



Spring News & Prayer Letter 2015

Christian Listening Course Update

On Saturday February 28th we hosted a Christian Listening Course at Bourne Street Church in Hull. Over 20 people attended the course run by Acorn and named 'What is God Saying to You?' The course proved a valuable tool for our existing listeners and gave an excellent basis for the additional people who attended to help improve their listening skills, whatever their ministry. From the attendees we have a number of people who will be joining us as listeners over the next few months. Others thanked us for the better understanding they have of the advantages listening can give them in their ministry and everyday life. Again, we are so grateful to The Jerusalem Trust, (part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts) along with All Churches Trust (Owners of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group) who kindly made grants available to help with funding this course. Even with the additional listeners we are still unable to answer all those hurting callers. With DVD training and our National Christian Helpline any of our listeners can train and work either from the office or from home at any time throughout the day or night. **Could you spare just 3 hours a week to reach that hurting World** with a compassionate, Christian listening ear? Just call **01482-610054** or email and we will forward you details.

trypraying?

20 million adults in the UK pray, 13 million at least once a month and 9 million daily. The morning of a job interview, a family sickness, 5 minutes before an exam, most people will pray. Was God listening? An initiative of 'There is Hope' the Try praying campaign is aimed at people who don't go to Church and possibly are not even religious. It comes in the form of a small, easily read booklet covering seven days of the week with examples of how praying has resolved issues in people's lives and is a non-threatening way of introducing the power our God has to non-believers or sceptics. Copies of the booklet are available from Crossline or by contacting Try Praying direct at; booklets@trypraying.co.uk or call 0131-202-6449.

£££££ As most of you will be aware, we are a totally voluntary charity with no paid staff. To continue to provide our service, we still have continual financial needs, to send a one off gift or set up a standing order and become a Crossline Angel our bank account details are;
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Dear Prayer Partner,

Are you walking in the valley or standing on the mountain tops?

On a recent walk in the winter we ventured into a valley and it was amazing how cool the air was with the lack of sunshine. It dawned on me that the valley was like our lives!

The sun at some point in the day would reach most parts of the valley but the more you rose out of the valley the more sun with its warming rays and comfort you would encounter.

Isn't life like that? The more time we spend depressed, alone with our troubles the less likely we are to feel God's love. The one thing we must remember is that God NEVER forsakes us or leaves us but we can feel distant in ourselves if we are on the valley floor.

So how do we get out of the valley and up onto the mountain top?

Just come nearer to God, In James 4:8 it states, *'Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.'*

In other words if you approach God with honesty and repentance He will support and comfort you. Whether this is by prayer, listening to Christian music or just listening to hear what God is truly saying to you doesn't really matter. ---- God is our heavenly father, like an earthly father should do, He loves and cares for you and wants to have that dialogue and closeness with **you**.

In Romans 8:15 it states, *'For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.'*

The word Abba is an Aramaic word that would most closely be translated as "Daddy." It was a common term that young children would use to address their fathers. It signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father to his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child should put in his "daddy."

So climb out of the valley, meet your heavenly father who is waiting for you and bask in his everlasting sunshine and amazing love.

May God truly bless you until our next prayer letter.

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