



## **Summer 21, News & Prayer Letter**

### **Crossline is still here for you!**

As all our listeners are home based and as part of the National Christian Helpline, Crossline is still open to callers every day from 9am till midnight on

**0300 111 0101.**

(Calls are charged at the standard landline rate and included in any mobile or home phone call package which includes landlines).

### **Call Rates Remain at an All Time High**

As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, calls remain at a high level and our incredible team of listeners are helping more people than ever before in our 23 years of service!

To help with future training and to help to improve our service, over the last quarter we have been assessing the percentage of callers who have mental related issues and the main reasons for their calls. Interestingly as we mentioned in our last letter, many callers readily volunteer this information which is a major change from our experiences before the pandemic. This is a blessing in itself, as many are now not afraid to seek help from a situation which a few years ago they would possibly try to hide.

We have seen that of our callers approximately 20% have mental related conditions and their reasons for calling vary from our standard calls. Main areas are focussed around Emotional Problems (36% of calls), anxiety 15%, prayer in agreement 14% and depression 10%. Our standard callers main reasons for calling were prayer in agreement at a huge 40%, followed by emotional, loneliness and family problems.

Please do pray for all our listeners and callers at this pivotal stage in our battle with Covid.

### **Coming Soon... Science versus Christianity!**

During lockdown we have been working on a document to examine what Science says about creation, evolution and life and comparing this with the Christian view. It has been a real journey of discovery and faith and will be posted in the next couple of months.

We are also planning and excited to hold our first face to face ongoing training meeting this month so do please hold us up in prayer!

### **The Christian Listening Pathway 2020. Course Update.**

This event postponed from May 2020, will be re-planned for a later date.

**£££** 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. Could you help us reach hurting people? 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.

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**Did Jesus Exist?**

*Many people may look at the Bible and see it as a document written between 3,500 years ago and around 2,000 years ago. So, should this then just be discounted, or should we look at this in a scientific and investigative manner? For example, how confident can we be that Jesus Christ actually lived?*

*The historical evidence for Jesus of Nazareth is both long-established and widespread. Within a few decades of his lifetime, He is mentioned by Jewish and Roman historians, as well as in dozens of Christian writings and is also mentioned in the Quran, the holy book of the Muslims. In fact, Jesus is mentioned 25 times by name in the Quran, as opposed to Muhammad's five singular mentions, but in the Quran, Jesus is demoted and called 'the spirit,' 'messenger', or 'prophet of God'.*

*But what really makes Jesus different is that Jesus' life was foretold in the Old Testament, which was written between 1600 BC and 400 BC, so well before Jesus was even born.*

*Biblical scholars say there are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament that were fulfilled by Christs' life, death and message.*

*The sceptic might say of course, that Christ engineered his life to appear as the Messiah, but circumstances such as his birthplace, lineage, and even method of execution were beyond Jesus control and could not have been accidentally or deliberately fulfilled to conveniently align with the Old Testament prophecies.*

*One amazing prophecy given by King David in Psalm 22.v16 states 'For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; They have pierced my hands and feet.'*

*Remarkably, the author, accurately predicted Jesus' death by crucifixion 1,000 years before it took place and 6 centuries before it even existed as a form of execution!*

*For those of us with doubting friends or family a wealth of information is available in our incredible Holy book The Bible! Seek and you will find...*

*May God continue to bless and protect you and your family over the coming months.*

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**Prayer Requests for Crossline;**

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

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- 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.

Name .....

Address.....

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