

2017 – Q4



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Quarterly Report

Birthing life, wherever we flow.



Flowing Rivers is a charitable organisation founded in 2010, and we oversee various projects.

This is our quarterly report, purposed to provide an update on our projects and share our journey, as we are in this together!

Our desire is to continue to equip young adults with the tools needed for leadership and servanthood development in their communities,

locally, nationally, and internationally.

It is our belief that the church is a representation of the extended hand of The Lord 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!

Seasons Greetings to all of our supporters and well-wishers



Elderly People Project

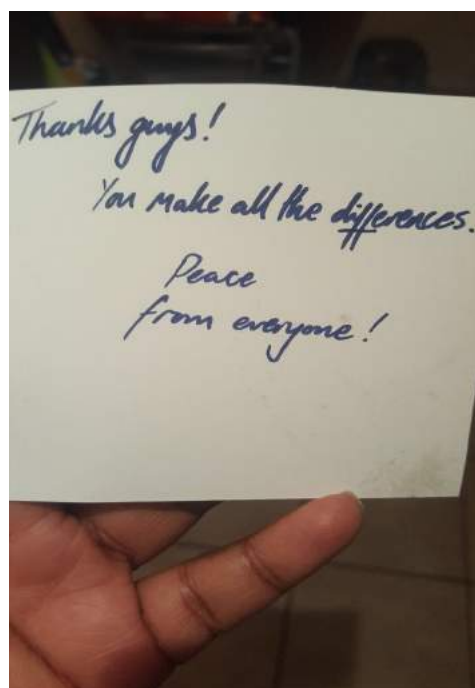
The elderly people project this year has been absolutely incredible. The team has grown and we now set out in two groups; we have Team A and Team B who alternate monthly to conduct the visits. In the last quarter, we have welcomed new residents into our sessions who are full of character and have added to the laughter and fun we have each month.

The team has been stretched in different ways with even more responsibilities and we are extremely proud of two of our members who have taken it upon themselves to single-handedly facilitate sessions with the residents thus showing great leadership skills and servanthood, so a very big shout out to Nali & Deborah.

One of the testimonies regarding the project is we have been fortunate enough to offer each resident the opportunity for prayer and building the belief in God for healing, and it's with great joy we can truly say we're seeing more and more people taking up on the offer and asking questions about our faith, which is both encouraging and humbling. We are so excited for what 2018 holds for the project and can't wait to branch out even further as we hope to host day trips to the seaside and arrange theatre visits. We trust that by God's grace this will be more than possible.

Winter Giveaway

The Winter Giveaway is a culmination of our monthly outreach street missions, and it takes place annually. The



purpose of the initiative is to support the needs of London's homeless and rough sleepers, particularly during the winter months when temperatures drop severely. We achieve this by assembling and distributing what we call 'love bags' – simply put a love bag is a winter survival kit that contains potentially lifesaving thermal wear such as hats, gloves, and scarves.

In the months leading up to the giveaway we purchased the love bag items and also received coat donations from Wrap Up London, which is an organisation that collects old or unwanted coats and gives them to charities that support the homeless. As well as giving away love bags we wanted to ensure that the homeless people we came in contact with had up to date information about the services that will be available to them during the winter. We put together a flyer that contained a list of winter shelters, day centres, etc.

This year our team of volunteers assembled and gave away more than a 100 love bags and coats. We also provided hot food and drinks on the day. As well as this there was a great atmosphere of praise and worship with songs from the Flowing Rivers Choir.

Overall, it was truly a spectacular day and so much more than just distributing bags and food as we believe the people we encountered throughout the day were blessed.

International Missions



“This has been my third trip to Kenya with Flowing Rivers and I must say each year continues to amaze me and surprise me, regarding how big God is, and this trip was different and set apart from every other trip. On this occasion, I must say I was a living testimony to the work that God is doing out there - from the feeding programme at the dumpsite to the youth conference on several spiritual development topics and self esteem building topics, I also witnessed several young people being healed for various illnesses, from eye infections, stomach ulcers, heavy bleeding and many more. As if that wasn't enough to be thankful for I also received my own personal healing! For the past 4-5 years I had suffered from an extremely bad back, to the extent of going to see my GP, having several scans done and more recently being referred to a physiotherapist. It was difficult to stand for too long and after work most of the time I would be in a lot of pain. I went to Kenya and the opportunity for my brothers and sisters in The Lord to pray for me came, and this was right at the beginning of our trip. They laid hands and prayed over me, I also prayed and said to God if we have come here standing on your word that “miracles, miracles, there shall be miracles” then Lord let it take place in me also. After that prayer, I felt complete peace of mind and as the days went on I

