



News and Prayer Bulletin No 20

News

C4L had a successful week again this year at the Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) – after a slightly slow start, there were some good contacts made and many more sales than last year. The 'Journeys' questionnaire deadline has been extended from 30 June to 31 July, so if you have been 'disconnected' or 'reconnected' at some point and/or are a church leader do visit the website and make your contribution: <http://connect4life.org.uk/survey>. The survey has been featured on the Evangelical Alliance's website and on three regional church network sites. Once the survey has been completed, the data will be analysed by a number of different contributors looking at it from various perspectives and a summary report will be produced to give current insights into the process of disconnection and reconnection. There were some encouraging developments after the broadcast of the Premier Radio interviews, with a GP enquiring about materials to have available in his surgery and another couple of ladies asking for materials to use at a home group and to give out at a workplace. Olaf went with Peter Gladwin (from Andover) into Reading Youth Offenders' prison where they were able to give out C4L materials after the two services they took – the majority of inmates attending took booklets for the unconnected and/or first-time connectors. Another prison evangelist from Guildford prison is currently reviewing materials, and Olaf hopes to take this forward with him in the future. There were very positive meetings in London last month with the Heads of Mission of the Catholic and Methodist Churches. There have so far been encouraging responses by the Methodist representative, who went on to place an order and invited Olaf to write an article on evangelism and discipleship for their website. Olaf is currently working on a seminar which will be appropriate to share with church leaders, and he is looking for opportunities to do this within various denominations.

Praise - Thank God . . .

- for opportunities to meet with key people representing the Catholics and Methodists
- for a good morning in Reading Prison
- for work done to refresh and update the website
- for responses to the Premier Radio broadcasts and at CRE

Prayer - Please pray . . .

- for a good number of additional responses in the extended 'Journeys' questionnaire
 - that God will work in the hearts and lives of those who have taken resources as they are followed up
 - for the compilation of the report based on the questionnaire responses
 - for protection from email scams
 - for those at Andover Baptist Church who have now completed Alpha and are now moving on in their faith journeys
 - that a link will be made with the prison ministry in Guildford
 - for seminar opportunities – please let us know if you have any ideas or introductions you could make
- 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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