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### Forthcoming

Discipleship Training  
School (DTS)  
Gatherings

The next DTS  
Gathering is in the  
Olympic venue of

London  
5–12 November 2011

The next DTS  
Gathering after that  
is in the Olympic  
venue of

Coventry  
17–24 March 2012

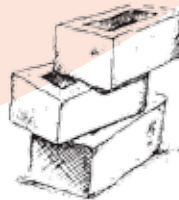
All DTSs, YWAM staff,  
YWAM associates  
and friends are  
welcome, for a day  
or more, or for the  
week!

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# Time to pray!

***Brick by brick is launched! The Forever online prayer calendar that enables you to pray for the United Kingdom in 2012 is up and running, and you can sign up now!***

“This is such an exciting moment,” says Hayley Bullen, Prayer Coordinator for the **Forever** team. “The first



## brick by brick

step in fulfilling one of the key things I've felt God has said about 2012.

“It's a significant moment too. All we're trying to do next year, in terms of the Olympic outreach – none of it matters if we're not seeking God, being faithfully obedient to what he's saying and bathing the whole event and year in prayer. To have the whole of YWAM joining together in prayer for the UK in this Olympic year – that's significant.”

The vision for **brick by brick** came from piecing together some of the consistent things God's been speaking from a number of different sources over the past couple of years.

The words were: constant small waves, Prayer and foundations. As a result, the team felt that the right

response was to develop and facilitate a number of prayer tools, one of which was praying 24/7.

“It's nothing new within YWAM and many other Christian organisations to pray 24/7,” resumes Hayley. “But I believe that a world cultural/spiritual event such as the Olympics, when the nations gather in one place and where people watch and engage all around the globe, is a unique opportunity to reach them and the host nation.

“2012 is a crucial year for the UK,” says Yan Nicholls, **Forever** team leader.

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## Praise

- The Social Justice Team has moved down to London.
- The Sports Team has a new team member.
- Yan's sky-dive raised £800 for *Forever*.
- The new *Forever* video is finished and will be available soon.
- We continue to receive applications from people wanting to help *Forever* as we organise the Olympic outreach.
- We have a part-time worker helping in the Prayer area until Christmas.
- The Newcastle Team has doubled in size (to two!).
- It's all building well towards July 2012 (see the More Than Gold stats on pages 4–5).

## Prayer

- For the Social Justice Team in its first month in its new home in London.
- For those planning to bring outreach teams, for full teams and sufficient funds.
- For new *Forever* team members Abel (core team and seconded to More Than Gold three days a week) and Bjarte (Newcastle) as they settle into new locations and roles.
- For the preparations for the London DTS Gathering in November, and that DTSs across the UK and Western Europe will come.
- For blessing on and protection for the team – health, finances, travel, and spiritually.
- For an outpouring of finances into the *Forever* project.
- For new staff to join all our focus areas, but particularly Prayer and Youth and Children.

“We have such a God-given opportunity to see people’s lives changed – both the lives of people from the nations visiting these shores

for the Olympics, and also the lives of UK residents. One of the aims of the Olympic outreach has always been to see transformation of communities in the UK. That transformation will come as we do what God asks us to do with regards to outreach. But it starts by us getting on our knees and passionately crying out to God for this nation during this time.”

So **brick by brick** is a tool to enable people to join together to cover every minute, every hour and every day of 2012 in prayer. “I can’t do this by myself!” jokes Hayley.

## The bigger picture

**Brick by brick** is one part of prayer during this season of outreach. Check out the Prayer pages of the *Forever* website ([www.forever2012.com/prayer-support/](http://www.forever2012.com/prayer-support/)) to find out more, including prayer resources, online prayer walks, forthcoming prayer events, and a monthly prayer calendar.

“Praying 24/7 throughout 2012 will only happen as many people work together to cover the time. Actually, a year is only 8,784 hours,

which doesn’t sound so much!”

**brick by brick** is for anyone. Hayley continues: “Although we hope to have YWAMers from all over the world praying, we’d love to see the Church as a whole taking up the challenge. In the end, whoever you are, wherever you are from, whatever your denomination, the invitation is there to join us to pray in this Olympic period.”

You can register and book your prayer slots immediately. To view the calendar and sign up, visit [www.forever2012.com/brickbybrick/](http://www.forever2012.com/brickbybrick/) now. Let’s get praying!

## Editorial: things are hotting up!

You can feel the heat being turned up! There are fewer than 300 days to the beginning of the Games. A year from now it will all be over! Things are ramping up, and this is reflected in the need to make this a six-page



newsletter: we have so much going on, so many things to report and highlight.

*Forever* is all about Jesus and seeing Him glorified, and about reaching out to people who need Jesus. As part of More Than Gold, the umbrella organisation helping the Church to engage with the 2012 Games, *Forever* is partnering with many groups. So it is wonderful to have an update from our fellow YWAM ministry, Megacities, about developments in London, and also to include reports from the recent outreaches at the Soul Survivor festival, in which we hear about a whole family being transformed.

