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Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end - Isaiah 9/7



Above: 'The A to Z of salvation.

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New flyers and tracts for street evangelism!

I'm really pleased to have taken delivery in recent months of some really good evangelistic material. Those of you who have tried to get hold of stuff to give to people may be aware of how hard it is to avail yourself of good quality materials with a good gospel message.

I try to avoid stuff with lots of really tiny print {people don't usually read it} or that doesn't have a good gospel message.

All of my materials have contact details so if anyone wants to follow up with me they can.



Above left: An assortment of gospel tracts with different themes related to the various people groups we meet on the streets. Above right: My testimony card which links people to the website telling my salvation story.

Between 2000 and 3000 people have visited the testimony site. I have a section for people in several different languages including Polish, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic which is really useful. I'm now down to my last few cards and I need to order another box.

I also have a sample selection of 'Chick tracts' {see picture below} and are named after the person who came up with this idea {Jack Chick}. It is basically a booklet in cartoon style which takes you through a story and uses it to tell the gospel. These are very popular and people take them and read them. Again there is always a good gospel message within them.

I'd like to say a big thank you to those of you who make donations to my ministry. You are making this possible.

God bless you.



Introduction

This is already turning out to be an exciting year. Our word for 2021 is 'THRIVE'. Many of us have been in survival mode in 2020 but God has called us to fruitfulness. In John 15 Jesus promises that whoever abides in him will bear much fruit to the glory of God. We want to see God glorified again and again this year. Pray that this year would be a year of harvest.

Prayer walking in Ealing

I have felt greatly stirred to step things up a gear and believe God for the borough of Ealing in particular. As an act of faith and to prepare the ground I located every high street and significant retail area where we could hold an amplified street

outreach and prayer walked it. The aim is to prepare the ground in advance of outreach teams going there and to seek God for prophetic insight regarding the areas.

In doing this I covered every area I knew of in Ealing borough. However, on one particular evening on my way home from the city I got on the wrong train. I got off at East Acton station and for some reason felt compelled to walk the rest of the journey home. It was just down the road from there I discovered another area I had previously been unaware of. I had a really good prayer walk in that area and God gave me numerous prophetic words for that area.

First time outreach in Southall

Within a couple of weeks of those prayer walks I received notification from an old partner in street outreaches that he was going into Southall to preach the gospel. Southall was one of the areas I had prayer walked but for some reason any prior attempt to hook up with people for an outreach there never worked out. This time, out of the blue, I got my chance. It looks like outreach in Southall will become a more regular thing too.

One of the things I do on a prayer walk is if I see a town hall I pray for the local authority and if I see a police station I pray for them and pray a blessing over them. I believe we need to operate according to kingdom principles.

Within minutes of my very first outreach in Southall a police van came past slowly and pulled up. A couple of officers got out to speak to us. Rather than give us any problems or asking us to move on, the officer was very positive and encouraged us to continue with merely a piece of advice on how to stay safe. It was a very positive conversation as I had made a particular point of praying for favour with the police.

I also joined an online group of Pentecostal ministers in praying for revival. A scripture really struck me. It was of Jesus on the last day of the feast saying whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of him will flow rivers of living water. That was actually inspired by a word from another minister. Earlier that day in Southall I had sensed an unusual welling up and boldness to speak prophetically into the life of a troubled young man in Southall. The word I received acted as an encouragement to pursue more of that and be confident in spiritual gifts. God is going to do something special in Southall.

We thank God for his timing, for supernaturally open doors and for divinely given favour with authorities. There will be many more outreaches to come in Southall.

Monopoly Outreaches

I sometimes team up with a very good open air outreach ministry called 'K180'. They do outreaches in the London area including Ealing and they train, equip and support people as well. This year they ran a special series of street outreaches seeking to spread the gospel in every location on the Monopoly board. Over a period of 5 days various teams went out and shared the gospel. I had the opportunity to join teams in Angel Islington, Euston, Kings Cross and Trafalgar square. We had a great time and there were so many conversations.

At Euston it was bitterly cold and I regretted not bringing a better coat. We were getting nowhere and honestly I didn't want to be there {I was freezing}. No matter where we stood the wind was biting and seemingly blowing through my coat. As we kept moving we spotted a line of people standing around in a side street. We went there to speak to them and it was a food bank queue. We had several good conversations, shared the gospel with people and, amazingly, the wind couldn't get to us from there. As the person I was ministering with said, "It was as if the Holy Spirit blew us into this place. This was where we were meant to be."

