

HEREFORD HOTS

(Healing on the Streets)

Newsletter 9

Tuesday, 18th October 2011



Another three months has passed and with thanks to Margaret for typing up the Testimony Book each week, here are the latest testimonies of healing; healing in our city, happening each week, through the faithful witness and service of the HOTS Team members. Thank you, each one, and thank God

N prayer for neck pain that a lady described as 7/10 with difficulty moving neck. During prayer her shoulders relaxed and she described an intense burning over where our hands were. Following prayer her neck felt easier. A picture of a microwave ready meal – after taking out of microwave cooking containers - encouraged that healing would continue for some time after prayer.

M came for prayer for financial need. Sensing she was sad, prayed also for peace and the love of Jesus. She was unable to stay for long but was encouraged to come back another Saturday.

S this lady is moving into a new department in work and has recently met a Christian gentleman friend. Prayed for peace and direction and wisdom. Thanksgiving for previous answered prayer in her life.

S a minister, asked for prayer for a damaged shoulder. After prayer he reported that his pain had decreased.

M prayer for trapped nerves and pain. Felt easier when she stood up and felt peace.

B a lady, in a hurry, with a bad knee needing an operation allowed hands to be laid on her as she stood. She may come back another day.

T a man who wouldn't sit on a chair but allowed someone to pray for deeper fellowship and a sense of God in his home and family

J is looking for a spiritual home. He also has pain and discomfort in his right thigh and posterior. Went away happier!

J came for prayer for his trip to Brazil for mission and church planting for safety of travel and fitness while he is there

T prayed for his back. He said it felt easier and could move better

J asked for renewed prayer for pain in his legs and back for ease and his walking

M prayed for healing of severe back pain. She felt nerves released and pain lessen.

Prayed for an elderly man suffering from giddiness

Another man aged 94 years who wanted to "go to heaven"

- M prayed for M and her family: she is a new member of a local church
- J has a hearing problem having 'scar tissue' on the eardrums. After prayer J was able to hear much better
- S is experiencing a period of change in her life. She has been suffering anxiety attacks and fear. She was visibly touched by the Lord as we prayed and said our prayers were 'spot on.'
- J has a mum in India who is suffering from bleeding. He believes his step mother is involved in witchcraft. Prayed for his visit to see his step-mother and for him and his mum.

Prayed for a member of the team with lower back pain; she felt great improvement.

- J has a friend into New Age and had the son of another friend (a Jew) staying at her house. As we prayed for the Holy Spirit to fill her she saw a vision of Jesus on the cross at the moment of His death. As she bowed before Him the burdens on her shoulders fell at the foot of the cross and the blood of Jesus flowed down on them. J realised how much God loves her friends and was strengthened to carry on.

- S had a heavy heart but went away feeling much better after prayer

- B a Christian lady from Birmingham with arthritis felt she needed to come back to visit Hereford. She left with a sense of peace and joy.

- S came with intense sciatic type pain and left with comfort and joy.

Prayed for a team member with knee pain...felt a warmth after the prayer, able to move knee more freely.

- L has been depressed and battling with drink problems, after the time of prayer felt 'lifted' and encouraged

- A prayed for a Christian known to us with pain in the top of her foot. She felt a sense of warmth in her whole body and said she had been healed

- W who said he is a believer but does not go to church. He has back pain

- V her husband is dying of cancer. Prayed for him and strength for her

A team member came for prayer over a difficult situation re a sale that has gone wrong which is affecting her health. Prayer for wisdom and discernment to know what to do and healing re physical problems

- M her son, S, has Down's syndrome. Prayed for joy for S and clarification of guidance for her.

- S talked at length with team member known from some years previous. Her 2½ year old daughter has been taken away from her. She did not want prayer on the seats, or at the bench where she was sitting, but did want to be prayed for. She is grateful for all God is doing in her life and longing for her daughter to come home.

Spoke with a stall holder who was feeling bored with it being a quiet day and few sales. Gently suggested that the men in our team could pray with him for improvement in trade. Had a long conversation about Jesus and that He will be coming back. A good time spent talking and finally gave him a



leaflet called 'The Bargain'. The team in the church building were praying for this gentleman at the time.

Prayed for a team member concerned about her son who seems to be suffering from depression. She felt very peaceful following prayer.

Prayed for a team member re hearing loss in one ear and for peace.

Prayed for another team member that her sight will be completely restored and for her son-in-law. The Lord gave the word 'dyspraxia' which has affected this young man.

