

Carol McFarlane : Prayer Letter - January-March 2013

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A recent report has revealed that the population for the Isle of Dogs has nearly doubled in the last decade and has set to increase in the incoming years. This presents a significant challenge to the Mission as we seek to reach out to a variety of people who now live in the area. To get some indication of the growth the report indicated that in 2001 there were just below 25,000 residents in the area and this had risen to 46,500 last year. This influx of people reflect a large diversity of cultural and religious backgrounds including Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Afrikaans, African, English/Irish, Polish etc. As we have been working in the area we have made some notable contacts in many of these groups.

I would ask for prayer specifically for the following:

- ❖ Golda, her daughter Rita, her sister Trudi and husband Stan and her nephew Glen. That I would be able to clearly share the gospel with this Jewish family that will be relevant.
- ❖ Natalie and her three sons are coming on the church weekend from 3 – 6 May. Pray they will enjoy the experience and that opportunities to speak with them may arise.
- ❖ Two Muslim families, firstly Naz and Abdul and their daughters Noorie, Jihan, Zuire and twins Amber Lily and Elize Rose; secondly Shazna her husband and their 8 children who range in age from 3-18. I got to know Shazna through the ladies swim at the local pool on Wednesday afternoons. I have a great affection for them and visit them on a regular basis.
- ❖ Bhwara and Amit and their twin boys are a local Hindu family and yet another contact that arose from being at the swimming pool.
- ❖ Please remember Danny who thinks it will not be long before he goes to be with his wife. Pray that visits with him will be of eternal significance and for wisdom in conversation.
- ❖ Remember also Declan who is spending more and more time with us at the bible study and other events. Pray for opportunities to arise to speak with him again and that he may make a clear cut decision for Jesus.
- ❖ We have also been getting to know Elieen, an Irish actress, please pray for opportunities for some heart to heart conversation with her either at the cafe or at home and that this contact will develop further.
- ❖ Evanna and her husband and two children are a Polish family living in the area. Evanna, a very sensitive young mother with an interest in art, has started to come to a bible study at the Cafe on Thursday morning. Pray for further development of this contact.
- ❖ Pray also for the City Vision Project being launched whereby LCM which provides a one year opportunity for individuals or Gap Year students to reach out to Londoners. Pray that the right people will get involved to augment our team on the Isle of Dogs for the year.

I think that is enough for now. We do value your prayers and realise they do change things so I will keep you updated as to how the Lord will answer your prayers for the specific people above. God bless you all as you serve Him in Belfast and elsewhere.

Love in Him
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