

2017 – Q1



STREAMS

Quarterly Report



Birthing life, wherever we flow.



Founded in 2010, Flowing Rivers started with just six members in a humble Essex living room and have steadily grown from holding weekly training sessions (Overflow Bible Study) to overseeing numerous projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

Here at Flowing Rivers, we provide a forum to stimulate young adults in becoming impactful leaders by serving in their local, national, and international communities.

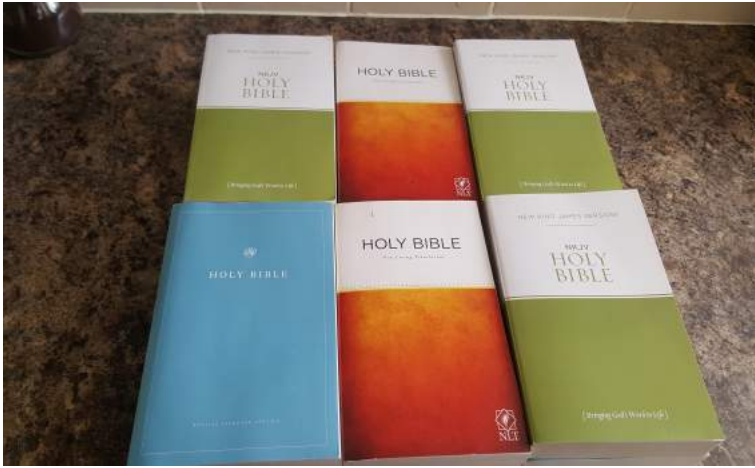
The aim of these quarterly reports is to provide brief updates on the various streams that we flow through such as street missions, elderly people project, prison visits, food bank support, and much more.

We believe the church is a representation of The Lord's hand extended to humanity in love, expressed through teachings, healing, humanitarian support,

economic empowerment, and leadership development for posterity.

Our mission is to preach Christ at all times and only if necessary, use words!

We are simply here to birth life wherever we flow inspired by Ezekiel 47:9.



Street Mission

We set out twice a month to feed people on the streets of London with food and love.

This quarter, we started giving out Bibles during the street mission.

The Bibles, which are printed in either the NKJV, NIV or ESV translation, were warmly received by the people we ministered to. We are now looking forward to the testimonies that will come forth!

Elderly People Project

The elderly people project caters to vulnerable members of the Dagenham community, and the elderly, who most times are alone or potentially feel isolated in their residential confinement. What we do allows for quality time to be spent with the elderly, providing a shoulder to lean on, and most importantly having a friend to talk to.

Through our activities, we bring a sense of joy and laughter to their faces and add a bit of diversity to their daily routine. Without this project, we believe there would be a huge gap at the heart of this community.

Good news stories? We have many! With every visit, we pray for healing and breakthrough for every single resident,

and this quarter we received some great testimonies.

One testimony that stands out is about a man named Des who'd been a resident since we started over three years ago. He came into the home due to an accident, which resulted in him becoming an amputee, and at the time it was deemed best for him to be in residential care.

Over time, Des learnt how to live independently by developing new ways of doing things and acquiring various skills. As a result, in February when the team visited, Des informed us of his good news that he was no longer going to be a resident at the home as he was deemed fit to be placed in independent living, meaning having a place of his own and being able to do things for himself.

This made Des very happy, and for us, this was fantastic news but also bittersweet, because it meant we no longer had the person we all referred to as "the life of the party". However, we were encouraged because these are the type of things we pray for.

Volunteer, Nali (17) says... "Being part of the elderly people project has allowed me to gain confidence in communicating and most importantly, having compassion for others. It may sometimes seem a struggle dealing with the elderly as they face many

challenges such as hearing problems and battles with mental illness.

Consequently, this makes it difficult to speak to them and takes quite a bit of patience in order to get a reply. But this project has taught me to be more gentle and have more understanding for others.

I love being able to simply talk to them - the different personalities you meet, and stories you hear are always encouraging.

A highlight on one of the visits was celebrating Mother's Day by holding a pampering session for the women. It was amazing to see the smiles from the elderly on the day and to see how special and loved they felt.

It was something that was amazing and unique, seeing them happy and smiling at the end of it was truly a blessing. I was honoured and grateful to serve the women."

Overall, a highlight is always returning to the home and seeing the familiar faces, as we've grown to be like family.



Food Bank

We provide support to the Barking food bank once a month and help with the organisation, storage, quality control and much more.

This quarter, we were also able to help the company settle into its new facility by moving tonnes of food and equipment to the location. We also helped set it up which the company were very grateful for.

Volunteer, Jola (10) says... "Serving in the food bank makes me feel happy because I'm helping other people."

Child Sponsorship

Project Coordinator, Kemi (28) says... "I coordinate a team who make sure that every child we sponsor is contacted through regular letters that we send.

I also keep the benefactors updated

on the progress of the child or children they are sponsoring.

Most importantly, I make sure every child is prayed for by holding monthly prayers with the child sponsorship team.

We recently had some good news regarding a child we sponsor in Kenya.