C prayed for this lady from a local church for peace and healing from sinus problems and possible ME

R a believer, said she was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis, sciatica and a hip problem, she does not want to go through an operation. Prayed for peace and commanded healing in the name of Jesus. When she stood up she reported a slight improvement but was determined to accept her healing

O had multiple health issues, following prayer felt a tremendous sense of God's presence and peace and of God doing a deep work in him.

J had Irritable Bowel Syndrome. Prayed asking the Holy Spirit to come and she immediately felt that her whole digestive system was being cleansed, and the pain went.

T this young lad came (with his family) in a wheelchair as he suffers from cerebral palsy which affects his walking. After prayer he stood up and said he could feel an easing of the tension in his legs. Also prayed for his forthcoming operation in Bristol.

A although not hurting at the time, said her wrist is sore when she uses it. Felt moved to pray for an infilling of joy and energy so she could be 'exuberant in the Lord'. She began to giggle and said afterwards that she felt very good in herself.



Words from the Lord received whilst praying in the church; as Team members take it in turns; 2 x 2, during HOTS to return to St Peter's to pray:

"I am the Lord Jehovah. The fields are white unto harvest and must be reaped. But you must faithfully plough, and re-plough. You must fix your eyes upon Me and plough a straight furrow through the land where you have ploughed before, and the land where I have sent the reapers. You must sow wisely. Do not cast the seeds into the four winds but into the furrows you have ploughed diligently. Do not sow onto the well trodden pathways or the rough stony ground but into the ground you have ploughed and re-ploughed".
Isaiah 25 v 1 – 9: this relates to Hereford

Matthew 16 v 18: "His church is built on the rock and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it." We are part of HIS church, doing HIS work, blessed by HIM – the devil and all his minions cannot prevail against us!

The Council of Reference, Rev Antony Wareham of Hereford Baptist Church. Rev John Watson of St Paul's CofE Tupsley, Martin Erwin of Challenge Church, Sue Gasston of New Life Church Ross on Wye, Frank Cornthwaithe of Jubilee Church, Paul Towner of St Peter's and St James' CofE Church met in September to review the HOTS work in the city.

✓ The Council expressed deep gratitude to the Teams for their faithfulness and commitment to HOTS

- ✓ It is very clear that each week there are significant God-appointments in High Town; that people are having an encounter with God that is significant. Numbers are not important: but each encounter IS.
- ✓ 5000 new leaflets have been printed with the day and time of HOTS' presence in High Town clearly indicated. The initial 5000 have been given out during the past eight months.
- ✓ A training programme is to be implemented:
 - Initial training will be annual: in June
 - On-going training, Team Together: will be three times a year: January, April and October
- ✓ In January HOTS will celebrate its first birthday! The event will coincide with the next on-going training. Please watch out for information about this anniversary celebration.
- ✓ In November at the City Worshipping Together there will be a focus / report / prayer on HOTS: Sunday, 27th November at 6:30pm at Hereford Baptist Church
- ✓ The Council of Reference re-affirmed their role:
 - To protect the work of HOTS
 - To encourage and to advise
 - To support and to pray.

As we celebrate all that God is doing in Hereford in so many lives: both those who come to the chair and in Team members too, please



amen!

- Do take note of the Words above: let us be faithful to the Commission to 'go, heal the sick and proclaim the Kingdom'. When Jesus calls and sends us He is with us . It has been 'quiet' on the streets of late and it is easy to get disappointed: so please note the call to re-plough & be faithful.
- Please bring this Newsletter to the attention of your church and the minister, pastor, priest or elder and encourage the church, as a body and individually to pray: just imagine a wave of prayer for HOTS in October & November and the chair-prayer that will follow!
- We must go equipped: ***please, please re-read the Training Manual.*** There have been several accounts recently of people reverting to prayer ministry (in church) type prayers. ***There is a HOTS model of prayer for people on the chair: a God-given model of prayer that we must use faithfully.***

And, thank you:

- Sharon: for the terrific work you do, week by week, to keep the Teams prepared, updated and staffed
- Teams: for your patience in the challenge that the renewal of St Peter's is giving. Rebuilding starts very soon and in March should be completed ..

Finally, a wonderful quote from a recent Anglican Archbishop, George Carey, to inspire us: *"Hope is hearing the music of the future; faith is dancing to the tune"*. Let us dance in High Town as we carry Jesus' love and compassion to heal the sick and see his Kingdom come.

With love in Christ,
Jonathan