



PRAYER LETTER 21 – JULY 2024

He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' (Acts 16:30-31 NIVUK)

It is just over a year since REC became a CIO (essentially a charity). It's been a tricky year, but we are glad to still be here. We're looking at Acts together in our services and have just studied Paul's time in Philippi (Acts 16). So having completed the Living and Telling evangelism training course, we hope we are equipped and in place to explain to the people of Rochdale how to be saved, as Paul did for the Philippian jailer. We are praying for many to be saved – even whole households. We really appreciate you supporting us in this work and hope that the prayer letters give you some useful material to help in your prayers for us.

Summer at REC

So far we have completed the Living and Telling evangelism training course and are now back studying the book of Acts together, which is particularly exciting for us as we've reached the point where the gospel starts spreading through Europe (something we would love to see happen again!). We've had the opportunity to have a few lunches together on Sunday, which has been a nice opportunity to deepen our fellowship. As a small church we will have a couple of weeks off in the summer holidays.



Members & Trustees

We've had a significant turnover of core people this year and continue to look for more committed Christians to join us. We're encouraged by some new people coming and hope to rebuild the core team in the church.

Growth Group

We have recently had some discussion meetings about the way forward for the church, particularly related to evangelism. Please pray we become more effective at reaching out. Growth Group has a break over summer after which we will be focusing on the book of Ephesians. Please pray we would re-establish our gospel and church foundations as we study together.

For Prayer:

Please give thanks for:

- those who have remained committed to REC over the years we have been running
- the Living and Telling course which has helped train us in evangelism
- new people who have joined, especially a couple from Oldham Bethel Church who have specifically come to support REC

Please pray for:

- more committed Christians to join the church and help re-form the core team
- our studies in Ephesians and Acts to encourage us to be gospel-centred and outward-looking
- us to see friends, family, neighbours and contacts find out how to be saved
- rest and recuperation for the team over the summer after a hard few months