

H O P E

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Reaching Our City With Christ's Love...

28th Oct - 1st Nov 2013

**One Church
serving MK
in word & deed!**

**200+ young Christians stepping out in faith,
expectant to see God at work, blessing & serving
local communities, engaging in conversational
evangelism**

**30+ churches of all denominations/affiliations
working together across the city to provide
17 social action & community building projects
empowering young Christians to live out their**

Our vision is to see 200+ young Christians from across our city joining together in partnership with churches of all sizes/denominations (and none!) to demonstrate and share God's love to our communities. We believe in young people, and we believe they can lead the way and show how it's possible to work together to serve Jesus.

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Despite having more than 140 churches & a strong ecumenical foundation, Milton Keynes has been notorious for a lack of large-scale, city-wide Christian cooperation. There are some great partnerships in local areas, and a few projects which attempt to bring churches/Christians together but none really span & represent the breadth of the church. So when God gave a vision to bring together young Christians & churches together in mission to reach the city and Hope MK was born, enthusiasm & expectation was mixed with a healthy dose of scepticism.

The plan for Hope MK is to bring young people together in word & deed mission across the city, demonstrating God's love through practical service and declaring the good news of Jesus Christ to those we meet & serve. A week long mission will take place in Milton Keynes during the Autumn half term break, with young people gathering in the morning for worship, prayer, Biblical teaching & practical training, then being sent out to serve at social action & community building projects being organised by local churches (and groups of churches) across the city. The week will end with a large evangelistic concert featuring great workshops & entertainment, a MOBO award winning artist who will share his testimony & present the gospel, and a chance for young people to make a personal response to what they hear and to meet with Jesus.

We've been blown away by the reaction of young people & church leaders alike as we've shared the vision with anyone who will listen. Enthusiasm for the project is high wherever we go, and expressions of support have been forthcoming, and in some case completely unsolicited. So far, after six months of thought, prayer, planning, & coffee drinking, we have 17 projects which will be running across MK, 3 organisations & 30+ churches supporting the project (through prayer, finance, projects, volunteers, venue, etc) and more we hope will be signing up their young people to serve.

We always hear the phrase 'it's not about numbers' – but of course, it really is. MK has a population of almost 250,000 – each of which is a number; one person created in the image of God and loved by Him. Each 'one' matters to God, and so matters to us. Our current vision is to get 200 young people and 50 adults directly involved in word & deed mission to MK (supported by a small army). That would be one person for every 1000 people in Milton Keynes. But, as we've been learning, if God wants to increase that vision, we're well up for that and the associated challenges!

So far, whenever God has revealed a little more of the vision and His plans for the project, He has also blessed it with more support & more resource (we should have seen that coming!). He has laughed in the face of our fears, our realism and our lack of vision, and so we're going to keep following the growing vision He's revealing, graciously accepting for the resources He's providing, and giving Him the glory for all that follows! We've come a long way already, but there is still so much to be done.

Is your church involved? If not, ask the question 'why not' & do what you can to turn that around!
Are you able to join our growing team which is working hard to make sure this initiative is a success? We're looking for Christians with a wide range of different skills to join us and complement the skills we already have.

There are 101 ways that you can support us...everyone has something to offer!

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