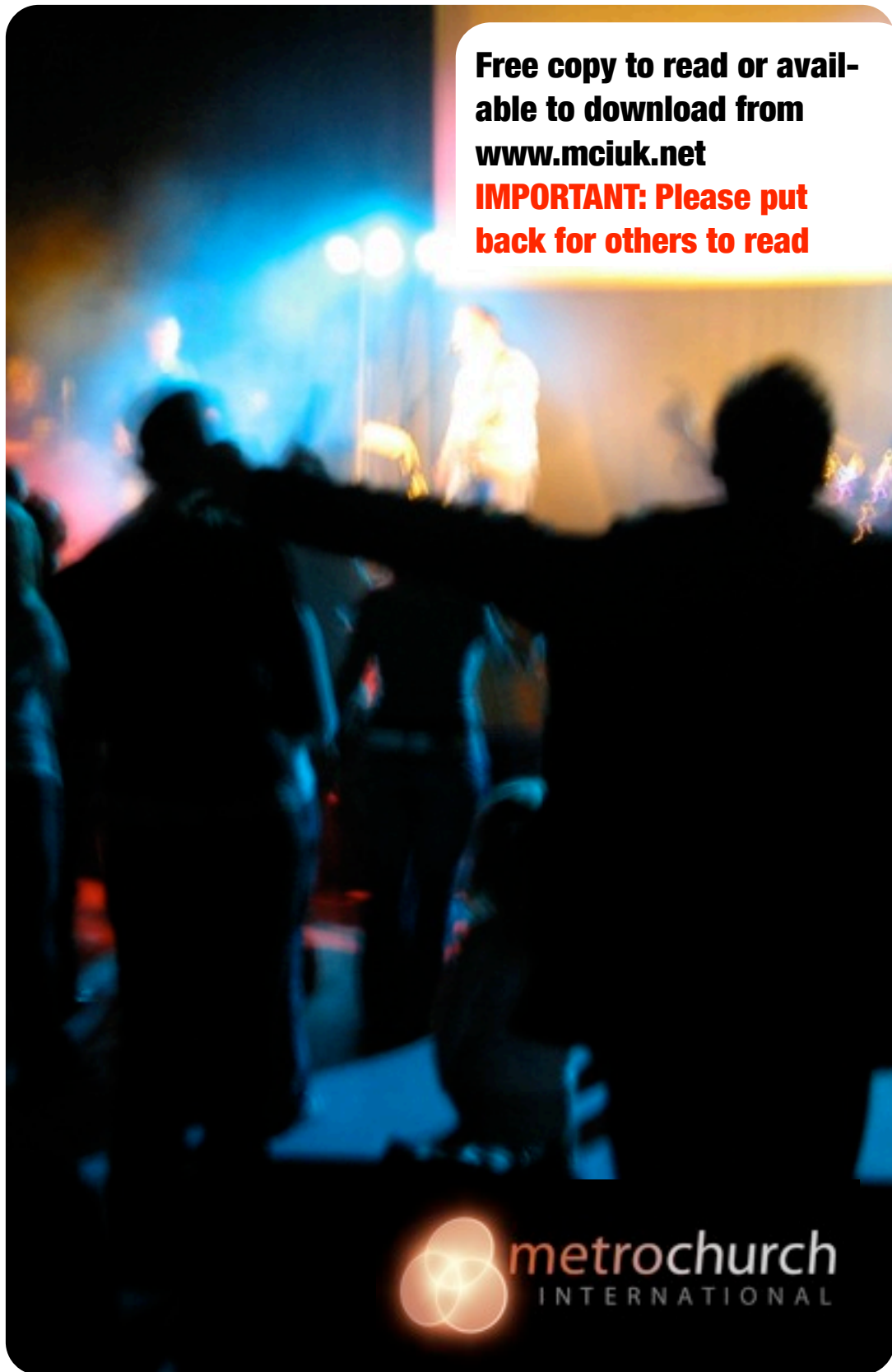


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## Fire school report



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Having overcome minor teething problems, the three components of the Fireschool -intercession, passion and mission are being zealously and eagerly undertaken.

