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40,000 gather to pray for HOPE 2014

'We should never be guilty of being without hope. We have been entrusted with the greatest hope of all!' That was the message from the Bishop of Chelmsford, Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell, to the 40,000 gathered for a 12-hour night of prayer at the launch of HOPE's season of prayer in London's Excel Centre.



Speaking at the Redeemed Christian Church of God's Festival of Life on Friday 18 October, the Bishop launched HOPE's season of prayer asking God to transform lives and communities during HOPE 2014. The Bishop is also backing HOPE in his own diocese which celebrates its centenary in 2014 with a year of mission. Host for the evening, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Enoch Adeboye, added his endorsement to HOPE 2014 and prayed: 'In the United Kingdom, let there be light; let there be revival and may the revival begin in 2014.'

HOPE's Director, Roy Crowne, explained: 'HOPE's season of prayer starts tonight in this place because we recognise that what the Redeemed churches do best is pray. Hundreds of thousands of people are longing to see our nation changed by the love of Christ. HOPE is a catalyst supporting churches to do more together in mission – in words and action.'

RCCG UK leader, Pastor Agu Irukwu, said: 'Imagine what it would be like if thousands of churches worked together, going out into our communities, touching lives in practical ways as carriers of the love of Christ.'

'Any initiative of that magnitude must be birthed in prayer. We want to do good works so lives are touched, but we want our communities to experience the love of God like never before. So, for the next 12 weeks we are going to be praying into HOPE 2014. We are praying that this will be a significant part of God's plan for revival in our nation.'

Delegates were each given a 'Bag of HOPE' supplied by UCB, one of HOPE's partners. The Bag of HOPE included a copy of HOPE's Mission Prayer Focus, with daily prayers for Christians to use until the end of January 2014 as HOPE is launched. (Download HOPE's Mission Prayer Focus). Copies of the Mission Prayer Focus can be ordered from www.ucb2go.co.uk.

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