



News and Prayer Bulletin No 19

News

The preparation for this year's Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) is now underway – we'll be busy filling promotional freebie bags and making up the new discipleship and outreach packs. CRE runs from Tuesday 8 May to Friday 11 May at Sandown Racecourse, Esher – we'd love to see you on Stand 106 in the Surrey Hall if you're there! Prior to CRE we are advertising in eight diocesan publications and ten regional networks. Peter Gladwin from Andover Baptist Church will be spending some time with us – he has a remarkable testimony and current prison ministry, and has been taking the 21-day guides for first-time connectors into prisons to give out to the many inmates who have responded to his talks. The C4L 'disconnected' questionnaire (Journeys from Disconnection to Reconnection) which we referred to in the last bulletin is now online so reconnectors and church leaders can now take part in this important survey – please do have a look, and complete it if you fit into either of these categories (<http://connect4life.org.uk/survey>). The deadline is 30 June. Olaf recently spent a morning in London being interviewed by Andy Peck for Premier Radio, both about Connect4Life in general and about the disconnected in particular. Two interviews on these different topics will be broadcast on 22 April and 6 May at 2pm and available on archive shortly afterwards. Jim Currin (Evangelism Secretary for Churches Together) introduced Olaf to Michael Harvey (Back to Church Sunday), and we have been very grateful for Michael's positive and encouraging input and endorsement: *'The theme of connection is a clear thread through these materials which provide valuable resources for churches wanting to reach out to unconnected and disconnected people – I am pleased to commend them.'*

Praise - Thank God . . .

- that finally Olaf has an opportunity to visit a prison – see below
- for the fruitfulness that Peter is experiencing in prisons through his ministry, Out of the Ashes
- for a further gift from another Trust
- for good responses so far to the questionnaires both from ministers and reconnectors
- for the further design work that Simon Ray has done in readiness for the CRE
- that the website was able to be restored after a crude attack – we are in the public domain!

Prayer - Please pray . . .

- for the preparation for CRE and set-up on 6 May and good response to pre-advertising effort
 - for the team who will be supporting Olaf and Steve during the week there, especially for health and protection
 - for Olaf and Peter's visit to Reading Prison on 17 June, where they will participate in two services
 - for a good number of responses to the online questionnaire about disconnection and reconnection
- 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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