



BARNABUS

Bringing hope to the streets of Manchester

OUTREACH

Greetings in the beautiful name of Jesus

Oh what a time we have had over the last few months here at Barnabus, visually you can see straight away things have changed a lot; we've been blessed with a new logo, website, brochure and even this newsletter, we hope you like our new look.

This July we celebrated our 10th anniversary at the Beacon, we had a fun week for the lads and lassies we see, organizing various events such as a musical participation morning. We also took a group of girls to Blackpool for the day, I was amazed by how well they behaved and so much laughter and joy. It is our pleasure to see God working during these opportunities and giving us the chance to share the love of God with more and more men and women.

Over the coming months it's our intention to help further encourage skills, so as well as a Ladies only social we've introduced 'Domestic Bliss' cookery, housekeeping, budgeting etc.,. Also, soon to start is a basic photography course - we have so many different things planned.

In our last newsletter we appealed for you to stand with us in what has been and still proves to be, an incredibly hard year financially. We want to thank you and Praise



God for answers to prayer, the various sponsored events, fund-raisers and your generosity have all helped to sustain us but we do still need your help. We cannot count the number of occasions where we've opened the post and rejoiced over a cheque, only to find a bill arrives at the same time. But God is good and even though it has been tough to rejoice one minute and see the money go out the next; just imagine how we would have felt if the money hadn't come in at all!

We really praise God for his faithfulness and ask that you will continue to pray and stand with us as we celebrate this time of harvest. God bless each of you as you read this newsletter and hear more of what is happening here at Barnabus.

Love and little fishes
Peter and Beryl Green

Celebrating 10 years at our Beacon Drop-In with a week of activities



Friends, Staff and volunteers were all encouraged to join in the activities. These included acrylic painting, creative writing, cookery, music sessions and singing.

During the music session everyone recorded a small sound on to a loop recording system, we were all amazed at how good it sounded. We were also entertained with some of Hannah's own compositions which were awesome praise songs.

During the creative writing class we were all given a sherbet lemon sweet and asked first to look at it, feel it, smell it and finally taste it. This evoked memories of child hood and lots of discussion and laughter about how much bigger and better sweets were in days gone by. At the same time we wrote down adjectives

(you won't believe how many there are to describe a sweet). It is amazing how something so small and insignificant can be used to encourage some very good pieces of writing.

Some undiscovered talent came out during the acrylic painting sessions and the finished canvasses were displayed in a flower festival at St. John's Church.

During the week we had many laughs, lots of cakes, pizza and jellies and most importantly all our friends who attended went away feeling happier and proud of their achievements. God is amazing and awesome and his work here comes in many forms. *Annette*

**Love and thanks to Hannah Latty, Beverley from Back on Track, Catherine Nagle, Steve Best and Annette Hewitson for these sessions.*

Michael writes... 'we had special events all week, we had a creative writing session; we wrote writing stories about lemon sweets.

We had a music day; in the morning a lady came and played the keyboard. It was a brilliant show. In the afternoon we all had a singsong. Thursday was cooking; I chopped up the meat and the vegetables. We let it cook for an hour. All of us had dinner. It was a good day for us all. Friday we had a painting session. I painted a picture of a church and the windmill. I had a really good week. Thank you to everybody at Barnabus can we do this every week, I enjoyed it all.'

Michael Swanbank

Greater Manchester Central Fire Service Blue Watch - Treadmill Challenge, 10K Run and Safety Sessions.



We first met the fire fighters from Blue Watch last winter when they blessed us with a very large donation of sleeping bags and duvets. Since that first meeting it was clear that they had a real heart for the homeless. When they're out on call they come across homeless people sleeping in places that often put them at risk; in empty, dilapidated buildings and bedding down close to canals, so they wanted to do as much as they could to help. These lads have become an absolute inspiration to us, they continually think of new and creative ways to support us in our work. When they suggested running our 10K in full fire-fighting kit we couldn't believe it, they were absolutely awesome, goodness knows how they did it but we're incredibly thankful to them.

And, in the week leading up to our 10k they arranged a Treadmill challenge which took place at the Printworks; they raised £500 and trained for the run at the same time, genius! Very soon they will be launching some safety sessions at our Drop-in and who knows what they will think of next!

