

STREAMS

Overview of 2017



Birthing life wherever we flow

It has indeed been a tremendous year and we at Flowing Rivers are grateful to all the Lord has had us do with the support of the likes of you! Our supporters and well-wishers.

We launched Streams in January 2017 to share the many ways we have been able to spread love locally and internationally with your help.

In 2017, we interacted with thousands of individuals, investing over £14,000 to adequately cater to the needs of those we encountered. Our Annual STREAMS provides a summary of the projects currently running at Flowing Rivers, some of these services are explored and explained in greater detail throughout this newsletter. From missionary work with orphanages abroad to local projects involving the homeless and the aged, we look to continue this magnificent work for years to come, and your continued support would be warmly welcomed.



“It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

- Mother Teresa



Street Mission

2017 was a wonderful year for Street Mission. We had testimonies of healing, people getting accommodation, new jobs and ultimately people giving their lives to Christ.

On average, we spent £60 - £80 a month on the feeding aspect; which included fruits, drink, snacks, rice, vegetables, chicken and condiments.

The cost doesn't include transport, which was approximately £40 for the months

where it was needed.

In addition to the above, we started distributing bibles and tracts in 2017, which required a bi-monthly cost of £50.

All in all, we spent a total of £1,240 on this project in 2017.

We look forward to seeing more miracles and training running on the streets in 2018.

“Strong people don't put others down... They lift them up.”

- Michael P. Watson

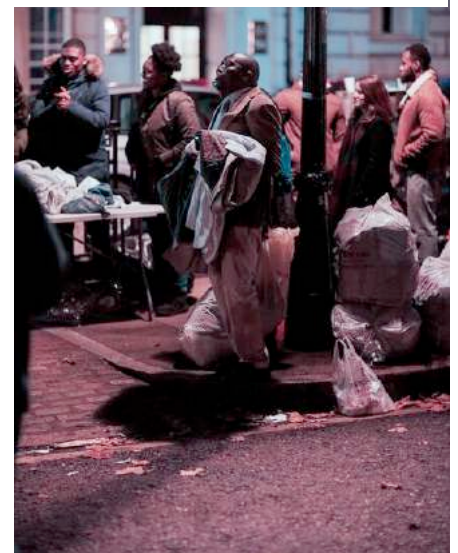


Winter Giveaway

The Annual Winter Giveaway at Flowing Rivers is an initiative that aims assist with the needs of London's homeless and rough sleepers.

In 2017 we spent a total of £828 on over 100 love bags containing essential thermal wear such as hats, gloves, scarves, coats (Donated by Wrap Up London). We successfully distributed the Love Bags along with Shelter/Day Centre information leaflets.

The Flowing Rivers choir also supported the day with Praise and Worship music, which brought a loving atmosphere. We also had many volunteers who helped serve and make hot food and drinks as well as pure warm fellowship.





Food Bank

Within our Food Bank project, we have moved on from just donating to committing to volunteering at a local food bank which is where the food bank was lacking support wise.

Our chosen food bank for 2017 was Barking Food Bank. We had an amazing team who went out every 1st Saturday of the month to

serve in the warehouse where organising/sorting and quality control tasks took place.

We learnt a lot about the processes of running a food bank and how different things affect the users of the food bank.

We also had the opportunity to do some marketing at a Tesco where we were pleasantly

surprised to see how generous the local community was.

A lot of the people who use the food bank also need help in other areas so we also helped in the clothing section of the food bank; which helps ease the burden of those living below the poverty line.

We look forward to making more direct impact with actual users this year!

Elderly People Project

The Elderly people project in 2017 was exciting and refreshing, we had new members join the residential home and new members joined our team of volunteers.

We continued to expand on our activity sessions with residents and increased our variety of the different things we did. We found that a simple game of Bingo brought so much laughter and competitiveness amongst many but most of all a deep sense of togetherness.

We had some incredible highs

and lows, one of our long-term members graduated onto independent living and is no longer with us, but it's exciting as it shows the progress residents make and how situations can change for the better. God has truly been faithful.

The Elderly project like every other project within Flowing Rivers requires resources and tools to maintain the upkeep. Financially in 2017, we spent £20 per month making the total £240 (for fruits, biscuits, tea, coffee, milk and sugar). We also held a party for the resident (cost £50) in April taking the total cost to £290.



Missions Report



In 2017, it is with joy that we can report how God has empowered us through your giving and prayers to touch lives around the world.

BORNEO

We continue to sponsor our 10 children in Borneo and we continue to pray for them regularly. Our children have graduated high school and they get in touch with us to share how God has been good to them.

