



The Cornelius Trust

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Apologies for the relatively long delay since the last letter, but we wanted to include some news about the exciting things that God has been doing through the Cornelius Trust over the summer!

The ex-Army officer who travelled to China in April wrote *“Our short experience of Beijing will stay with me for many years to come. It is a place both of extreme spiritual hunger and of gaping gospel opportunities. Here, more than anywhere else I know, “The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few...” (Mt 9:37). Given that China in general and Beijing in particular is set to become the 1st Century ‘Rome’ of the 21st Century, I can think of no area of the global harvest field potentially more exciting or rewarding. And the existence of little-known and brutal ‘re-education’ camps and labour camps tucked away in far Western China serve to keep non-Government-approved churches urgent and sincere in their faith. Pray for them.”*

We have also been able to provide a grant for an Officer Cadet (and future Royal Engineer Officer) to conduct a trip to Israel and Korea with Campus Crusade for Christ, through his University Christian Union. He writes *“In total 21 of us travelled out to Israel as a tour group but we also hoped to talk with Israeli students to find out about their beliefs. The students we met were open to hearing the message of the Gospel, hearing our testimonies and to talk about spiritual issues. However most struggled to apply the message to their lives or see the need for a personal relationship with Jesus. Israel is a spiritually tough place, possibly because of the Old Testament prophecies and the veil Paul speaks of in 2 Corinthians 3:14–16. This was at times incredibly frustrating, but made each small breakthrough precious and we saw some students advance towards accepting Christ as their saviour. After our time in Israel, the group travelled to Korea to attend a global conference organised by Korean Campus Crusade for Christ. There were 20,000 students and staff representing 127 different nations, so was like a future taste of heaven especially during the times of worship. My visits to both Israel and Korea have given me challenged me through my experiences and have caused me to grow in faith. These experiences will be valuable to me both at university and throughout my future career.”*

We have also agreed to fund grants towards the following: AFCU (annual gathering near Leicester, 19-21 Oct 07, Associates weekend, and a tent for use at New Wine and similar events); NCF (Autumn weekend near Yeovil, 5-7 Oct 07); Christian Viewpoint for Men conference (for some NCF members, 16-18 Nov 07); two families to attend Christian holidays in Aug 07; the Armed Forces Day of Prayer in London, 8 Nov 07.

Praise God that Nigel Knights Johnson has joined the trustees. Nigel is currently an Army Chaplain who leaves imminently to become a civilian vicar. We will be approaching 2 more people about becoming trustees; please pray for them as they seek God’s will in this decision.

Please continue to pray for our investments, our tenants, for the right people and organisations to apply for grants and for God’s wisdom to the trustees for the allocation of funds.

Please also pray for the next Trustees’ meeting, which is scheduled for 19 January 2008.

Many thanks again for your faithful prayers and support.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6)*