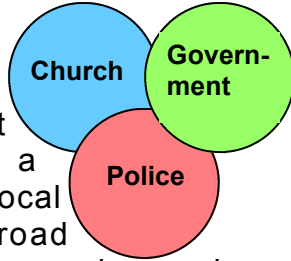




The Urban Trinity.



A key foundation of Street Pastors is that it is a partnership of many local churches across a broad spectrum of denominations and also the Police and Government. This has been described as the urban trinity of Church, Police and Government.

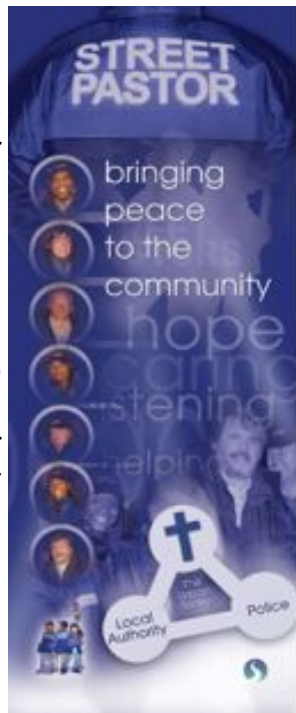
Over the past few weeks there has been a number of highly successful meetings of Street Pastor representatives with local church leaders, the Royal Police Force of Antigua & Barbuda and the Government of Antigua & Barbuda. These have helped to strengthen the already good ties between the Antigua & Barbuda Street Pastors Initiative and these groups. They have also given an opportunity to share some ideas for working together and an opportunity to share the vision for expansion across the Caribbean.

Training

The next training will take place in the Street Pastor office in St. John's in November. This comprises six evenings over two weeks (15th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th November) from 5pm to 9pm each evening. This is followed by a 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: The Recovery Position
 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
- Mentoring and Good News: Principles for living a Kingdom Life.

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 is expected 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.

A lighter moment.

In July Street Pastors, family and friends met for a social event. There were also a number of visitors from the UK who joined in the fun. There was lots of lovely food and several people shared poems or songs with lots of people joining in the singing. It was great fun and a lovely opportunity for Street Pastors to catch up with on another since with 11 different teams and 65 active members not everybody get a chance to meet.



Team reports

In May and June teams visited the Market area, the West Bus Station, Popeshead Street, Point, All Saints Road area, Heritage Quay, Perry Bay, Browne's Ave., Grey's Farm and Otto's in the vicinity of the capitol St. John's. The teams also visited in other areas of the island, they went to All Saint's, English Harbour, Liberta, York's and Cedar Grove.

They had a total of 115 contacts and distributed sandwiches and cookies to a total of 84 people, the food is donated every Friday by the local branch of Subway. Over the two months the teams were accompanied by 14 visitors who were interested in seeing how Street Pastors operate and two Street Pastors from the UK who were visiting the island.

The people that were met shared about a number of concerns including grief over a dead child, unemployment and financial concerns, alcohol and other addiction issues, marital and relationship concerns and issues concerning the community. A person who had been injured was assisted until an ambulance arrived. There were also a number of deep spiritual discussions and many people asked for and received prayer.

For the first time a number of teams were backed by prayer teams that stayed in the office while the teams were on the street, this is a new venture for here in Antigua though it is fairly common practice throughout the UK. Both the teams on the street and those praying in the office found this a really positive experience and we are working to increase the pray coverage.

Coordinators visit to Britain

In July and August the Antigua & Barbuda Street Pastors Initiative Coordinators, a British couple, Martin and Paula Callam will be in Britain.

During that time they will be speaking about the work of the Initiative in Antigua and the vision for the Caribbean in a number of areas around Britain. If you are interested in them visiting your area please contact them directly on the email address on the previous page.



They will be speaking in Portsmouth, Tiverton and Camborne in July and also in Scotland in August, again for more details about these meetings contact them on the email address over the page. They will also be at the Street Pastor Coordinator Training conference in London at the beginning of July.

Adult Literacy

Work continues on this initiative. Mention was made of this activity during a visit with Government Ministers and details have been given to the Minister for Education and the Director of Education. There is still a need to raise funds for equipment and resources.



There is also a proposal to explore the possibility of experienced teachers from the UK coming to Antigua in their holidays and sharing their expertise particularly with regard to teaching literacy and numeracy. It is hoped that we will be able to set up some training sessions with local teachers.

School Pastors

This is something that is being developed in the UK and over the summer the coordinators hope to find out more about the work with a view to exploring the possibilities of starting it in Antigua. The police already have concerns about the behaviour outside of some schools at the end of the school day.

Summer Sports Activities 2011

We hope to explore the possibilities of running sports events for youngsters in the summer holidays of 2011. This is expected to be a shared activity with the local police who are very keen to develop community involvement activities. It is hoped that sports coaches will be able to go to Antigua from the UK and take part in these activities alongside of both the police and local sports men and women.