Her name is Abigael and her mother is a single parent who made the difficult decision to place her in the orphanage because she was struggling financially and did not have any means of supporting her daughter.

We are pleased to say that her mother has now found steady employment and is doing so well that she was able to take her daughter out of the orphanage and support her as she would want to."

International Missions

Volunteer, Christiana (28) says... "I had the opportunity to meet beautiful,

young and vibrant youths who had gone through so many tough experiences, some of which are even too big to fathom, and yet they were filled with joy and had hope; their hope being Christ.

Their positivity had a profound impact on me and caused me to reduce the anxiety and worries I had previously. I also had the privilege to serve at the dumpsite where we prayed for a woman who was very unwell. A few days later, we saw a significant improvement and I believe this was evidence that our prayers were answered. This gave me confidence to pray for others too.

The trip to Kenya was a life changing experience for me and I really enjoyed it."



The Story Continues...

As I write this, I'm sat on a British Airways flight to Kenya to inspect the work that we're enabling out there. This trip was made possible through the generosity of a benefactor – Dr. Esquivel – who is currently sat next to me on the plane.

This is my greatest desire, to not only have our donors give money but also to come forth and do ministry alongside us to see what their generosity has afforded and to witness the lives that have been and are being blessed by it.

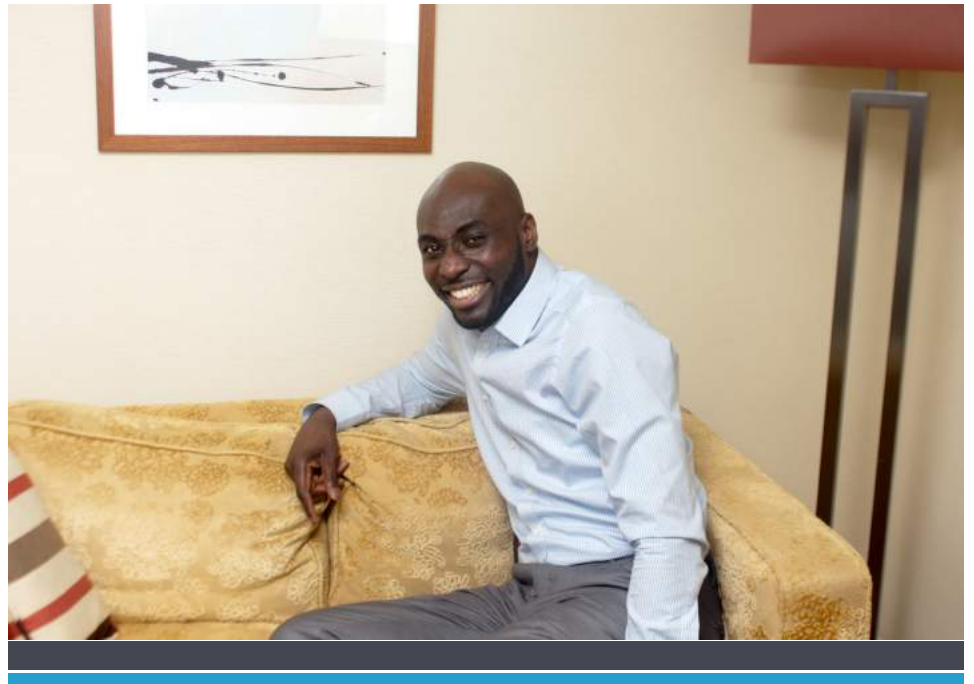
2016 was an incredible year where so many projects were initiated, but like a revival - it is more important to sustain the fire rather than to just start it. So, before us, we have the task to not only improve what we are doing but to maintain what has already been done.

I am willing to spend and to be spent for the gospel, and I am finding that there are still those whom God has blessed to do the same.

Dr. Esquivel and I will be hosting meetings in the churches, where he will facilitate two medical days for the orphanage and its immediate neighbours. We will also be visiting the dumpsites to provide food for the residents.

Additionally, we will take our turn in furthering the work on the secondary school, which we are co-sponsoring, that will be of service to not only the children from Sure24 but also local schools. If you have any ideas on how we can set this up so that it can be an outstanding establishment, please feel free to get in contact as we welcome your ideas.

Above all, as we move on in the year, I want to say a personal thank you for your labour of love, and I hope that you can continue to sponsor the work. We aim to add four more kids to our



sponsored children's list this year and so much more. Visit the new website and get in touch as we'd love to hear from you.

If you, like Dr. Esquivel, have an opportunity to fly out with us to Nakuru, then we welcome you to accompany us on our next trip sometime this year. If you can't come with us to Kenya, Borneo or any of the local missions, then certainly pray for us and freely donate to facilitate the work.

Remember, "The greatest investment in life is the investment in a life. "

The story continues by the grace of God and I'm glad we are doing it with you on board.

God bless you.

Pastor Samson Baptist

Founder of Flowing Rivers Foundation

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www.flowingriversfoundation.org/giving

We hope you've had a great year so far, and we look forward to your continued support throughout the year.