

prayer newsletter

january 2017

The Antioch Plan

Give thanks for...

- The encouragement of seeing growth in the plants over the past year. Please pray that the Lord would continue to use these churches to bring people to a saving knowledge of Himself, for His glory.

Please pray for...

- The people of Co-Mission to be enthusiastic and inspired by the vision to plant many more churches in London. Please pray some would consider becoming part of future plants, and encourage those who may become church planters themselves.

Alex Lyell (Streatham Central Church)

Give thanks for...

- The encouragement of seeing 200 non-church guests over the 2 carol events at the Hideaway Jazz Club, and for the crowds that heard the gospel preached at the Rookery Fair outdoor carol service.
- The blessing of having a great team of musicians, designers and enthusiasts that are able to get events up and running and serve the church so well.
- Recent opportunities to reach out and show love to neighbours in difficult circumstances. Please pray they would be welcomed into the church family.

Please pray for...

- J, who came to a carol service from receiving a flyer, and is now meeting up to read the Bible with someone at church.
- Wisdom to know how to respond to those who reject the gospel.
- The ongoing discipleship of the church family.
- The 'have you ever wondered...?' short course in January.

Jonathan Worsley (Kew Baptist Church)

Give thanks for...

- The encouragement of seeing 67 people attend the carol service, which exceeded expectations, and for the number of people that came back to the Worsley's home afterwards.
- The good conversations Jonathan has had with some of the dads and neighbours met at the school gates. Please pray they would be open to hearing more about the gospel.

- The good links with churches in the States, and the prospect of someone who is keen to come over to serve the church next year.

Please pray for...

- M, who is hardened to the gospel, but attended the carol service. Please pray for her to be saved.
- Continued patience as the work is hard, and for people to join the core team over the next 6 months.

Mike Reith (Becontree Church)

Give thanks for...

- The asylum seekers who have been drawn into the church family, and for the Christmas dinner that was enjoyed together.
- F, an Iranian who is currently living with the Reiths, and for his great evangelistic heart.
- Mike's trip to Sri Lanka in January, and the opportunity to provide teaching for 40 pastors there. Give thanks that the whole family can join him for a week's break afterwards.

Please pray for...

- Mike, as he sometimes goes to court with the Christian asylum seekers to assist them with their right to remain in the UK. Give thanks for the opportunities he has had to clearly speak out the whole gospel in court!
- Wisdom to know how to continue engaging with the local people on the estate, while continuing to welcome the Iranians into the church family.
- The growth of suitable elders for the church.

Neil Richardson (Longheath)

Give thanks for...

- The October mission. Thank God for bringing P back to church through this, after 20 years away from church.
- The consistent group of 12 'seekers' who come together each week. Give thanks for Neil's housemates who work together with him to grow this group.
- The fairly consistent group of mentors who are training to do 1:1 Bible studies in Mark. Please pray for more strong women and men.

Please pray for...

- The members to grow in maturity and cultivate a culture of prayer, giving and looking out for one another.
- Some of the more mature Christians have left the church, and further needy people have joined. Please pray they would grow to maturity, and that mature Christians who are able to disciple others would join.

- Anastasia, the Reach Global intern who is due to arrive in Spring. Pray she would be provided with the strength needed for the challenging task, and that God would use her to be a help and blessing to the church.

Peter Taylor (Vaux)

Give thanks for...

- Those who have served so generously throughout the year to come back refreshed at the start of the new year.

Please pray for...

- Those who came to the Christingle and carol services, to remember the truth of the gospel they heard, and be changed by it.

Tom Sweatman (Cornerstone)

Give thanks for...

- The students that have been reached through Tom's new society 'Topical Talks' at Kingston University.
- The diversity of students, and the planned weekend away in March.

Please pray for...

- J, who is from a Sikh background and is reading Uncover John with Tom. Give thanks for his great desire to learn more, and pray he would be guided by the Lord as he counts the cost of becoming a Christian.
- The new students to get plugged into church life, homegroups and serving, in order that they may grow and mature.

WHO'S WHO?

HERE'S A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE ANTIOCH PLANTERS...