Being trained as intercessors, the students have been learning to stand in the gap, as in Ezekiel 22, and are each developing the ability to catch the dreams of the heart of God in their spirits and cry out that He would come with mercy and save our nation. But beyond any teaching or learning God has been birthing a burden for souls and a deep desire for the restoration of the UK in each individual and the prayer is truly powerful and full of fire.

The House of Prayer has been invaluable in facilitating intense periods of persistent prayer around the clock as the Fireschool continues to take up the call to incessantly lift prayer like incense before the throne of God and fill the heavenly bowls.

The outworking of these prayers through the missions aspect has been incredible and God has worked miracles. The first assignment was to plant a church and so, after much spiritual preparation and hard work, October saw the

launch of the Durham congregation. This meeting is aimed specifically at the students in the university town of Durham and is seeing steady growth with around 30 students regularly attending alongside the Fireschool. Meeting every Sunday evening in a bar on campus, the church is exciting, fresh and radical.

Perhaps the greatest answer to prayer is the way the students of the university have become family and are taking ownership of the dream of a campus revolution and student revival and the pursuit of this.

Furthermore, outreach and evangelism to impact inner city estates in Newcastle has begun, which will increase and no doubt bear much fruit in the coming year. The Fireschool are aptly named, for they are very obviously full of Holy Spirit fire and, although a lot of the time there is a need to really fight and push in the spirit, God has placed a passion for prayer in each heart and more importantly each individual is discovering a deep and burning passion for Jesus Christ. A hunger for God is evident and much time is spent seeking his face and pursuing his presence. Worship plays a large part in this and the plan is to build up a Fireschool worship band so that, at any point, worship and intercession can be lifted up together.

An exciting new development is the Fireschool blog which is now available to

read online. Containing accounts of what is going on at a corporate level, reports of personal encounters, experiences and revelation, and general fire filled, radical comments.

This is definitely worth checking out if you want to get a taste of what God is doing here: [www.fireschool.org.uk](http://www.fireschool.org.uk)

...And so, with Fireschool 06 underway the call is going out once again, for those who will take their stand in the gap in 2007. A call to those who will give a year to live and die for peace and revolution and burn, shoulder to shoulder with other firebrands, as torches in the darkness. Those who will lift up intercession for the future of this nation and the honour of the name of Jesus Christ. This is the opportunity and the question is;

**What could God do if you gave him a year of your life?**



# MESSAGES FROM THE BLOG

## To Live, To Love, To Die, To Love, To Serve

Author: Kerr Date: March 20th, 2007

Last week on Fireschool, Pastor Ken let us listen to a teaching by Heidi Baker. I was really blown away by just how much she loved the people of Mozambique. She was able to love them because she knew the love of the Father all around her. As a result of listening to this I made a decision in my heart and mind, that it is time for me to live, to love, to die, to love, to serve. By this I mean God has allowed has challenged me to love Him more and as a result of loving Him, dying to self, laying down my life as a living sacrifice and therefore growing in love and compassion for the lost. For me I would have naturally stopped a showing compassion for the lost, but God, was teaching me that it is not just enough to love. Instead of just loving, I felt God say that I needed to start to serve the lost, serve the unloveable, to meet needs and demonstrate love in a practical way. This day on Fireschool has really marked my life and has changed my life and the way I view having compassion and love for those who need to know what love is.

## Living for the Glory of God

Author: Katie Date: March 14th, 2007

The last couple of weeks in Fireschool have for me been an intensification of all that God has been doing throughout the year. There is a theme that I cannot escape, which is dying to self. What I am discovering is that God is not asking me to do intercession for this nation but to really identify with Christ in His ultimate act of intercession on the cross. As we pray, I become more and more aware of how much we limit God with our flesh. The less of me there is in my prayers, the more God can do through them. Over and over God has been speaking to me about laying my self down in intercession and making my life the kind of sacrifice that God would be pleased to send His fire on. On Friday evening we learned about the intercession that Aaron made for the people of Israel when he ran through the camp between the living and the dead. What he did broke all the rules that God had given Moses of how a priest should perform his duties. He risked his life to save a nation. Esther did the same when she went before the king to plead for her people. Dying to self and living in intercession isn't so that I can have a better relationship with God but so that other people can have life. I guess I've been learning this week that that's what Fire-school is all about.

