



2023 Praise Report



There are so many things that we can give God thanks and praise for from Arise 2023. This document attempts to give a summary of some of the praise points i.e. the things that we continue to celebrate.

Teams

35 delegates from five different churches (USA, S. Korea and UK) were sent to serve on this year's Arise. This is a brilliant step up following the pandemic. We thank God for these sending churches and their continued and faithful commitment to sending teams to help (re)evangelise the UK.

3 churches hosted a team for the whole week. Two of which were new hosting churches: Flowing Rivers (Dagenham), Southall Baptist, Hope Community Church (Northwich). One team acted as an 'Ignition Team' and visited five different locations across the week encouraging churches to reach out to their local communities and to provide a taster of what an Arise Team could do.

'Results'

Whilst numbers and statistics will never be the focus of Arise mission weeks, they do provide a helpful way of reviewing and summarizing what God has been doing though. Behind every statistic is a story; every number, a person.

- Over 3000 homes were visited over the course of the campaign with many surveys being completed. These surveys and conversations helped many consider or reconsider what they thought about Jesus and faith and a almost 400 people/homes were open to a follow up visit to continue the conversation and build relational connection with the hosting churches.
- Almost 200 people were prayed with on doorsteps and on the street or at events during the week.
- At least 10 people came to faith during the week. 7 in Dagenham, 1 in Reading, 2 in Watford.



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homes visited



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Almost 400 good
Gospel conversations/
open for follow up



At least 10
people turned
and believed in Jesus

- One team had the honour of leading RE lessons in a local Secondary School each day which meant that about 150 pupils heard a clear Gospel presentation.
- One team led Children's ministry each afternoon and had the opportunity to connect with hundreds of families over the course of the week.
- 10 new people showed up in one church on the Sunday morning
- So many of the Arise team members commented on how God grew things inside of them and ministered to them as they stepped out in faith sharing Him with others.

"I want to become a Christian".

(Young adult who had just approached an Arise Team Member. Wednesday 28th June 2023 Watford)

"I prayed 'God if you are real, help me know how to get close to you' and then you turned up."

(Words of a lady to a door to door team Friday 30th June 2023, Dagenham)

"I wasn't going to join the team today as I didn't think I had anything to give".

(80 year old church member after leading someone to Jesus. Saturday 1st July 2023 Reading)

"Thank you for coming and reminding me that there are people out there that are open and want to know about Jesus".

(Pastor, Tuesday 27th June 2023)

"I don't know what happened but my heart feels warmer now".

(Older gentleman, agnostic, on a door step after just receiving prayer. Monday 3rd July 2023 Chalfont St Peter)

2024

Seven churches are already provisionally booked to host an Arise team in 2024. The dates of the Arise campaign next year are 24th June – 3rd July.

Some churches have also requested support in evangelism training from Arise and one potential 2024 hosting church has already started community outreach and door to door visitations.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. To God be all the glory.

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6



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