In Kings Cross, I was actually stopped by a guy from East Africa {No coincidence! How many missions have I done in East Africa!}. He started by challenging me about how Jesus could be the Son of God. It ended up being a really good conversation where I got to share my testimony and explained the gospel in depth. We must have been talking for the best part of an hour. He was so impacted he returned to central London to hear more from other members of our team. Please pray for him. His name is Shaka.

I did the first and last day of outreaches. We finished up at Trafalgar Square and many good conversations. God led me to two completely separate people who led their own outreaches and through them I hope to open up more evangelism opportunities. {There may actually be a third one}

I am trusting God to build an evangelism team to reach Ealing and part of that plan is to bring established evangelists into the area to support the mission there. One of the k180 team leaders also made a point {completely unsolicited} of saying that he wanted to support me if I wanted to set up my own outreaches. God is bringing things together!

Thy kingdom come in Sutton

I have joined a group involved in numerous outreaches in Sutton, South London. On one occasion a man was shouting loudly and challenging preaching. He demanded to know 'how far is Jesus?' We told him he is right here and this started a conversation that concluded in the man allowing us to pray for him and he received prayer for deliverance from demonic oppression.

A young man stood still listening to the worship and we approached him. One of the team felt like asking him straight 'do you want to give your life to Jesus?' Just like that he said yes. The Holy Spirit was very much on him and we led him through a prayer to commit his life to the Lord.

A lady with two children was watching for a long time. She was a Christian. She loved to hear the singing, testimony and preaching. Many Christians are encouraged by this and we occasionally get Christians stopping to watch. Another Christian lady came for prayer for freedom from depression.

On another occasion a lady called Angela was struck with the conviction of the message and gave her life to Christ right there in the high street.

We've had some really great outreaches in the area. Some on Thursday afternoons, some on Saturday afternoons and some on Sunday evenings. We have the preaching of the gospel, testimonies of what God has done in the lives of believers and the local church in Sutton is growing as a result. I have occasionally attended the London Shepherd church in Sutton while my own church was closed and it was such a blessing. Every service we have opportunities for testimonies and on numerous occasions God has placed on my heart what to share and it had turned out to be a prophetic message for a member of the congregation. One lady sensed God's call to start street outreaching and preaching and I shared something on that exact subject sharing the very same verse of scripture that God had spoken to her. It's so exciting to see how God is bringing all these things together!

One Sunday evening we did an outreach after the service. We had preaching, testimony and even beatboxing on the street! There was a young man who had recently given his life to Christ who had numerous bondages including homosexuality. He made a powerful decision to surrender his life to Jesus. Next thing he was on the streets with us sharing the gospel and his talent for beatboxing. Out of that outreach we had a conversation with a couple of guys and a

man called James committed his life to Christ. God is just waiting for his people to show up and speak up!

I had another great conversation with 3 girls who were attending a Christian school. I felt compelled to ask if they knew what the gospel was {shockingly they didn't}. I was able to explain the whole thing about sin, why Jesus came and died and the need for repentance and faith. Nobody had properly explained it to them before! What a Holy Spirit inspired moment!

Below are a few highlights of outreaches in this last season.

Preaching video: Start from 20 minutes 40 seconds

Sutton street preach: God so loved the world

Preaching video: Sutton outreach Saturday 20th March

Living in fear or fear free

Evening outreach in London: A young man from Belgium, a new convert, shares his skills on the street, draws spectators and out of that another man gives his life to Christ.

Beatboxing for Jesus

Street preach: God is in the recycling business

To Come

Firstly, thank you for your prayers. We are definitely seeing the spiritual watermark rise int hsi year. Please pray for the following...

My trip to Mindanao Island in the Philippines. I will be preaching there {My first ministry abroad in over two years?} We were praying for the government's red light restriction to change and it did last night!!! Hallelujah. I've already booked my flights and time off work by faith. Pray for the rest of the arrangements.

In answer to prayer for outreach connections in the Ealing area I have come across some really good street outreachers in Acton. Pray for them and for my future work with them. Hopefully some great testimonies to come.

Pray for my bible study group. It's very small but there are contacts on the periphery. In particular, Shayne, Jehan, Ben Tolete and Benjamin {Filipino}. I have seen salvation but want to see Ealing impacted and the group grow.

God bless you...Steve