



News and Prayer Bulletin No 17

News

The new term has started enthusiastically at Andover Baptist Church. We had some good feedback: 'one of our folks gave colleagues copies of "Give it 7 days" and 3 of them are keen to meet to find out more'; 'We also use the church to host a blood doning centre on a regular basis and one lady, a talented artist, decided she would paint in the reception area as punters arrived. Some commented - but one lady simply came in off the street and started talking about feeling "disconnected" . . . She also took an Unconnected 7 day leaflet for her partner.' The TCL (The Connected Life) sessions have just completed with a number of interested 'unconnected' people attending: 'ALL there said they wanted to do Alpha in the new year and the conversations around the tables were awesome!' We have heard from a pastor in Scotland who is planning to use the material for an outreach programme with his congregation, and keen to pass on details to other similar churches. Enquiries have come in from 40 countries, with one pastor asking if it could be translated into Urdu! One of our Trustees, Phin Hall (an elder at Harvest Church and Christian writer) is writing an accompanying book, including Bible studies, to complement the materials and broaden their potential usage. Prisons seem difficult to get into, although several people have commented on the suitability of C4L material for prisons.

Praise - Thank God . . .

- for contacts made in Andover and for those who have been on TCL
- for enquiries coming in from the UK and overseas
- for over 580 contacts via Facebook, 440 from exhibitions, 500 from mailings and over 600 web enquirers – that is over 2000 people, some of whom are in very strategic positions
- for individuals reading and using the materials whose lives are being changed by connection
- for C4L's first year as a charitable company!

Prayer - Please pray . . .

- for much fruit and ongoing blessing in Andover as they continue in their outreach and discipleship
- for those there who have taken the 21-day booklets for first-time connectors
- for the materials being used in Scotland and the potential for wider use in that area
- for Phin as he begins the accompanying book
- for church leaders as they plan for next year and assess C4L resources for outreach and discipleship 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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