



## New Street Pastor 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.

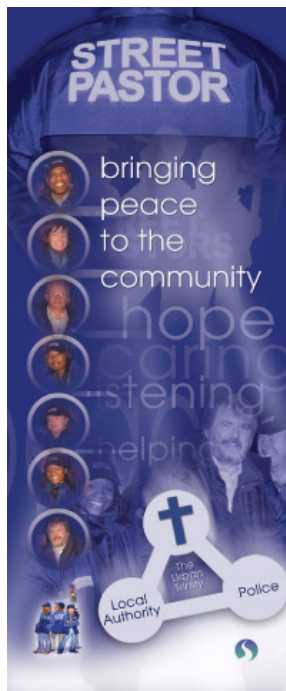
The topics covered in the first six evenings are:  
 Roles and Responsibilities of Street Pastors  
 Police: Community Policing, Drug Enforcement, Crime Stoppers, Weapons.  
 Drugs and Alcohol: Effects, Abuse, Treatment, Rehabilitation, First Aid.  
 Counselling and The Listening Ministry of Jesus.  
 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.



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## Antigua Carnival

There were two teams out in St. John's over the weekend of the Carnival.

Most of the people on the streets were caught up with the festivities and were bent on enjoying themselves with lots of evidence of alcohol, gambling, fete and drugs. However the teams had significant conversations with 16 people and were able to pray with a number of them. They also gave out food to 10 needy people.

There was lots of prayer both before and during the Carnival time. The police reported that it was the quietest Carnival for a long time with little damage to property and only a few incidents. Much less problems than in previous years.

## Coordinators visit to Britain

In July, August and early September the Antigua & Barbuda Street Pastors Initiative Coordinators, a British couple, Martin and Paula Callam were back in Britain.



During that time they spoke about the work of the Initiative in Antigua and the vision for the Caribbean in Portsmouth, Tiverton, Tavistock, Camborne and Norwich and also in Larbert in Scotland. They were also at the Street Pastor Coordinator Training conference in London at the beginning of July. This was an amazing opportunity to make new friends, share experiences and learn.

Antigua may be 4,000 miles from Britain but the issues that people face are the same the world over and the role of Street Pastors is the same in both places, sharing God's love.

## Team reports

In July and August teams visited the Market area, the West Bus Station, Popeshead Street, Point, All Saints Road area, Heritage Quay, Kennedy's, Las Vegas, Lions, St John's St. 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 English Harbour and Liberta.

They had a total of 121 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 2 visitors who were interested in seeing how Street Pastors operate in Antigua, one was a Street Pastor from the UK who was visiting the island.

The people who were met shared about a number of concerns including feelings of rejection by the church, grief over a dead child, unemployment and financial concerns, alcohol and other addiction issues, marital and relationship concerns and issues concerning the community. There were also a number of deep spiritual discussions and many people asked for and received prayer.

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 prayer coverage.

## Adult Literacy

While they were in Britain the coordinators were able to purchase some literacy readers for less than they had anticipated. They are continuing to work towards starting a literacy group at the office.



We are continuing 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.

## Summer Sports Activities 2011



We are continuing 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 come to Antigua from the UK and take part in these activities alongside of both the police and local sports men and women.

## School Pastors

This is something that is being developed in the UK and we are exploring the possibilities of starting it in Antigua. We have now got the materials needed to start developing this however we need to meet with the Ministry of Education to discuss this further. The police already have concerns about the behaviour outside of some schools at the end of the school day and are interested in School Pastors.



## Fundraising



There has recently been a fundraising initiative amongst local businesses and we are grateful for the donations from the Global Bank of Commerce Ltd. And the Galley Bay Resort who have become sponsors and Office Express which has become a supporter.

There is an ongoing need to raise funds to aid the development of the work. There will be a prayer breakfast on the 6th of November, as well as fundraising this will also provide an opportunity to share about the work of Street Pastors and a chance to pray about the work and the Nation.

We are grateful for the generous donations for the work of the Antigua & Barbuda Street Pastor Initiative given to the coordinators while they were in Britain.