

# trypraying.

*...helping those who don't become those who do*

An invitation to those who are NOT religious  
and DON'T go to church to start talking to God.



- 70 churches involved in the Edinburgh city-region
- 10,000 trypraying booklets being used during March and April (60,000 in print)
- 40 buses with the logo on the side for 4 weeks.
- A rolling, church to church, 40 day prayer meeting with a lighted candle being passed from church to church.
- Up to 100 hits a day on the website.



# TRYPRAYING STORIES

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- A person who had been told he had an inoperable cancer subsequently received a letter delivered to his door from the churches in the area and saw the words trypraying. He replied, asked for a trypraying booklet and a visit commenting, "It is up to God now." After a visit and prayer the next news was that the cancer was a different one, had several treatment options and, on reading the trypraying booklet, he had asked Christ in to his life.
- 70 churches have been involved in using trypraying and of these 40 have participated in 40 days of continuous prayer. A lighted candle has been passed from one to the other. There are many comments of the sense of God's presence, the reality in prayer and the blessing of doing this. 'Awesome' – a much-used, but appropriate word.
- A retired teacher prayed to give a booklet to some of the staff at his former school at an event held as part of the churches outreach with trypraying. One of the cleaners came straight up to him and asked for a booklet.
- The bus advertising is doing its work. A woman was spotted accessing the website on her smart phone having seen one of the bus ads. Straw polls indicate over 80% awareness of the logo. There's anecdotal evidence of humorous conversations at bus stops. "Lothian buses should try praying about that bus that's broken down".
- A doctor, who is not allowed to introduce issues of faith unless requested by a patient, had prayed for opportunities to give the booklet to someone. That morning a patient said to her "Do you believe in God". The patient was given a booklet!
- A delivery man brought a parcel to the office and saw the words "There Is Hope" as part of the address on the parcel. He asked, "Is there any hope for me?" and repeated it. He said he had done a lot of bad things and he wasn't sure there would be hope for him. He was told there is hope for him and was given a trypraying booklet.
- Another person asked for a booklet via the response card delivered to his home. Full of questions and interest he is on a journey to get to know God.
- The Evening News printed a very favourable article which drew a chain of 82 web correspondents! Many were vitriolic and some had to be removed but two Christians bravely entered the fray.
- A lady in Wester Hailes gave a trypraying booklet to a young man on a bus, who reluctantly accepted it. As he began to read it his eyes filled with tears. The lady gave another 20 copies away the same day.
- James gave a booklet to a former work colleague who needed help. He phoned back a few weeks later and said he had rededicated his life to Christ and was going to church again.
- A lady gave a booklet to a man who came to her door. He said that this day was the 24th anniversary of his brother and nephew's death. The booklet was just what he needed.
- Over 10,000 copies have been used in March and April many given by Christians to friends and neighbours. In Balerno, church members have been encouraged to give booklets to their neighbours. In Newington 1000 copies are being used to give to all homes in that area. A large distribution of booklets is being undertaken by a Dalkeith church.
- A young man has now gone through the booklet for the second week and has started attending an Alpha course
- An official from Edinburgh Council took a booklet away after a meeting in a church in Corstorphine. He said "I do not believe in a 'superior being' but I will take this away and read it."
- In S. E. Edinburgh 8 churches working together have distributed 15000 letters with a response card and freepost envelope. People have been using these to ask for prayer or request a booklet. Everyday important requests have been returned and passed to the prayer teams. The requests are genuine and the churches are praying for them consistently, feeling they are connecting to the community.
- A teenager gave a booklet to a school friend and when asked what she made of it he replied he couldn't get passed 'day three' without crying.
- A lady who had received an information pack had wondered if she should go into one of the churches involved with trypraying. The church she had in mind was holding a day of prayer and was open for several hours with different members taking an hour each. However she hesitated about going. Seeing a trypraying advert on a bus prompted the lady to go to the church and when she finally went in she discovered it was someone she knew who was there during that hour. There could not have been a more appropriate person to speak with her. All three elements worked together: literature, bus ads and 24/40 prayer with open churches.