

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
Soar Valley Prayer Fellowship - 7th March 2011

We met at Mountsorrel Baptist Church and the meeting was led by Keith Munro who read Luke 10/1-12 but drew our attention especially to verses 2 & 3: Jesus sent His disciples "ahead of Him" and said "Go...I am sending you...". reminding us that as sheep they had no natural defences and could only survive if the Shepherd was there, who goes before. We too are sent to declare "**The Kingdom of God is near**".

**BARROW ON SOAR**: They are hosting a "Christians in Sport" outreach in April: they requested prayer for conversions and baptisms: continuing with the E100 Bible Reading course their aim was that all should be "doers of the Word and not hearers only": Three of their young people have recently made commitments to Christ: they are arranging some Senior Alpha gatherings: in connection with the Soar Valley plans to forge a link with Texas Baptists we are meeting some ministers from there on 31st March and Mark is travelling to Texas in April.

**CASTLE DONINGTON**: Whilst no Report had been received, continued prayer was requested for the ongoing health concerns of Tom & Bobbie. and especially for Sue Exall who has taken on the role of major responsibility within the fellowship there.

**HATHERN**: The Fellowship continue to be encouraged: their first Luncheon Club in January had 17 attenders (including 4 not previously in contact) and this was increased in February; one lady is now attending 'Oasis' (that day the attendance had reached 30): they requested plan for wisdom over their refurbishment plans and were continuing to be encouraged by the attendances at their Sunday services.

**KEGWORTH**: Whilst no Report has been received, mention was made of their Youth Club work and the ongoing work of Junction24.

**LONG WHATTON**: They were encouraged at the four people attending their 'Y Course', and especially encouraged that at last one of the Fellowship had moved into the village, which was a real answer to prayer: the work in the School was continuing.

**LOUGHBOROUGH**: Whilst no Report had been received, prayer was requested for the ministry of their new Minister Rev. Gert Glasius and the developments that would emerge from that, and mention was made that the Independent Methodist Church in Herbert Street had come under the umbrella of the Baptist Union - prayer was request for wisdom in how that new and encouraging link developed.

**MOUNTSORREL**: A 5-7 Development Plan for Mission had been launched, commencing with a process of listening — to God. to one another and to the community, having decided to concentrate on one or two things done really well, as they continued to explore individual gifts in ministry: prayer was requested for several of the Fellowship feeling under attack through illness: outreach was being planned with the Christian Motorcyclists Association spanning Passover and Pentecost.

**QUORN**: Their search was continuing for the vision for the future: their men were continuing their attempts to develop contacts with non-Christian men through various events, structural changes to the interior presented challenges for which prayer was requested.

**ROTHLEY**: whilst their search for a new Minister was continuing after disappointments, a decision had been made at the beginning of the year to "Move from Maintenance to Mission": agendas had been revised to reflect this emphasis commencing with plans to 'prayer walk' the village on a consistent basis and starting a seekers' course: unity was being restored and there was a good spirit within the Fellowship.

**SHESHED**: They were being encouraged in terms of growth with two recent baptisms and a Sunday morning congregation often around the 80s and a recent infant Dedication has 19 members of one family back to church for the first time in many years: they had 8 in their Alpha Course: prayer was requested for their upcoming AGM when important decisions needed to be made concerning the installation of a lift to make the upstairs hall more accessible together with their consideration of launching 'Cafe Church'.

**SUTTON BONINGTON**: Whilst no report was available mention was made of their outreach via "Messy Church" and the attempts to reach the parents of the families concerned: also of the vital work of their international Student worker Val and all the contacts made through that ministry.

**SILEBY**: Whilst no Report had been received, mention was made of the recent change in leadership to relieve pressure on John. and the encouraging number of children attending.

**WOODHOUSE EAVES**: They gave thanks that the 3 churches in the village were now working happily and positively together, and an outcome of this was that they would be sending in teams to work in the local Infant/Primary School with the story of Easter both in Assemblies and classwork: prayer was requested for Pastor Andy's health concerns; in practical terms they were delighted with the improvement to the rear lounge having installed new double glazing: in spiritual terms prayer was requested for wisdom in effective ideas for outreach.

**PERU**: A photograph of the evangelist EDWIN was circulated to remind us of our commitment to pray for him. with news of his continued "amazement" at the support he receives. Prayer was also requested for Jill Abell's return journey due to treacherous road conditions to Lima ready for her return to UK on March 12th — she made it safely!

A reminder for prayer and support was made in connection with the planned "SONRISE SERVICE" on Beacon Hill 6.30 a.m. on Easter Sunday. with Gert Glasius would be the preacher.

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th May 2011 at Barrow Baptist Church

The attendance at the Meeting reported above was very disappointing and we would urge churches to ensure that they were personally represented: if this is absolutely impossible please let Jill Abell have your Report PRIOR to the Meeting on 0116 2357308.