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## News and Prayer Bulletin No 18

### News

Although in some ways things seem to have been quiet over the Christmas and New Year period, there are still good things happening! Andover Baptist Church ordered top-up stock of the 21-day booklets for first connectors for their welcome packs for new Christians, and have recommended materials through the Baptist Union. Olaf has made contact with the Prisons Christian Fellowship, and would very much like to see an introductory pack, containing one of each 7-day and 21-day booklet, being made available to every prison in the UK. This project would need specific funding – we are currently awaiting to hear from one further Trust which supported C4L in the last year, but please consider whether this may be something you might like to support personally. Connect4Life has now been registered for gift aid – please email [contactus@connect4life.org](mailto:contactus@connect4life.org) if you would like a form, or tick the relevant box on the website <http://www.connect4life.org.uk>. Olaf has met with Jim Currin, the Evangelism Secretary for Churches Together, who reviewed the C4L material very positively for The Good Bookstall; it was suggested that Olaf should do some further research on the changes disconnected people go through (Jim believes this is the main distinguishing element of C4L) which will benefit the wider church and help leaders understand people who are reconnecting better. A stand has been booked for the Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) in Esher again this year (8-11 May). This is a step of faith but generous donations have been received to proceed. We'll be focussing on the discipleship and outreach resources for church leaders as they are useful to have in every church.

### Praise - Thank God . . .

- for a very positive review from The Good Bookstall – <http://www.thegoodbookstall.org.uk/section/8/evangelism-mission/>
- for more orders coming – some as long as two months after samplers received!
- some generous donations to cover the costs of the CRE
- the willingness of people to help staff the C4L stand at CRE
- for some local level publicity and referrals from an Anglican diocese
- for another opportunity for Olaf to contribute an article in IDEA, the Evangelical Alliance magazine

### Prayer - Please pray . . .

- for sufficient funding for the proposed prisons introductory pack
  - for guidance for the church in Lewis considering how best to use C4L materials in its outreach programme, and also link the resources with existing activities
  - for Phin continuing the accompanying leaders' book
  - for Olaf's further research on the disconnected: he needs to find the right people to take part in the study into disconnection (both leaders and reconnectors) – let us know if you'd like to help in this way
  - for work to refresh the website
- and continue to pray . . .

- for further orders

- that the resources will be used widely in a number of church and group settings

If you have any knowledge of appropriate trusts or grant-making bodies who may be willing to support this ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you have any connection with churches or leaders who may be interested to find out more about connect4life we would love to hear about them. Thank you!

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