



Glasgow Street Pastors

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Welcome to the second newsletter of Glasgow Street Pastors. The initiative was launched in September 2008 and a team recruited for training. In January the team was commissioned and is now out on the city centre streets late at night at the weekends seeking to listen, to care and to offer practical help. In so doing the team are making visible the presence of Jesus in a powerful way. We are greatly encouraged at the positive response to Street Pastors on the streets of Glasgow. We appreciate your vital support of our work in prayer.



The Commissioning

After several training events about 50 Glasgow Street Pastors was officially commissioned at the Headquarters of Strathclyde Police in Pitt Street, Glasgow. The launch event was attended by over 200 civic, police, business and church leaders from across the region along with the Street Pastors and their friends and family.

For your prayers

Management Team - That they will have wisdom in leading the work in Glasgow, and linking up with other groups

Recruitment - That we will recruit more team members for training in September to enable us to be out on two evenings.

Relationships - That we will be able to work well with other agencies and the police on the streets.

Streets - That the team will be given strength for the late and long hours and wisdom to know how to respond to situations and individuals. That the team will know God equipping them for service.

Out on the streets

While the training continues on one Saturday each month, the team are now excited to be out on the streets. Teams of about 12 meet every Saturday night at about 9.30pm for briefing and prayer at the Glasgow Community Safety Services office. They then head up to Sauciehall Street in three groups of four to patrol the street. Life is never dull with many folk wanting to chat. The team look out particularly to help those in particular need such as people who have lost their friends or those who are struggling with having drunk too much. Each team has radio contact with the police and are sometimes called in to help with an incident or an individual in need.



Flip flops given to a girl in need

Stories - Mary has lost her friends and is alone on the streets for the first time. The Street Pastors are able to reassure Mary, make contact with her mother and stay with her until she is picked up. After 4am Mary's mum texts the team to thank them for helping her daughter to get home safely.

Brian has not been to church for some time and is struggling with life. He welcomes the encouraging words and prayers of the Street Pastors.

Names changed

**Thank you for
your support
and prayers,**

Peter

Rev. Peter Dunn on
behalf of Glasgow
Street Pastors