



## Arise Campaign 2016

*"Totally changed my thinking on evangelism"*  
*"My heart is fully restored, to God's heart"*  
*"A once-in-a-lifetime experience that has helped me to become a better communicator of the gospel"*

These are a few remarks of the delegates, expressed on the evaluation form, after participating in Arise 2016. We saw the Lord's wonderful provision as we ventured into our second year of Arise.



The two-week Campaign began on 5 July with a total of 116 delegates travelling from Australia, Canada, South Korea, the USA and the UK. The number reached 170 when the speakers, steering group, guests, volunteers and home-stay hosts were counted.

Dr George Verwer, Founder of Operation Mobilisation, Rev Gavin Calver, Mission Director of the Evangelical Alliance UK and Mark Ritchie, of 73<sup>rd</sup> Trust, were among ten speakers and trainers.

During the first 4 days of training at the Camp the speakers strengthened the delegates with powerful messages, and the trainers equipped them with both the content of the gospel and some practical skills to share the gospel effectively. It was by God's wonderful

grace that the delegates from different races, countries and denominations could bond so well even though the teams were only formed on the second day of being together.



The Arise team to Christian Growth Centre, Basildon

After the training 12 teams moved out to the hosting churches, including 2 in Wales. The teams worked hard, days and evenings for 8 days by witnessing of Christ in the communities of the hosting churches.



The teenager received Jesus on the street.

Together with their church members, the Arise teams knocked on the doors of over 10,000 homes and gave out about 25,000 gospel tracts and church flyers at doorsteps and in the streets and parks. Special evangelistic events were held featuring a balloon and bubble show, a piano concert or a dance and music night, which attracted Christians and non-Christians.

“We were overwhelmed to welcome over 250 children and their parents to the church-hall”, said the pastor of a hosting church. “In fact, we thought it would be great if some 60 children would turn up to the balloon and bubble show. Almost all of them have never been to our church before. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and paid attention to the short gospel message afterwards. We collected many names and addresses, and we are going to follow them up.”



The children and their parents thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Overall, the teams collected approximately 1,500 names of those who accepted Jesus or showed interest in believing in Him. Most of the hosting churches have been welcoming new visitors since Arise.



The Arise team to Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter

“The fire of evangelism has been rekindled. We will form an outreach team to follow up the new contacts and continue to go door-to-door,” says one of the host church pastors. It is encouraging to hear that most of the hosting churches would like to invite teams again, and to recommend Arise to their minister friends.

### Please Praise and Pray

1. Giving thanks to God for all that He did during Arise 2016.
2. That the Holy Spirit would lead those who were touched by the gospel to believe in Jesus.
3. That the hosting churches would effectively and diligently follow up the new contacts.
4. That the delegates would continue to share the gospel in their marketplaces.
5. That the Lord would guide the preparation for Arise 2017.

### Looking Ahead to Arise 2017

The dates for Arise 2017 are now confirmed as 9-19 July. Please pray for the planning of the campaign. As people have already indicated their intention to join Arise next year, we need to accommodate an increased number of delegates, and thus to recruit more hosting churches. For more photos and recordings, please visit our website: [www.arise-europe.org/media.html](http://www.arise-europe.org/media.html).

### Amnos, 5 Years on

This month marks a full five years of Amnos Ministries. The Lord led us to start Amnos Church Planting School and Intercede (monthly prayer meetings for the UK). Both Arise and the UK Christian Heritage Tour were added later. We carried out door-to-door evangelism on Saturdays with the students during term times. The graduates are doing their best to put into practice what they have learned here.



The students and staff at the end-of-year dinner

Among our 32 graduates and students, 4 have opened new church plants, 1 is engaged in revitalising 3 churches, 7 church plants are in the ‘embryo’ stage by having prayer meetings and Bible studies, 10 are already serving as pastors or assistant pastors, and 3 are in further education. The others are also actively involved in local churches and evangelism. We value your on-going prayers for them. We give all the glory to the Lord for His grace and also would like to thank you for your support and prayers.

We have decided to devote this year in making strategic plans for the future as we review many aspects of our work during the last 5 years. Please pray that we would use this year most effectively to develop the existing ministries, and also develop new networks.

You are warmly invited to our **Graduation Thanksgiving Service at Amnos on Saturday, 1 October 2016, 10:00**, followed by a simple lunch.

*Love from the Amnos family.*

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