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Hi Guys and Girls,

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Greeting to you, I hope I find you well and peaceful. Street Pastors are continuing to be part of the night time family, loving and caring for the vulnerable in Kingston, and I must say it is a privilege to do so and I know my team would echo this sentiment.

We are still quietly beavering away picking up bottles and glass (over 9000), handing out flip flops (150 pairs so far), giving out directions to clubs, pubs, places to eat, transport home and meeting lots of people (6300 so far) having fun in our great town. We have also been involved in a number of incidents (over 200), giving care and sometimes protection, working with the teams of people aiming to bring peace in our town.

We have been involved in bringing about a unique 5 week trial that starts on 14th March in Kingston, a place of safety and a triage centre is being set up in The Market House in the market place from 11.30pm – 3.30am on Fridays and Saturdays. The aim is to give the town centre the ability to care for any injuries that occur in the town centre and to triage the needs of people to go to hospital; we hope this will reduce the strains on the ambulance service and the hospital. It will also give those vulnerable a place to recover or wait until they can get home. This is a very exciting venture and one bought about by the night time partners working together. Please pray for its success.

There are another 8 street pastors commencing training on the 8th March, the training takes place in Brixton and lasts for 12 weeks spread over 5 months, they will finish in July and will be on the streets in August to bolster the team of 41 we already have.



In December 07, 31 of the team received an award from the Mayor for giving 100 hours of voluntary service, a great commitment which surprises so many of the people we meet on the street who say we must be mad, after seeing the press picture the following week maybe we are,

Yesterday, 6th March 08, I had the honour of receiving The Mayor's Community Award for services to the Royal Borough of Kingston, a special day that brought



more recognition for the work that street Pastors is doing. I consider this an award to all of the team for their hard



work and dedication to this task and to all of you that have given so much time in prayer that this God idea has become a reality, well done. Over the coming months Street Pastors will be involved in a number of things around the borough, the Easter March of Witness is happening in Surbiton, Kingston, New Malden and Chessington and a family fun day will be held in Kingston on 21st June by Churches Together in Kingston and we will have a stall there and having lots of fun.

I have enclosed a form with this letter for those of you that may want to sign up to give to Street Pastors Kingston on a monthly basis, if you are a tax payer and gift aid it then the government (love them) will add 25% to it. I would

like to find 100 people to give £10 per month, this would cover half of the funding we need to run Street Pastors, if you feel able to do this please send the form in to the above address, you could also pass it on to your friends if you want.

April 6th is national Street Pastor Sunday and we hope that Street Pastors will be given 5 minutes to give testimonies to the work so far and encourage their congregations, there will also be a service at Kingston United Reformed Church in Eden Street at 6.30pm, you are all invited. Great to chat with you, see you soon and keep safe, Paul

Street Pastors Kingston is a project coordinated by Oxygen a Kingston Based Youth Charity and is endorsed by Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, Rt Rev Dr Richard Cheetham Bishop of Kingston and Chf Supt Laura Nicholson, Borough Commander Kingston Police.