**To find out more about the Fire School log on to [www.mciuk.net](http://www.mciuk.net) or read more blogs online at**

## Fire Brands



# BEYOND THE WALLS

We all looked slightly surprised as we stepped into the church building for the first time. “Wow, look at this,” came a familiar voice from behind me. As the sentiment was echoed among the crowd I turned to respond, but mid-turn I spotted something that made me double-take, one of those comedy ones you see in cartoons where your eyes pop out of your head and a horn sounds.



On the opposite side of this cavernous room, seemingly miles away, was something that to most would have been completely harmless, unnoticeable, unworthy of mention. But I was perplexed.

“Those drums are behind a screen,” I said, but I don’t think I got a response. You need to know that for church drummers, like me, drum screens usually mean one of two things; that you’re dealing with an unusually sophisticated sound system optimised for aural perfection, which is good, or that there have been complaints and this is the only way of keeping Animal behind the drums quiet, short of providing cotton wool drum sticks. This would be interesting.

Fortunately, the ultra-clean, ultra-new look of MCI Kidderminster’s new meeting place, or ‘The Warehouse’ as its been named by their youth, suggested that the former was more likely to be true. Good.

But somehow ‘warehouse’ doesn’t quite fit the place, because when you hear that word it normally evokes a vast, soulless cavern lined with cardboard boxes, full of long aisles and fork-lift trucks. But MCI’s isn’t like that – it’s bright, warm and welcoming, and the only thing you can suppose the moniker refers to is its size.

It’s definitely not soulless either, as I discovered when I tagged along to MCI’s ‘Beyond The Walls’ event as part of ‘Band,’ as in ‘Luke Finch and...’ to help with worship duties for the night. The

mission was simple; bring your friends, get them saved. Our very own Pastors Ken and Lois were invited to do the talking after the noise had finished.

And noisy it was, too, especially behind that screen. Image screaming as loud as you can inside a small box – a prayer booth, say. Then imagine doing it into a megaphone. Then imagine the prayer booth has the church’s entire new sound system squeezed inside it, hooked up to the megaphone and turned to ten. Are your ears hurting yet? Mine were.

Bleeding ears aside, however, worship was incredible as ever. The Holy Spirit moved and the people praised. Afterwards, Pastor Lois spoke openly and, true to form, from the heart, and without going into detail, it worked. The thing was, it worked not because it was slick (the new sound system, like a petulant child, took its ball home that night), it worked because it was honest, and because the young people there were touched by the Holy Spirit. I, for one, was astonished at the response when Pastor Lois asked who would like to accept Jesus as their Saviour, not because I didn’t expect a response, but because almost half the people in the 80-odd group jumped out of their seats to come to the front, broken, ready to be changed.

Asked about the response, MCI Pastor Paul Raper said:

“The dramatic thing for us is that we saw people who have nothing coming to

Christ. We saw hardened unbelievers cry out after Pastor Lois shared.”

And it doesn’t end there, because each will continue to be discipled to make sure they’re grounded in their new faith. “It’s a battle to now follow up people who have lost all sense of dignity and discipline in life,” adds the Pastor.

Then there was more worship. Loud, celebratory worship. So enthusiastic, in fact, that the drums collapsed entirely, just before Luke turned around and screamed “drum solo.” Excellent.

And so, amid a haphazard pile of drums supported only by a suddenly useful Perspex screen, worshippers danced to possibly the most comical drum solo Kidderminster has ever hosted. Not that they noticed, probably, because the joy of newly saved souls was consuming their minds.

God told MCI Kidderminster to expand its territory this year, and Beyond The Walls was an opportunity to expand, to “demolish a wall and make more space,” explains Pastor Paul. With the next event planned for Easter, my prayer will be for yet more brokenness.

Apart from behind that screen



# GOD IS ON THE MOVE IN DURHAM!



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Alongside steady growth on a Sunday evening, a cell group which involve many of the students takes place on a Thursday evening at one of the student homes. The room has of late become so crowded that plans for other cells to open in the very near future are being put into action. The Durham congregation, planted in October by the fireschool with help from others in the church, was always intended to be more than just another church in the city but rather a spark that would ignite a campus revival and a student revolution. The student bar is the current unorthodox location but this too has become so crowded that new locations are being considered. Initial plans met some logistical problems but we are praying and believing God that the near future will see us in a place with room to expand further and, perhaps just as importantly, enough space to jump around! Regardless of where we are meeting we can sense that God is doing awesome thing which are beyond what we had originally expected and our prayer now is 'God build your church and do it your way'.

