

Dear friends,

Well some interesting things have been happening over the past few months and we hope to be able to announce the names of some key supporters next month.

Contact has been made with a number of church based organisations within our city and the vision has been well received. Please continue to pray for further opportunities to network with church leaders, Christian businessmen, members and officers of the council and others.

Recently I became convinced again that no matter how good and well-meaning secular programmes can be, Jesus is the only answer for the needs of individuals and society.

I read an editorial by Celia Bowring, which summarises much of what Swansea Regeneration stands for:-

Your kingdom come!

“The Lord’s Prayer has always been really important to Christians
Many use it daily and draw tremendous strength from those familiar words

The Bible reminds us that although we are part of the material world and subject to human authorities, our true citizenship is in heaven and our ultimate allegiance is to the King of kings!
Behind every aspect of life, hidden from human view, the powerful spiritual reality of God’s kingdom is at work. It’s influence spreads steadily across every boundary into our lives as God’s grace and truth reclaims territory illegally occupied by the enemy. Eph 6v11-12
This ‘call to spiritual arms’ spurs us on to pray ‘Your kingdom come!’- meaning ‘may your influence increase in every area of our lives and our world’.

The wonderful truth is that as the Holy Spirit guides our praying we can play a part in advancing God’s kingdom! As we sincerely ask for his kingdom to come in our personal lives, in our families, communities, churches and the wider world we can expect God to answer us.

Heartfelt prayer about an issue invariably draws us on to take further action – to give, share the Gospel, show kindness and hospitality and do all we can to defend the vulnerable. The kingdom comes as the church carries out God’s will.....

One day, when Christ returns, every eye will see the coming of His kingdom and witness the accomplishment of all His desires....Until then let’s keep on faithfully praying with thanksgiving for His kingdom to come throughout the world, and rejoice as we watch God at work through His people.

‘For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen’ “

Please feel free to contact us on info@swansearegeneration.org or 07891 130867. If you are able to help and support or have particular resource/skills in our four strategic areas: Government, Employment, Finance and Renewal we’d like to hear from you. Please recommend the website to your friends so that more people will be aware of this new initiative. www.swansearegeneration.org We plan to hold a public meeting to launch our mission.

Yours for Swansea

Mike

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