

## **Exciting Update**

As we detailed in our last prayer letter, due to changes in our partner Premier Lifeline's scheduling, our listeners, as they generally worked in the evening, were not able to take calls from November 28th, 2022.

In early December the Crossline management team met and decided to investigate other options.

It was felt that we could not start again from scratch as this would have been an expensive and time-consuming venture and our listeners knew that the needs of the callers were immediate and increasingly urgent.

When we were members of the Christian Helpline Association, we had regular contact with UCB and the members of UCB prayerline. We therefore contacted UCB to investigate how we could move forward together.

We are therefore delighted to inform you that as from April our listeners have now become members of the UCB prayerline team. Throughout this exercise we have all been blessed to discover that our goals, ideals and theology are very much in line with UCB.

UCBs opening times, which are 9:00 AM until 10:00 PM each weekday and 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM on Saturdays allows all our listeners to resume their goal of being available for a hurting world.

Being under UCB also allows us extra facilities such as UCB's excellent online training, the ability to use a mobile phone as a prayer partner and additional support for all the prayer partners.

Our relationship with UCB will be as a Geo-hub giving pastoral support to our local prayer partners. It is also UCB's goal to recruit new listeners locally to answer the rapidly growing number of calls which UCB are receiving.

As we have now become a part of UCB, Crossline is now in name only and will officially close at some stage later this year.

For all our prayer partners and financial supporters, we thank you for your dedication, prayer and finances over the past 25 years. We do hope that you will support UCB as we start this new and exciting chapter with our colleagues at UCB Prayerline.

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**Reach the World From Your Living Room!**

UCB calls are at record levels with some callers having to wait or unable to connect.

We want to provide a service which is available without long wait times, as it says in Luke 10:2 "The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few."

If you feel you can help us by spending **just 2 hours a week** on the lines, please do drop us an email and we can send you details of the training which can be done in the comfort of your own home through UCB.

**Jesus, Still Performing Miracles 2000 Years Later!...**

*Doctor Mary Neal knows without a doubt that God is real but before her near-death experience where this agnostic scientist visited Heaven, she had more doubt than faith!*

*As a child in the 1950's, Mary went to church but as she grew up, her claims to Christianity became more and more superficial. When Mary went off to university she joined "the religion of the intellect." She traded spiritual beliefs for truth grounded in scientific facts.*

*Still, she called herself a Christian as she agreed with the moral guidelines Christianity offered but Mary lacked a personal relationship with Jesus.*

*She aimed at being a "good person," but didn't necessarily acknowledge Jesus as her Lord and Saviour but all that would soon change - God had a plan to find a way into Mary's heart!*

*In 1999, Mary took a trip to Chile, where her miracle occurred. She recounted;*

*"We were kayaking on a section of river well known for its waterfalls, "As I crested the waterfall, I knew that things were not going to go well for me." As Mary's kayak went over the waterfall, it capsized and became pinned beneath eight to ten feet of raging water. The water pushed Mary to the front of the boat, where she couldn't free herself.*

*During this time, Mary experienced what she describes as "A radical shift in time and dimension." ...Despite a lifetime fear of drowning, Mary found herself surprisingly at peace. She continued, "I was not breathing. My torso was absolutely plastered to the front deck of the boat. I could feel my bones breaking. I thought, I should be screaming', but I wasn't. I felt no pain, no fear, no panic. I felt more alive than I've ever felt. I was being held and comforted and being reassured that everything was fine, regardless of whether I lived or died, through the experience, I knew it was Jesus and His angels who were comforting me."*

*Mary was underwater for over 30 minutes before friends rescued her.*

*There's no scientific explanation for how she was able to be resuscitated and avoid brain damage!*

*Mary wrote a book about her experience, 'To Heaven and Back' and featured in a Netflix documentary, 'Surviving Death' and now refers to herself as a Child of God...*

*We hope this blesses you and shows what an Amazing God we serve...*

*May God continue to bless and protect you and your family.*

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