

Winter News & Prayer Letter 2014



A Happy New year!

On behalf of all at Crossline Hull we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

2013 was an exciting year for Crossline as we joined the other Crossline organisations and Premier Lifeline to form the National Christian Helpline.

This has increased the availability of a Christian listening ear up to 15 hours a day, 7 days a week and is a big step towards our aim of a 24 hour service. As well as the extended hours we have also experienced a rise in call numbers with over 300 calls per month being taken by Crossline Hull alone. We have a number of new listeners in training but if you feel called to join us in this front line ministry please do call or email for further information.

Changes to our Management Board and Trustees

Phil Niblett, pastor at Church on the Way, has now left the board after several years' service with Crossline. Phil was part of the original oversight organisation under the 'Hull and District Evangelical Alliance' and instrumental in the formation of Crossline in 1998. He leaves with our very grateful thanks and every blessing for Phil's future ministry.

We are happy to report that Rev. Ian Blyth will replace Phil on the board and as a trustee. Ian who is based in Holderness has extensive experience of telephone ministry in his native South Africa and has already been a valuable resource to Crossline. We warmly welcome Ian to the team.

We are also seeking an additional trustee.

This position only requires attendance at 3 meetings a year, usually on a mutually convenient Monday evening starting at 7.00 pm. If you would like further details of this spiritually rewarding role please contact us by email, post or phone on the office number which is 01482-610054.

National Christian Helpline Expects to Help 60,000 Callers in 2014

The newly formed National Christian Helpline (NCH) of which Crossline Hull is a founding member, is expecting to take over 60,000 calls in 2014. Crossline Hull, is in partnership with other Crossline organisations in Scunthorpe, Plymouth, Coventry, and Premier Lifeline, a ministry of Premier Christian Radio. A number of Christian organisations are currently being approached to help us deal with the growth in calls. Please pray for the labourers and the harvest.....

New Crossline Posters Available – Our newly designed Crossline poster will be available early February. Please call or email to receive a copy for your notice boards, business or doctors surgeries, colleges etc.

Finances

Crossline is a totally voluntary service with no paid personnel. With our increased calls we are currently training a number of new listeners and rely totally on contributions from individuals and Church organisations. If you feel led to contribute to this frontline local ministry please send your donation to the address at the top of this newsletter, Thank you!



New Year Sale.....Unconditional Guarantee!

We are always interested in our callers situations and their translations of the Bibles truths.

As people living in a materialistic World it seems we have real problems receiving anything which is free and with an unconditional guarantee, we will always look for the small print!

*The incredible thing about God's Word is that there is no small print, unconditional love is exactly what it says and total forgiveness, once we **A**cccept Christ, **B**elieve he is our Saviour and **C**onfess and repent of our sins does mean that we have totally wiped the slate clean of past sin and can move on with our lives, in closer steps with our Heavenly Father and His incredible plan for our lives.*

So many people take these steps but then backslide as they come under attack....

I am reminded of the scriptures in 1 Samuel 17, which gives the account of David and Goliath.

Goliath was a mountain of a man wearing 125lbs (57kg) of armour and a huge helmet, yet David managed to find Goliaths weak spot and kill him..... Obviously the devil learns from the scriptures for he too attacks any weak spot he finds and tries to kill our relationship with the Father.

The devil tries to trick us into thinking our sin is unforgivable but the Bible is clear that the price has been paid and FULL AND COMPLETE forgiveness is available by confessing and repenting of our sins.

While Jesus was on the cross he forgave a criminal being crucified with him so why should he not forgive you.

Other scriptures back this up; Matthew 6: v.14: For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Do other members of your family, your friends, your neighbours know this guarantee is available... why not in 2014 share it with them? Let them take hold of the Guarantee, it is cast iron, priceless and backed by the one who made you, our World and our Universe!

As David commented after slaying Goliath, "The Lord doesn't need swords or spears to save people. The battle belongs to the Lord and he will help us defeat all our enemies." (1 Samuel 17 vs.47)

Have a truly blessed 2014.

Our prayer requests are

- for more listeners for the ministry.
- for more speaking opportunities at our local churches
- for more advertising opportunities within our local areas
- for continued progress for the plans of the National Christian Helpline Association
- we want to thank God for the generosity again of our prayer partners and ask him to guide us in using the finances wisely.

- I am interested in Telephone Listener Training or office support.
- I enclose my donation to support the ministry of Crossline in the envelope
- Please 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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