

WARE IN THE WORLD

MISSION UPDATE – MAY 2024

ISSUE 3



STREET PASTORS

“I’ve had more encounters with Jesus on the streets than in church”

Can it be true?

After thinking more about it - if you walk out in faith, God walks with you. On the streets I’m totally reliant on God; I pray to him for safety, wisdom, insight and for God’s help in identifying vulnerable people that we can help. One of the truisms of the Street Pastor ministry is that God answers prayer on the streets. We see it all the time and it can be anything from a truly “wow” moment, to a “God of small things”, moment. I want to share one such God of small things encounter.

At 2 am we were looking after an unconscious youngster whose drink had been spiked. Some of the team stayed with him until an ambulance could attend. We had covered him with our large winter coats.



At the same time, the rest of the team were looking after a very drunk teenage girl outside a Bull Plain Club. We covered her in a blanket to protect her modesty and a street pastor coat to keep her warm until her mum could collect her. I was the patrol leader on that night and as I was hurrying between these two incidents a fight was about to breakout outside of the club. A young man was aggressively swearing at the top of his voice at one of the door staff from the club. His girl friend was hysterical and screaming at him to stop, but he wasn’t listening, and his body language was changing as he moved from posturing into preparing to fight. The doorman was also preparing for the coming conflict. I was very much in “Martha-mode”but moved into a “Mary-mode” and prayed for God to intervene in this situation. Immediately the young man’s posture changed, he was much less aggressive, and for the first time listening to his girlfriend, who also had calmed down,(continued on page.2).....



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WELCOME TO MISSION NEWS MAY 2024

- **Encounters with Jesus-** in Ware & Hertford.
- **The Legacy fund*donation. The first recommendation by the youth group :** read about Family Link Myanmar
- **All Nations- the simulation exercise -** the MADD group having some fun supporting the training of students
- **Remembering Tom Paget -** All Nations and Christ Church. Bloom where you are planted.

So far £30,000.00 has been approved by the PCC

- Amigos received £9,000.
- INF Nepal received £11,500.
- Family Link Myanmar received £1000
- Creating a Sensory Room in the Church Centre

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The door man had changed his stance to a much more conciliatory tone. I was somewhat embarrassed at how quickly and fully my prayer had been answered. Isn't prayer supposed to be hard work? Doesn't Luke say "and being in anguish he prayed more earnestly and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. (Luke 22:42)"? But here a simple prayer, with my mind focussed elsewhere was answered instantly. But as God says:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)".

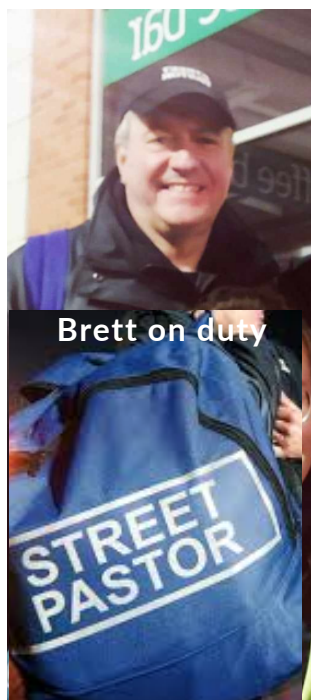
(David Elder, Hertford & Ware Street Pastors)

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Street Pastors need more volunteers

Brett is currently the only remaining Street Pastor volunteer from Christ Church Ware. E mail St. Pastors, look on their web site or chat to Brett, Judith or Peter to learn more about what is is really like to volunteer.

Free flip-flops when high heeled shoes get too painful



LEGACY FUND UPDATE



The Legacy fund is the church's tithe (10%) that came from the building project in 2019. As part of this, the PCC delegated responsibility to the youth group for researching and recommending a charities to support up to the amount of £2000.

HERE IS AN UPDATE FROM THE YOUTH GROUP AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PCC

So far, we have decided to donate £1000 of this to Family Link Myanmar. Since 2021, Myanmar has faced a coup, which has made life in Myanmar extremely difficult. Family Link Myanmar is a small UK charity that aims to support communities in Myanmar including establishing a home for 50 formerly homeless children, building wells, running holiday camps for local children, sharing sacks of rice with people in nearby villages, helping to cover medical needs, buying glasses, general clothing and school uniforms and books. Family Link Myanmar also runs 4-day bible conferences for adults, where they can meet other Christians and have some fun together. In the past they have done equivalent camps for children, but this was stopped due to the coup.

Since the money was given, they have taken in 5 new children and given the kids some special treats like extra meat and fish, fruit, orange squash and sweets, run a Christmas lunch of rice for 400 starving people, and there is a plan to build another well in the coming months.

T D and M B (members of the youth Group)

Practical support for All Nations



Role playing as beggars, customs, taxi driver, bureau de change....and more

Three times a year All Nations Christian College run a 'Simulation Exercise' designed to help prepare students for working abroad in less structured countries. A number of men from the MADD group have been helping with the exercise for several years. During the course of the morning the students experience challenging situations which they have to overcome as a group in order to progress in the exercise.

The MADD members perform different roles hoping to make the situation as realistic as possible. It helps the reality of the situation if students are dealing with people they do not know, rather than members of All Nations staff.

Some quotes from some grateful former En-Route course students:

A Danish couple had been very affected by one particular section of the simulation. They remarked during the simulation debriefing that the exercise had "shaken us very much".

On going to their country they had been separated at customs (like in the simulation). They reported that because of their experience at All Nations "we were able to keep calm and not panic and the process went much faster".

A female former student serving in South Africa was car-jacked at gun point. She testified that her experience "taking part in the security training and simulation had prepared me to stay calm and I felt much calmer afterwards too".

No thespian talent or experience is required to volunteer to "be an actor" for supporting the simulation exercise. We are, in essence, supporting the mission of All Nations which is one of our Mission Partners. It is enjoyable and provides the opportunity to work with staff & students at All Nations. At the end of the morning, students and role players enjoy a lunch together and part as friends!
(Anyone, men or women, interested in helping All Nations in this way speak to Bob Barker or Peter Dane)

Remembering Tom Paget

by Bob Hunt ex-All Nations Vice Principal

In July 1964 All Nations Missionary College moved from Taplow, Bucks to nearby Easneye Mansion. In that same summer the College's gardener Tom Paget joined Christchurch Ware. Thus began 26 years of stalwart service by the Paget family to our church. Both Tom and Marion served on the PCC at varying times. Tom was also an occasional preacher. But his real gifting was in one-to-one conversations. His Yorkshire bluntness allied to his easy-going nature made him a natural for engaging folk in discussions about spiritual things. In particular he headed up Christchurch's "Evangelism Explosion" team. This strategy made use of small teams visiting parents who had asked for their infant to be baptised leading naturally onto a discussion about their own need of Christ. He then taught a team to do the same. After retiring from All Nations in 1990, Tom & Marion took on the role of pastoring Anstey Chapel, near Buntingford, for six years. In 1996 he retired again and returned to his native Yorkshire where he died, aged 98, in March, 2024.

One of Tom's famous sayings about the life of mission was -
"The most important thing is to bloom where you are planted"

Thomas William Paget

8th June 1925 - 11th March 2024



Monday 25th March 2024 at 1:30pm

To God be the glory



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