



## Summer News & Prayer Letter 2018

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Firstly thank you so much for requesting to be on our mailing or email list for our quarterly news and prayer letter. Your interest in our work is appreciated by all at Crossline and your continued support and prayers are a continued blessing to us all.

Please remember that we never share your details with any other organisation or group. If we have misread your interest then please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

### A New Generation Looking for God?

We had some encouraging news in a recent document we received from one of our fellow National Christian Helpline ministries, Premier Christian Radio in London.

In the document it stated that over half of its 1.2 million listeners were between the ages of 18 and 35! ...A surprising statistic given the poor secular press that Christianity enjoys. From this information it is obvious that a generation is searching for spiritual guidance and a better understanding of why they have been put on this earth.

According to recent research, the number one word the Millennial generation use to describe their ideal environment for worship is "community," followed closely by "sanctuary."

This makes sense when considering how isolated and work-oriented many young people are, spending their days online in virtual meetings or communicating via email or social media.

Millennials prefer a larger congregation over a smaller one. Young adults also want their churches, to reflect who they are, rather than having to fit into what may be the ministries guidelines.

Young adults are also thinking deeply about the meaning of life on a regular basis..... Their faith may not be traditional, but many of their concerns and questions certainly are.

According to Pew Research, 46% of young adults feel "a deep sense of wonder" about life and the universe at least once a week, compared to 48% of Baby Boomers, putting both generations at almost equal levels of curiosity about the world around them, a surprising statistic.

A new harvest field is available for us to share the good news with but we are sadly missing around 30% of our callers. To remedy this we are starting a new recruitment campaign to help with the call numbers which are increasing year on year. Can you spare a few hours each week to help us deal with the calls and reach a hurting world? Just call or email for details of our listener training.

££££ Each call we receive costs us around £1:50. As most of you will be aware, we are a totally voluntary charity with no paid staff but could you help us reach a lost generation? A gift of just £15 helps us to comfort 10 people! To send a one off gift or set up a standing order and become a Crossline Angel our bank account details are; CROSSLINE (HULL) - Account no :- 64613076 - Sort Code 05 05 15.



### Save a Tree & Cut Our Costs

We currently mail around 40 Newsletters with an additional 160 going by e-mail. With postage costs increasing and to reduce this cost, we are hoping to send more Prayer/Newsletters electronically.

To receive future Prayer/News by email just email [prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk](mailto:prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk) with your full name and in the message line type 'email please'



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**Why YOU are a Miracle!**

Have you ever wondered why you have been chosen to be alive today? - Indeed have you ever wondered about the probability of your even being born at all?

In Ephesians 1:11 (NIV) it states, "In Him we were also chosen, having been pre-destined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will." --- So, incredibly, God planned your birth and life before you were even born...an amazing fact when according to recent research the chances just of being born are (scientifically) infinitesimally small!

The chances of being born according to recent calculations including your ancestors meeting etc. are the same probability of 2.5 million people getting together (about the population of Wales) to play a game of dice with a trillion-sided dice. They each roll their dice — and they all come up with the exact same number — say, 550,343,279,001. – These are just the chances of being born on earth!

Add Earths unique positioning into the equation and you really understand just how blessed and amazed we all should be.

Paraphrasing lines from Carmans' song "There is a God"; 93 million miles from the blistering surface of the sun hangs the planet Earth, a rotating sphere perfectly suspended in the universe. The size, position and angle of the earth is a scientific phenomenon. Closer to the sun we would burn, further away and we would freeze.

The axis of the earth is tilted at a perfect 23.5°, this allows equal global distribution to the rays of the sun which make it possible for the food chain to exist and gives us our beautiful seasons. The combination of nitrogen and oxygen in the atmosphere we breathe every day is the exact mix that life needs to prosper. It doesn't happen on any other planet that we are aware of!

The perfectly placed and sized moon controls the tides. It cleans the ocean, the waves don't crash in vain, the tides drag impurities into the depths of the sea it is nature's constant recycling chain.

The Bible says that the invisible things of God are clearly seen through His creation and to believe this is not hard. If there's a design, there's a designer if there's a plan, there's a planner and if there's a miracle, then there is a God!

A miracle is defined as an event so unlikely as to be almost physically impossible. By that definition, this information has just proved that you are a miracle!

So, go forth, feel and act like the miracle of God's creation that you are and give thanks to an almighty and loving God.

Have a truly blessed summer, from all your friends at Crossline

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**Prayer Requests For Crossline;**

Please pray for the continued protection for all National Christian Helpline listeners and trainee listeners, our finances, for a new Chairman and for all our callers whose needs are real and many!

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- I am interested in Telephone Listener Training.
- I enclose my donation to support the ministry of Crossline.
- Please add our church to your prayer support list to receive your quarterly prayer letter.

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