noticed that the area of my back that normally caused me pain wasn't hurting, but I said to myself I would wait till the end of the week before I testify to make sure that I truly was healed. And to God be the glory it has been a week and five days and I have not felt a twinge in my back! I have been completely healed and this is only a fraction of what God did out there. The trip increased my faith to another level and for that I am so grateful! That being said Kenya 2017 was absolutely amazing! “

Laura Adeyefa (Volunteer)



“Kenya 2017 has been one of the greatest experiences of my life so far. I took a leap of faith when I decided to go on this trip, it was the middle of the first semester at university and I was really anxious about what to expect. I had heard so many stories from previous years that had already painted an image in my head of the mission trip being somewhat challenging. However, no-one's account could really prepare me for the whole experience; the testimonies and the love that was shared during our time there was like nothing I had ever experienced before.

My favourite moment definitely had to be running the workshops with the children. The first couple of times meeting them, they were very quiet and shy but after a while they literally lit up when they

spoke about their goals and dreams, and in these moments, I felt like a proud mum watching her child grow into something amazing. Their determination was so inspiring to me personally because I realised I took a lot of things for granted such as my education, which is something they really value. The last day at the orphanage with the children was so emotional and I cried like a baby! After developing friendships; breaking bread with one another and sharing testimonies, I felt at home. I honestly did not want to leave.

When I was preparing myself in the run up, I had convinced myself that I didn't have much to offer, so I went into this expecting to take a backseat and just support. But we all had to organise workshops and I really didn't want to do mine, I had already come up with excuses to get out of running my workshop but I had to remind myself the trip wasn't about me so I went ahead and planned my workshop. I thank God that it had such a huge impact on many of the children and young adults. I witnessed people give their life to Christ and that for me was hands down the best thing I have experienced. The presence of God created an atmosphere of joy and I'm so happy to have been a witness to that.

I would like to use this platform to thank Flowing Rivers for this amazing opportunity because I would not have been able to do anything like this on my own. This trip honestly changed the way I see the world as well as myself and I'm grateful. “

Rachel Somoye (Volunteer)

The Story Continues...



As we arrive at the end of the year 2017, we wrap up the year with the annual winter giveaway and this year's mission adventure to Nakuru, Kenya. It has been an eventful year and the winter giveaway was a true success. I remember when we started this about seven years ago, it was heavily dependent on the donations of friends and family and now seven years on, we did not need to make an appeal to be able to serve our community in this way as you would have seen in the winter giveaway summary.

Kenya 2017 was an eye opener for so many of the team. This year, we headed out with a group of 14 people to run workshops, offer medical assistance, get our hands dirty with building works, and ultimately pray with and for the children. Before leaving for Nakuru this year, I heard The Lord say "miracles, miracles, there shall be miracles"! This therefore shaped our expectations and the

manner of our ministrations. To God be the glory, we experienced God restoring sight, healing ulcers, silencing longstanding migraines and other sicknesses. We experienced God's presence during the revival meetings and His restorative power during the workshops. The workshops meant a great deal to me because with these, I saw members of the team stretch themselves and take on very critical issues. Those who would not count themselves as "public ministers" being used to set the captives free. One of the highlights of the workshops which underpinned the major work that took place in the lives of the children was the "consent and boundaries" workshop looking at abuse and sexual impropriety. At the end of this, it was a joy to watch some who had been raped, ravaged, or abused in other ways affirm their worth as ordained by God and not as dictated by their experiences. So many for the first

time had the opportunity to open up about these issues and eventually found strength to forgive and begin the journey to wholeness.

Much work is being done with Sure24 orphanage to help them to become self sufficient to a large degree. The bakery should be up and running early next year, which should help with revenue for the upkeep of the children and general work that needs to be done. If there ever was a time when we appreciate your generosity, it is at these times. Thank you and please continue to play your part as much as God permits you, because as you should know by now, "the greatest investment in life is the investment in a life".

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In His Service,
Pastor Samson Baptist

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We hope your 2017 has been wonderful and look forward to journeying with you in 2018!

