



# Young Life Prayer News

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*"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble."*

Daniel 4:37

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King Nebuchadnezzar had been humbled by God in a most extraordinary way. But having been humbled, he was able to praise God. He had at last come to understand the reality, power and perfection of God (see preceding verses). No doubt, he knew only too well from personal experience, that God is able to humble the proud. How many people today are caught up in an 'anti-God' pride, and speak flippantly of Him! This is no more apparent than on the streets of our towns and cities, where YL teams have been sharing the gospel this past Easter. In contrast, let us, as Christians, not cease to "praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven". Not only has he been good to us in His acts of common grace, but according to His perfect plan, He gave His only Son to be the means by which the relationship between us and Him could be restored. This is, of course, the ultimate reason why no-one can be boastful or proud (Eph. 2:9).

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## Easter Speakout Special Reports

This month, we have news from our Speakout events which took place across the country over the Easter weekend.

### Dublin

A team of 45 people enjoyed a sunny, pleasant weekend of outreach in Dublin. After a warm welcome from our hosts in Grace Bible Fellowship, the team energetically engaged in open-air preaching, contacting, and face painting. Many excellent conversations ensued, and Bibles and gospel literature were widely distributed. Contacts accepted invitations to evening events at Grace Bible Fellowship, and attended the meetings in significant numbers. People from all walks of life joined us for an Easter celebration, an examination of Darwin's Tree of Life, and 'Jesus – Dead or Alive' on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights respectively. Invitations to follow-up Bible studies at Grace Bible Fellowship were distributed and accepted.



During a visit to Dublin City Mission's Lighthouse, the team distributed gifts prepared by Newtownbreda Baptist Church, and assisted the

city mission team in serving food to the homeless. A short gospel presentation was subsequently given.

Please give thanks for the freedom to witness publicly in Dublin, the openness of the people, the literature distributed, accommodation in St Mark's church and the many people we spoke to. Please pray for Grace Bible Fellowship as it continues to witness in the cosmopolitan heart of Dublin.

### Galway

A team of eleven enjoyed a very good Easter Speakout in Galway. The Lord blessed us with many contacts and good opportunities. Pray for a man who was contacted on Saturday afternoon and through long conversation poured out his heart of his need to get right with the Lord. He had been saved many years before and because of a number of things had gone away from the Lord. Tearful, he wanted to come back, and came to church on Sunday. A girl from Hungary was given a John's Gospel in Hungarian and we



watched as, beside our open-air board, she read it through from start to finish. We met another man and his friend who had been posted an Arabic New Testament two years ago by a member of the team. It was good to pick up conversation with him again. What a joy to share the Good News of Christ in the open air at Easter time and to know that He is still saving and changing lives for His glory.

## Yorkshire

We had a good team of about 20, albeit only 3 girls, that worked very well together. Nearly every lad was capable and was used preaching in the streets of Leeds, York and Harrogate.



On Friday, we worked in Central Square (Lands Lane), Leeds; despite the light rain we were able to carry on almost as normal, and we had many meaningful conversations.

Saturday, we worked in Harrogate. On previous years, our experience of open-air work here has been negative, but this year was fantastic. It was like a carnival in the town centre thanks to a music festival. Bands were playing around the town and lifting people's spirits (which actually had a positive effect). We found places that were busy but not too noisy for us to preach in and had some great conversations. People were challenged and took literature, and were quite happy to chat with us about the Lord.

On Sunday we preached in York. It was quiet and peaceful - almost surreal as we set ourselves up next to the Sunday market. There were not too many people standing around to listen, but some were listening from the benches at the side and from the doorways and small queues that were around. We again had some really encouraging conversations, and gospels were taken. One person from London who was very knowledgeable about the Bible and the Levitical law felt some questions had been answered that had been confusing her, and was now going to consider the message of the Bible again.

Please pray for the people who heard the gospel, took Christian literature and had conversations with the team.

## Southport



We thank God for a wonderful opportunity to 'speak out' in the precincts of Southport over the Easter weekend. Our team consisted of 50 young (and older) believers, many of whom received training in open-air evangelism. Mark Knight led the team in thought-provoking Bible studies. We were blessed with good weather, enabling us to hold well attended open-air events. One man named John was contacted, and is being followed up. Please pray for him as he is clearly searching for the truth. Our evangelistic events proved valuable. Around 300 people attended on the Saturday evening to hear the testimony of Henry Olunga (Zimbabwean cricketer) and to learn of how his faith affected his decisions as he challenged the Mugabe regime. We were also privileged to hear him sing to us. The Sunday evening saw around 200 people attend to hear the stories of grace in the lives of Billy Ainscough, caught up in the Hillsborough crush 20 years ago, and John Mosey, father of Helga, who was murdered in the bombing over Lockerbie. Praise the Lord for good opportunities to share the gospel over this weekend. Pray that He would be glorified in saving many souls.

## Bedford/Luton

A group from Bedford YL (and a few welcome 'mercenaries') braved the elements on this year's Easter weekend with outreach in both Bedford and Luton. On Good Friday we travelled to Luton - to be met with rain, which although not conducive to open-air preaching, didn't prevent tracting. Many tracts were taken, resulting in a variety of responses, some people engaging in conversation. Those spoken to included a couple of Mormons and some Muslims. The weather on our next day's outreach cleared up enough to start open airs in the town centre. It was encouraging to see people stop to hear preaching, as well as more tracts being distributed. In total, over the two days, more than 1000 tracts were taken. Pray that God would glorify his name by using ways which, to us, seem weak, and even foolish, so that the tracts given out and the words spoken to individuals would bring people to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.