**'God build your church and do it your way'**

God is bringing in many people with a passion for Jesus and a hunger for a move of God and there are many stories of how God set people up and supernaturally led them to find the church. "Being at Metro [church] has been the hugest blessing to me," says Philly, one of the students from the university, "Its such an encouragement to be part of a family of visionaries who are inspriring me to chase after God. I'm now believing in a fresh way that anything is possible with God in Durham. I just can't wait to see what God is gonna do next!"

Perhaps the most exciting thing we can see God doing is building family in the church. From a very diverse group God is making a family where walls are being pulled down and unity and friendships are being built. Not only this but rather than just a small group fueling the church, both fireschool and university students are taking ownership of what is God is doing and running with it. They are catching the dream God has for the city, daring to believe it and standing shoulder to shoulder for revival and student revolution in the university campuses so watch this space!

# WOMEN'S ALL NIGHT PRAYER

## Two women's account of this incredible night of prayer

I was so happy to be able to attend the all night prayer meeting as I work shifts. It was a privilege to be part of it with visitors from Kidderminster and London. I was really challenge by all of the issues we prayed about but I was most moved by the word about contending for the night that was given by Pastor Ken (A message played by video from 199?)

It really hit home about contending for the night. I work within the Police service and recently we have moved on to a new shift pattern where they have upped the number of Police Officers on duty by overlapping shifts at our busiest times which is lates and nights. This is when we see our worst problems. Recently I had to send one of the staff home as they were so shocked and upset at an incident they took a call about they had to go home. Our Nation really does need prayer. There are sickening things happening every day you only have to listen to the news.

I often dream of a life for my children reminiscent of the Little House on the Prairie where we run down the hills merrily with a flounced skirt on and everything is just fine. The reality is - in this day and age we have nothing like that. We don't even see these sorts of TV programs on our TV screens anymore - it is mainly sex and violence. You can't let your children out of your sight and if you

do you are concerned when they are playing with friends outside in the street. If we don't pray for a change so that our children have a better future- No one else will!

It is time for us to rise up in prayer for our nation - and this is what the all night of prayer for the ladies was all about. I know this is what will change things. We really have to fight for our Nation. I urge when you get chance to do this sort of thing that you make the sacrifice to miss your sleep and do it. But also to daily cry out for God to change our Nation - even on your knees alone in your home -God hears every prayer.

I commend the Youth in the church that are growing up in the hardest days now. I am proud to know many of them; one of them is my brother Jonathan so I know first hand, I see how they are living for God on fire and enthusiastic. They are surrounded by drugs, sex and violence. Peer pressure is high for them as they are constantly jibed at for living holy. We need to encourage them and pray for their protection as they are the next Generation.

**Sarah**



**It is time for us to rise up in prayer for our nation**

I counted it a privilege to be present at the all night prayer gathering for women held in HOP Sunderland.

Women, young, middle aged and more mature made it a many trans generational, cross cultural and very exciting time. The zeal of youth and maturity, together for the purpose of intercession. Love and unity were palpable.

I believe much was accomplished that night, crying out for the Nation, feeling burden of intercession, sensing the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit, fueling us along.

We hardly noticed the night slipping by. I know this will be the beginning of many such nights in the future joining with praying women all over Britain to change our nation.

**Ann**

## MCI Services

SERVICE	DATE	WHERE
Revival Meeting	Fri 7pm - 10pm	Sunderland
Sunday Service	Sun 10.45am - 1.15pm	Newcastle
Durham Service	Sun 6pm - 8pm	Durham

## MCI Calendar

NEWS/EVENT	DATE
Prayer of 3 - 21 days	Mon 11th Mar - Sun 1st Apr
Luke's CD released	Sat 16th March
Family Supper	Sun 25th March
Miracle Offering	Sun 1st April
Easter Celebration	Sun 8th April



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