

## GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Soar Valley Prayer Fellowship - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011

We met at Barrow on Soar Baptist Church and the meeting was led by Mark Turner who read 2 Corinthians 4 / 1 - 12. This passage was used as a starting point to our thinking, and praying, not to lose heart, but the gospel, have the light of Christ in our lives and hearts and know that God will never abandon us. The meeting was then placed in His hands.

**Barrow on Soar** Mark shared that he had had a fruitful visit to Texas in April, with the result that a group of Christians will be coming to our area in early August, and would like to take part in any outreach opportunities we may have. The Senior Alpha course in homes has been good, pray for fruit from this.

**Castle Donington** gave thanks for the prayers offered on their behalf they continue week by week to seek God's will for them all, but are sensing that they are to have a 'supportive' role within the Christian community in the village as God leads them. Please pray for Susan Exhall as she has taken on the role of 'Church Overseer'.

**Hathern** are encouraged by the increase in numbers at both the morning and evening services, and look to the Lord for conversions. The Lunch Club and Oasis are also well attended, again pray for fruit. They ask for wisdom as they seek 3 new Deacons in the Church, as well as a fresh vision for the Church from God. Also on a practical level they need new windows and a new heating system.

**Kegworth** Whilst no report had been received, prayer was given for the Counselling ministry that the Church has.

**Long Whatton** are encouraged by the 5 folk attending the Y Course that they want to have follow up meetings. The Cafe Church continues to pray for fruit from this, as well as strength and energy for all. A new 8 week assembly course at the local school has just started please pray for this.

**Loughborough** are initiating a Cafe Church in the 'Blue Banana Cafe', starting on the 20<sup>th</sup> June for 3 weeks, this is in conjunction with the Loughborough Churches Fellowship. Then the weekend of July 1 - 2 - 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Flower Festival in the Church.

**Mountsorrel** are planning a Pentecost celebration in conjunction with the other Churches, and have invited the Christian Motorbike Association, also having a picnic on the Green. They are planning to have meetings with the whole church to seek the mind of Christ for the moving on of the fellowship.

**Quorn** continue to seek a vision for the future, and have a Deacons meeting for a day on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The men have held several more events, pray for developing friendships that the love of God may be shown. The Church resembles a building site at the moment as the new heating system is put in, and some redecorating is done.

**Rothley** will be meeting with a prospective Minister for the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> May please pray for wisdom for Derrick Tickner and the Deacons. They also have plans to start a Y Course in the near future.

**Shepshed** have completed the Alpha Course, and have been asked for a follow up, this could lead to another Bible Study Group forming. Cafe Church 'Ignite' has started on the second Tuesday in the month, pray for this new venture. They have plans for another 'Village' prayer walk, a Holiday Bible Club in August, the invitations have already gone out and 25 children have booked in ! Pray with them about the possibility of 'Bereavement' coffee mornings, as there seems to be a need for this.

**Sutton Bonington** are praising the Lord for the number of baptisms they are having, please pray for these new Christians as they return to their home country's and very difficult situations. The student worker Val is at the moment in a closed country, please pray for her safety as 'visitors' are watched. As a Church they embark on their E100 Bible reading challenge programme starting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please pray for Howard and Janet Jones as they recuperate from a difficult time in Tunisia, as well as visiting Howard's father who is terminally ill.

**Sileby** Whilst no Report was given we continue to pray for this fellowship.

**Woodhouse Eaves** Whilst no Report was given we continue pray for the work in the village.

**Peru** Jill Abell shared that Edwin is so grateful for the prayers for him, and can sense the support of the Lord in his daily life. Pray for a possible project involving the writing and illustrating of children's books to use as he reaches out to the Quecha speaking people.

The numbers were down at the Sunrise Service, but this may be due to one being held at Breedon Hill, after the car park fees were paid a donation of £78 was made to the Peru Children's Trust.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT HATHERN  
BAPTIST CHURCH ON  
MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30pm

Please let Jill Abell have your Praise and items for Prayer, before or at the meeting.