



## Commissioning of new Street Pastors.

On Sunday the 23rd of January there was a service to commission Street Pastors who had completed the core training in the second half of 2009 and throughout 2010, in total there were 22 people commissioned.



Her Excellency, the Governor General, Dame Louise Lake—Tack attended the service and presented their certificates to the new Street Pastors.

The Antiguan ambassador to the United Kingdom, His Excellency Dr. Carl Roberts was also present and spoke about how he had seen the work of Street Pastors in Britain and how delighted he is that there is an Initiative in Antigua.

Reverend Les Isaac was also present at the service and he spoke from James 1: 26 *“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”*



And from James 2:14—17 *“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”* He spoke about the need to have works as well as faith.



[Some of the new Street Pastors who were commissioned]

## New Street Pastor Training

The next core training will take place in the Street Pastors office in St. John’s in February. This comprises six evenings over two weeks (21st, 22nd, 23rd and 28th of February and the 1st and 2nd of March) from 5pm to 9pm each evening. This is followed by further sessions of one evening per month for ten months.

The topics covered in the first six evenings are:  
 Roles and Responsibilities of Street Pastors  
 Police: Community Policing, Drug Enforcement, Crime Stoppers, Weapons.  
 Drugs and Alcohol: Effects, Abuse, Treatment, Rehabilitation, First Aid.  
 Counselling and The Listening Ministry of Jesus.  
 Knowing Your Community and the Good News.  
 The topics covered over the remaining ten months will be:

- Sociology
- Mental Health
- Gender Based Violence
- Youth Culture
- HIV/AIDS
- Human Trafficking
- Immigration
- Education and Children’s Welfare
- Probation and the Justice System
- Good News: Principles for living a Kingdom Life
- Mentoring



To be a Street Pastor you need to be over 18 (no upper age limit), a church member and able to commit to our training programme.

Each Street Pastor team consists of at least four individuals. Each Street Pastor gives a commitment to work a minimum of one night a month, i.e. twelve nights per year.

For more details contact us on the email below or phone 562-7014.

## Team reports

In the period from December 2010 to the end of January 2011 teams visited Grays Farm, Market Street, Kennedy's, Camacho's Avenue, All Saints Road, Point, West Bus Station, Christian St., and Bishopsgate Street in the vicinity of the capital St. John's. Whilst on patrol the teams spoke to people about a wide range of issues including drug and alcohol addiction, unemployment, homelessness. They shared words of encouragement and prayed with a number of people.

Bibles were given to two people who asked for them, we are grateful to Gideons International who have given us copies of the New Testament and Psalms for us to share in this way.

They had a total of 93 contacts and distributed sandwiches and cookies to a total of 57 people, the food is donated every Friday by the local branch of Subway.

## Sports Programme 13th to 20th August 2011, in Antigua.



This week long programme, run in partnership with the police, is aimed at encouraging young people to develop a healthy lifestyle rather than turning to criminality, drugs and alcohol abuse. The most popular sports in Antigua are basketball, football, and cricket but any other sports would be welcome. Can you spare a week to help the young people of Antigua develop their sporting skills and fitness?

Young people in Antigua face most of the same problems that young people have everywhere. In addition a lack of positive role models (particularly for young men) causes many to turn to delinquency and crime. There is a particular problem with some young people developing criminal lifestyles at a very early age. The police are really keen to help young people to develop positive behaviour and meet positive role models and are identifying those who would particularly benefit from the programme that is being planned. Could you fit the bill?

Accommodation, meals and travel within Antigua will be provided for the duration of the programme. You will be responsible for your own travel to Antigua (we will meet you at the airport and arrange all your transfers), any

incidental spending you may have, and any costs if you wish to extend your stay (we may be able to help you find accommodation if you wish).

Want more information?

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## Summer Literacy Programme.

We had been working with the Education Department looking at the possibility of a programme of teacher training, however it has not been possible to progress this.



Instead we are considering the possibility of getting a some teachers to come and run sessions aimed at parents and grandparents to help them support their children's learning. This could also involve helping the adults with their own literacy issues.

## Fundraising.

It is the aim of the Initiative to raise sufficient funds to be able to pay a local coordinator to replace the current volunteer coordinators, Martin and Paula Callam who come from the UK. This will involve seeking financial support from Churches and a variety of fundraising events.



A number of events are being planned including a fundraising dinner, a cake sale, a book sale and a prayer breakfast.

## Rev. Les Isaac.

During his recent visit to Antigua he gave an inspirational talk to local Street Pastors and joined them on patrol on the streets a couple of times. He also met with the local executive board and a number of Church leaders.



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