



Police Youth Summer Camp. 15th to 19th of August.

The police are holding a mentoring programme for youngsters aged between 10 and 17.



The youngsters who they have selected are those who are bordering on the edge of trouble and would benefit from some positive encouragement into a better lifestyle.

There are a number of organisations and businesses partnering with the police to provide the training.

They expect there to be about 60 young people. The police presence will be three officers; as we all know young people can be very lively and a bit of a handful, so it would be good if there could be some other adults to lend a hand. This is where Street Pastors can help. Street Pastor volunteers will be working alongside these providers to help encourage the youth of Antigua.

potential for criminal and disruptive behavior. There is often a lot of licentious behavior. This is the very circumstance where Street Pastors can have an influence. As we patrol we can bring the power of prayer into situations, we can be a sympathetic listening ear to those in distress, we can calm those who have become angry. In other words we can be a Christian presence in the area.

We intend to have patrols out on the main nights of the weekend in the busy areas.

Speaking engagements.

Recently Martin Callam, the coordinator, has spoken about the work of Street Pastors at a number of venues.

He spoke at the All Saint's Church of the Nazarene and at the Asamblea de Dios a Spanish Assemblies of God Church, he was well received at both churches with a number of people at the Asamblea de Dios taking applications to become Street Pastors. Both churches generously took a collection towards the work.

He also spoke at Caribbean Men's Conference of the Christian Union Church of the West Indies. As well as delegates from Antigua there were representatives from several other islands. Several men expressed interest in seeing Street Pastors on their islands particularly Barbados and Trinidad. These men were delighted to hear that there would be Street Pastors training to be on the streets in the autumn in Trinidad and that there is a group of churches looking to start Street Pastors in Barbados. Martin stayed throughout the conference which was excellent and was able to extend his connections within Antigua.

Antigua Carnival.

This is the major social event of the summer with parties and concerts building up to the main events on the last weekend of July. The street parades and parties occur on

Monday and Tuesday both of which are public holidays.

All these events mean that there will be a lot of people around on the streets of St. John's and while most will just be out to have a good time there will be lots of drinking to excess and the

The coordinators are seeking further opportunities to speak at churches around Antigua.



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



The cake sale on the 14th of May was very successful, many thanks to those who helped for this event.

We hope to have a used book sale soon, at a date and venue yet to be decided

The coordinators have spoken at a couple of churches which have then taken a collection for the work. **Could we speak at your church?**

Street Pastors Coordinators.



Martin and Paula Callam, a British couple from Norwich, England are at present the coordinators for the Antigua & Barbuda Street Pastors Initiative.

They have been in Antigua since September of 2008 and originally agreed to come to Antigua for two to three years. They have recently agreed to extend their stay for another two years until 2013. They expect to be spending more time working on the expansion of Street Pastors into other Caribbean islands.

They will be back in the UK from early October till late November and if anybody would like them to speak about the work out here either at a church or to a Street Pastors group please contact them via the email address overleaf.

The initiative is planning to appoint a part time assistant coordinator to work with Martin and Paula with a view to assisting in the expansion of the work and to eventually take over the coordination of the initiative in Antigua.

New Street Pastor Training

The next core training will take place in the Street Pastors office in St. John's in September. This comprises six evenings over two weeks (12th, 13th, 14th, and the 19th, 20th and 21st of June) from 5pm to 9pm each evening. This is followed by further sessions of one evening per month for ten months.

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 email us or phone 562-7014.



Team reports

In the period from February to the end of June 2011 teams visited Grays Farm, Market Street, Kennedy's, Camacho's Avenue, All Saints Road, Point, West Bus Station, Christian St., Popeshead St., Wendy's, and Bishopsgate Street in St. John's. Teams also went to All Saints, Liberta and English Harbour on a couple of occasions. Whilst on patrol the teams spoke to people about a wide range of issues including drug and alcohol addiction, unemployment and homelessness. They shared words of encouragement and prayed with a number of people.

They had a total of 401 contacts and distributed subs and cookies to a total of 202 people, the food is donated every Friday by the St John's branch of Subway. Subway have been supporting the work with these donations since March of 2008. there were a total of 34 team patrols over the three months

There have been a couple of visitors to the office seeking assistance. A number of Street Pastors have come and used the spare computers in the office.

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