It’s also exciting to be able to give an

idea of outreaches available at next year’s Games. It’s an amazing list, and there’s something for everyone! However outgoing you are, whether you have a particular skill or

you are happy to serve wherever – there is an outreach for you!

Of course, nothing we do is of any worth if it is not done as God leads and with the covering of prayer. So it is great to announce the launch of **brick by brick**, our online 24/7 prayer calendar for 2012. And finally, it is wonderful to give the bigger picture, to remind us all that we are just one cog in the huge wheel of God’s plans for this period. So we are able to include the latest statistics from More Than Gold about the 2012 outreach.

Read on and have your faith stirred for this season of outreach!

Jeremy Weightman, *Forever*

# Soul Survivor: the long and the short of it

***Soul Survivor runs an outdoor Christian festival in the summer holidays. YWAM and Forever help out, including organising outreaches into the local communities.***

**Forever** team leader *Yan Nicholls* reports: Over the past three years YWAM has been leading outreaches of festival-goers into Shepton Mallet, the town near the Soul Survivor festival. This year we took over 100 people on outreach. We work alongside the local churches, council and police.



Our outreaches include sports, kids clubs, prayer walks, gardening and talking to people we meet. The short-term impact of changed lives is always great to witness. Personally, during this summer's outreach I had a fantastic conversation with a group of young people about God that really made them think. And you can read

below about the impact that attending the festival had on one family linked to our **Forever** team.

But it is also very exciting to see the longer-term impact. We have helped the local churches start a monthly outreach in the local park. It has been so good to see year in year out people come back and do outreach with us. And by serving the local people we have seen attitudes change towards both the festival and Christianity. Even the local press have reported the difference we have made in the town by serving it.

The Olympic outreach in microcosm: the short and long happening together!

## Happy family!

***Joanne Diesbecq is Yan's PA, and this year worked with her children at the Soul Survivor festival. Here the family report back.***

*Joanne:* "As part of the **Forever** Team, our work entailed doing outreaches within the local community. I was in a group who held arts and crafts activities with children in a local church. As a result of this outreach, the church later decided to offer the same sort of activity themselves.

"My son Arthur said to me one night, 'I had no idea outreaches could be so much fun,' and he made the most of every opportunity available. Shortly after our return, I noticed him reading the Bible, and have since observed



his maturity spiritually, and indeed have noticed differences in both my children.

"Soul Survivor is a not-to-be-missed experience, I guarantee that only a few days will leave you completely refreshed, with a transformed heart

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## Nations that have visited our website!

Worldwide interest in the Olympic outreach continues to grow. By the end of September, 116 nations and territories had visited our website.

Albania	Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda	Argentina
Australia	Austria
Bahamas	Bahrain
Bangladesh	Barbados
Belarus	Belgium
Belize	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil	Brunei
Bulgaria	Cambodia
Cameroon	Canada
Chile	China
Colombia	Costa Rica
Croatia	Czech Republic
Denmark	Dominican Rep.
Ecuador	Egypt
El Salvador	England
Estonia	Fiji
Finland	France
Gambia	Germany
Ghana	Greece
Guadeloupe	Guatemala
Honduras	Hong Kong
Hungary	Iceland
India	Indonesia
Iran	Ireland
Israel	Italy
Jamaica	Japan
Jordan	Kazakhstan
Latvia	Lithuania
Macedonia	Madagascar
Malaysia	Mali
Martinique	Mauritius
Mexico	Moldova
Montenegro	Morocco
Myanmar (Burma)	Namibia
Nepal	Netherlands
New Caledonia	New Zealand
Nicaragua	Niger
Nigeria	Northern Ireland
Norway	Palestinian Terr.
Panama	Papua NG
Puerto Rico	Peru
Philippines	Poland
Portugal	Qatar
Romania	Russia
Saudi Arabia	Scotland
Serbia	Singapore
Slovakia	Slovenia
South Africa	South Korea
Spain	Sweden
Switzerland	Taiwan
Tanzania	Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago	Turkey
UAE	Uganda
Ukraine	Uruguay
USA	Vanuatu
Venezuela	Vietnam
Wales	Zambia

That's well over half of the nations participating in the Games.

## News from More Than Gold



More Than Gold (MTG) is the umbrella organisation overseeing the Church's response to the opportunities offered by the 2012 Olympics. At a meeting in September, MTG gave a progress report on how things are going. Here are some statistics from that meeting.

### Churches involved

- Atlanta 1996
  - 1,500 churches involved
- London 2012:
  - *Aim:* 3,000 churches engaged
  - *Sept 2011:* 1,750 already signed up

### Chaplains

- Sydney 2000:
  - Over 60 chaplains served the athletes via counselling and in Olympic Village
- London 2012:
  - *Original projection:* 30 village chaplains and 60 games pastors
  - We will need 900–1,000 games pastors
  - Met Police and Games authorities have requested 300 games pastors at Heathrow airport, 200 at St Pancras International railway station

### Creative and Performing Arts

- Atlanta 1996:
  - 300+ cultural performances staged on high traffic pedestrian corridors in the city
- Sydney 2000:
  - 1,000+ creative arts performances on 155 stages across the city
- London 2012:
  - *Projection:* 2,000 creative arts performances in total



and mind. You will go home amazed at how much God has done for you in your life in the short space of a week."

