.....