

Winter 2008/2009

# Torbay Street Pastors

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## HAPPY 2009!!

Happy New Year to all who so kindly support and encourage Torbay Street Pastors in the work we do.

We had quite a busy Christmas period getting our Friday teams out the two Fridays before Christmas to cover the under 18 discos that are held at the Bohemia and Play nightclubs. On the Friday before Christmas over 600 under 18's spilled out of Bohemia and Play night clubs at 10.30pm and mixed with the adults, some of whom

had been drinking since lunch-time that day. Not a good mix! We were just glad to be there to encourage the youngsters to get home safely.

As a team we are responding to the Police concerns over the Friday nights and as from 9<sup>th</sup> January we will have at least one team on patrol around the Torquay harbour side from 9.00pm until 12.30pm every Friday night to help with the under 18's.

New Year was quieter than last year and we believe that the prayers of the Prayer Pastors made all the difference.

We had four Street Pastor Teams out for the night, gave away 40 pairs of flip flops, and record numbers of space blankets and spikes.

We missed the brilliant Police NET Team, but are glad that are now back.

It was great to see thousands around the Clock Tower and to hear the cheer go up at midnight!

## Progress Report

You may have read the reports in the local and national press concerning the Police and flip flops. May I take this opportunity here to put the record straight? The press release sent to the Herald Express by the Police was reported incorrectly. In fact the Torquay Police should have been congratulated on obtaining a £30,000 bid from the Government for measures to be put in place to improve the safety of the public on the Torquay Harbour Side. A miniscule amount of that bid is to be used to enable Torbay Street

Pastors and the Safety Bus to purchase flip flops for those who are in need. .35p a pair of flip flops is much cheaper than a Paramedic or A&E treating someone for a cut foot or a broken ankle. Not only that, it enables us to engage with vulnerable young women to make sure they have a safe way of getting home.

The Police also are planning to purchase another NiteNet handset for us to enable us to work with them as a

mobile team. We will use one of their unmarked cars (for insurance purposes) to send a team where the Police feel that team could make a difference. We are delighted with the relationship we have with the Police. It is a partnership that is working very well.

Torbay Street Pastors are now involved in the Night Economy Team Delivery Group which includes the Council, the Licensing Officer, a Licensee, Safer Communities, and NET Police Team. (contd PTO)

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*The Gospel is at the heart of what we do.*

## Progress (contd)

This team has been brought together to pool our ideas and experiences so that the Torquay harbour side can be made a safer place for the public at all times.

We are also very encouraged that the Devon & Cornwall Police are holding a day Conference at their Headquarters (Middlemoor), calling in representatives from Churches in 40 towns throughout Devon and Cornwall so that they can hear

about the Street Pastor initiative. 2009 could be a very exciting year in Devon and Cornwall Street Pastor-wise!!

We as Coordinators of Torbay Street Pastors had the privilege of seeing the first Cornish teams on their streets on 19<sup>th</sup> December after their Commissioning Service in Camborne. It was a privilege as the first SP Team in Devon to go and

encourage the first SP Team in Cornwall!!

We continue to receive a very warm welcome on Torquay streets and we are still looking to put teams in Brixham and Paignton, as our original vision is a Torbay one. Using a mobile team to start with will enable us to see where the needs are. We are also hoping in the future to help places like Totnes, Newton Abbot and Teignmouth get up and running.

## Statistics

	To end Sept 08	October	November	December	Total
Nights	32	5	6	7	50
Man Hours	1428	240	288	400	2356
Man Hours on street	1071	180	216	292	1759
Prayer Pastor Hours	741.5	119.5	144	150	1155
Bottles/Glass	645	87	122	173	1027
Umbrellas	32	26	0	13	71
Lost Property	5	0	0	0	5
Flip Flops	76	12	28	75	191
Emergency Blankets	11	6	7	21	45
Bandages	15	0	1	0	16
Water	37	14	12	20	83
Contacts	2308	374	582	695	3969
Incidents	87	26	36	41	190
Lives saved	2	0	1	0	3

## General Information

We are continuing with our talks, in fact we are training up Torbay Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors to deliver some of these, so if your Church or Group would like a talk please get in touch we would be delighted to come and tell you all about Torbay Street Pastors.

We are growing and will always be recruiting more volunteers to be Street or Prayer Pastors, Home

Prayers or ""Friends" At present we have 54 Street Pastors, 21 Prayer Pastors, 20 Home Prayers and 144 "Friends".

Street Pastors is in over 70 locations in the Country with over 20 locations in the process of coming on board!

**We are holding our second Commissioning Service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at St**

**Matthias Church, Wellswood, Torquay at 8.00pm. Reverend Les Isaac (the founder of Street Pastors) will be with us and hopefully Chief Constable Stephen Otter.**

**We would like you all to feel welcome to come and join us as we enjoy Commissioning 19 new Torbay Street Pastors.**