*Arthur:* "At Soul Survivor I found myself doing activities or outreaches almost every day. There were many things to busy yourself with, from skating around in The Lift, to watching the live bands every night, or just relaxing in one of the many cafés.

"Sermons in the Big Top were especially interesting, as the atmosphere was immense and uncontrollable. I'd never experienced something like that before, and it expanded my knowledge on how people love and believe in God, and helped me expand my relationship with Him.

"When going on outreaches, we helped out the local community, weeding someone's driveway, hosting a barbecue, or helping out with workshops. We got a chance to help out those who really needed it, while spreading the word of God!

"Soul Survivor is a great way to expand your relationship with God, while having a great time. I recommend going and seeing for yourself."

*Lara:* "Soul Survivor – where to start? There was so much to do. At nights, I worked on team Blueprint. Our venue was a dance floor. Our job was to dance with the crowd, to create a friendly atmosphere and to run a small café that sold a few drinks, etc. A few of us also had to stand at the doors to welcome and thank people for coming. We worked 9pm–12 midnight, which was quite a late shift, but we had such a blast that it was all worth it. I met loads of new people and it was great to connect with other Christians my age.

"I attended some sessions at the Big Top where the atmosphere was ecstatic. The place was filled with the Holy Spirit, and by the end of the week nearly 1,000 people had given their lives to God. It was amazing to watch.

"Another thing I got the opportunity to do was to go on outreaches. One was at a church, where I helped a bunch of kids do some craft activities. It was so nice to see the joy on the children's faces as they were enjoying themselves while learning about God.

"Soul Survivor 2011 was an amazing experience, and it was great to see how God is impacting the lives of teenagers and adults alike. Bring on Soul Survivor 2012!"



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Forthcoming YWAM schools with an Olympic focus

# Outreach opportunities: what you can do

News from  
More Than  
Gold



A few more figures from the MTG meeting.

*There are many types and forms of outreach available during the Olympic outreach. This page gives you an idea of some of the outreach opportunities you can get involved in.*



## Mission teams

- London 2012:
  - 10,000 service and mission team members
  - 600 already signed up (this doesn't include the 1000s on YWAM teams planning to come)

## Family home stay

- Sydney 2000:
  - The Church provided 700 homes to host athletes' families
  - 1,000 athlete family members hosted
- London 2012:
  - 500 already signed up and the application forms aren't out yet
  - Could double the Sydney figure

## Resources

- Athens 2004:
  - 500,000 resources
- London 2012:
  - 1 million sports-related resources (40+ resources being created)

## Big screens

- London 2012:
  - 30 official LOCOG and BBC big screens across the country
  - 1 million spectators at big screen festivals
  - Already have 900 church reps signed to host a screen in their venue

## Prayer and follow-up

- London 2012:
  - 30,000+ involved in prayer initiatives
  - Follow-up tens of thousands in follow-up programme
  - 24/7 prayer throughout 2012

If you would prefer to see the opportunities as a list by focus area, please visit our website, [www.forever2012.com](http://www.forever2012.com).

# Transformers

*One of the exciting elements of the 2012 Olympic outreach is seeing different organisations working together for a common goal: transformation.*

*We asked Rod Lobaugh of our YWAM partner, Megacities, to describe its role next year.*

## Quotable quotes

“London 2012 will be the biggest major event outreach – EVER!”

Dave Willson, More Than Gold

“Half of the 200 nations represented at London 2012 have a population of over 10,000 in London”

More Than Gold

Although **Forever** is overseeing YWAM's 2012 Olympic outreach, if you come to London during the Games or any other time throughout the entire year, the likelihood is that you will be involved in an outreach organised by Megacities.

Megacities is a ministry of YWAM Perth, Australia. We focus on a city of over one million people for a period of 12 months, acting as a catalyst for city-wide transformation. We do this by channelling international, multi-disciplined teams into the city, who work in strong partnerships with the local Body of Christ. Together, we work at a grassroots level to strengthen existing ministries and pioneer new works. In 2012, Megacities' target city is London.

Megacities coordinators have been in and out of London during the course of this year, building



a network of relationships with churches, aid organisations, and government. One advantage of this approach is that it enables us to place teams in city locations that make the most of their particular gifts and strengths. It also means that they give the most relevant ministry to the local community, as requested by the host church(es). As a result, teams working with Megacities get a greater sense that their outreach is really achieving something long-term, and that it always fits within the bigger picture of what God is and has been doing throughout the city.

Currently, Megacities has teams from every continent wanting to come be a blessing in London in 2012, and we are praying for more. We have host churches ready and excited to welcome teams. Many have signed up to our Prayerwall, which is e-mailed internationally. Will you join us?



## Next month ...

*The importance of Olympic outreaches for YWAM ...*

*... Our Social Justice Team on their new move.*

To partner with Megacities to see transformation ignited in one of our world's great cities, contact us at [info@megacities.org.au](mailto:info@megacities.org.au), or visit [www.megacities.org.au](http://www.megacities.org.au).