Future Events

visit our website to find out more

Open Evening - Beacon Drop-In

Thursday 25th November, displays, food and more

Santa Dash - 5K Fun Run

4th December, run in a Santa Suit and have some fun – entry £10 (suit provided)

Photography Exhibition - coming soon



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We're so thankful to the Kings Arms for designing and creating our new logo, brochure and website. They took time to discover and understand all the aspects of our work and started by transforming our identity incorporating a new strap line 'Bringing hope to the streets of Manchester'. They also developed the reaching hands illustration to produce a logo which shows tremendous insight by summarizing how we reach out and bring hope to those in need, no mean feat considering all the different aspects of our work. Praise God that Lynton one of the joint Directors of this award winning agency is a Christian and felt God prompting him to help us. Lynton, Paul and their team have produced some awesome

New look for Barnabus

Some of you will have already seen our new logo literally running past them on T-shirts at our Sponsored 10k Run, Heaton Park.

work and are continuing to come up with creative ideas to help us best communicate the needs of the homeless in our city.

We've also been blessed to have Scott Kershaw (an extremely talented commercial photographer) who seems to have been living with us, whether it be at the Beacon or on the streets enabling him to capture a folio of incredibly moving photography.

Alex at Oxbon continues to bless us by providing for our web building needs in response to this completely new design and Mark at wildmonkey graciously produced our newsletter template.



Tesco and the biggest pair of Scissors ever!

Tesco called and just very casually asked if we would like to open their brand new Tesco Express City Tower Store. They were aware of our work in the city and wanted us to open the store and accept a £500 cheque from their Tesco Charity Trust. We were really blessed by this and Peter suited and booted declared the store well and truly open in the best of style. Our thanks go to Tesco for thinking of us and also for their gift.

Leading the Monday night team is a real pleasure. I feel that we have a great team who have all found their own niche and really commit to doing a good job. I feel that the verb 'leading' is hardly warranted - everyone just gets along and shares a clear vision of servitude. God called and we answered. I am always astounded that when I ask God for 'more' opportunities to share the gospel or just to listen to a 'friend' in need, He always comes up trumps...

I really feel blessed that God's peace is often tangible on Monday nights and a calm, polite word is gratefully received. There are moments when God's presence is visible. A word of comfort to a 'lost' soul, blessed by God, has been seen to completely change their body language. Once stooped shoulders stand proud as a new strength fills an otherwise empty vessel. We trust God to continue the healing - where and when is not up to us; we entrust that to Him.

We are happy to serve and go where He calls. Busy and destined to get even busier now that winter approaches, our prayers are that with God's help we can meet every need. Amen - **Russ**





Co-op get on their Bikes

Over the years we have been blessed by support from the Co-operative. In the early years they gave us funds for two of our outreach vans and in 2005 we were presented with an award from the Co-operative Foundation, recognizing the excellent work that we do in the community.

Out of the blue a few months ago we were surprised and incredibly blessed to receive a call from the Food Property Team in Manchester. A team of 25 colleagues wanted to help us by organizing a sponsored bike ride, cycling a whopping 60 miles from Blackpool to Manchester! Their enthusiasm and excitement was really inspiring, we supported them through training with messages of encouragement and prayers, supplied support material, posters for sponsorship and even Barnabus T-shirts too.

When the day arrived a team of us from Barnabus went to cheer everyone in as they arrived back in Manchester. It was an

exciting moment and although it had been a long journey it was obvious from their faces and everything they shared, that they'd had a lot of fun too. We also discovered one lady didn't even cycle and borrowed a bike to take part!

We're so thankful and proud of everyone, what an incredible achievement - the amount pledged has already reached **£3,675** and is still coming in, such a tremendous blessing!

Would you like to organise a fundraiser / sponsored event? Have a look at the **HOW YOU CAN HELP** section on our website for some ideas, or give us a call.



Breakfast anyone?

We recently received a whole store room full of cereals and cereal bars courtesy of Kellogg's. It caused a lot of excitement when we brought them back during our morning session at the Beacon. As we carried them down to our store room, the queue for breakfast was getting busier and we could already hear people asking for Crunchy Nut Cornflakes and Rice Krispies; two definite favourites among our friends. Thank you Kellogg's, anybody got any milk?

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

You can support us with a donation, gift us with items for our Drop-in / Shop or join our team of approx 70 volunteers. Visit our website and click on HOW TO HELP US to find out more.

We now have a short film of personal stories from our Drop-in, perhaps your Church, Workplace or Group would like to know more about our work. Discover how your support and understanding can make a huge difference to those that are homeless and vulnerable.

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