KENYA (NAKURU)

In 2017, we embarked with a team of 14 people facilitating the annual youth week at the orphanage where we ran various workshops, seminars and training. We put in place the resources to start phase 1 of the bakery project intended not only to literarily supply daily bread for the children but also to be sold with the proceeds used to support the orphanage financially. Phase 2 of this project would be to help secure supply outlets within Kenya and improve the capacity of the bakery to handle increased demand; we were graced to contribute £3,000 towards this project.

The secondary school is near completion and the team spent time on the building site helping with making the vision a reality

practically, we also contributed £1,200 towards the school building project this year. All this was done as we continued to visit the dumpsite (which is where a considerable number of the children were rescued from) to run the food drive in donating foodstuff to the residents of that challenging environment, this came up to the sum of £540. As is our custom, we ran a medical day building on the work already done by visiting medic, Dr. Juan Esquivel, who attended to the children in April. We ran one medical day in 2017 with the spending a total of £400.



SOUTH AFRICA

After the call for additional sponsors, we were inundated with the response from you all. We are pleased to report that 44 young children have been successfully sponsored through their nursery education and we will be meeting the graduating class later this year (2018). The nursery can now make space for more children in this new year and our gift can be used for New children. Our partnership with Six:Ten (a daughter's charity) will be organising work with the homeless communities in South Africa.



“The greatest investment in life is the investment in life.”

- Samson Baptist

Child Sponsorship



Summary from Volunteer (Ore)

In November 2017, I travelled with the International Missions team to Nakuru, Kenya and I could spend time with some of the children that we sponsor. One of the things that struck me was how well they remember the Flowing Rivers team particularly the child sponsorship team because of the monthly letters we write – they asked for them by name. It was a wonderful thing to see that these letters that we might not consider noteworthy mean so much to them. I spent some time with Vanessa and Lyan, sisters who became destitute after their mother who was a hairdresser lost her arm in a car accident and their father left them. I am pleased to report that they are both thriving! They were singing, dancing and generally being the delightful children that they are. They even performed a song called ‘You can do it’ which is an original

composition of theirs. I also spent some time with Jeremiah, another child that we sponsor. Jeremiah is usually very shy but I could see more of his personality shine through and observe his growth. He didn’t speak much but I watched him interact with his friends and I could see the difference in him compared to previous years.

As a member of the child sponsorship team, we aim not only to help them monetarily or to write letters but it is our desire to see them grow and fulfil their God-given purpose. It was therefore wonderful to see them in such good health and an excellent frame of mind. To know that our prayers, hopes and wishes concerning them are being heard brings me such joy.

Summary from Project Leader (Kemi)

In 2017, we have had the privilege to continue to sponsor

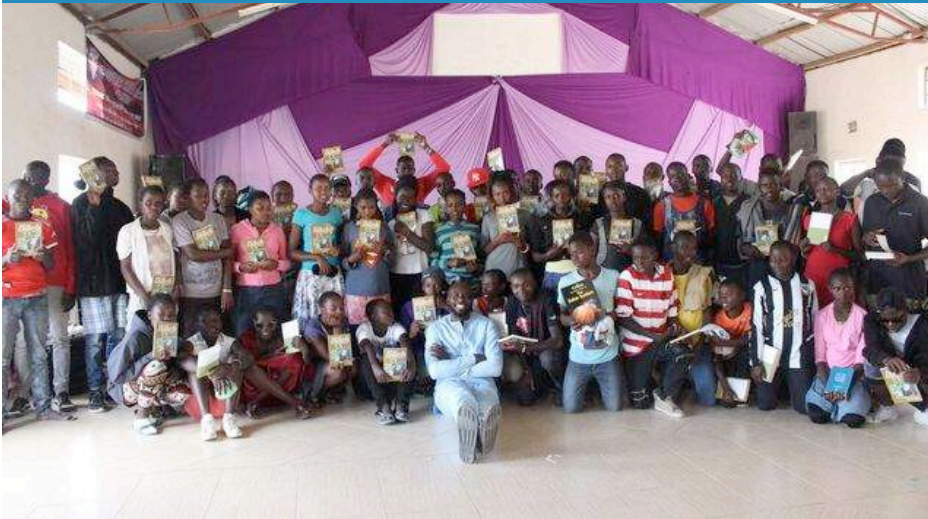
the 12 children we sponsored last year with an addition of 44 children from South Africa.

For the children in Kenya we sponsor a total of 8 children @ £320 per year per child (6 of which are directly sponsored by Flowing Rivers, the other 2 are sponsored by members and friends of Flowing Rivers).

For the children in Borneo we sponsor 10 children @ £240 per year per child (4 of which are directly sponsored by Flowing Rivers, the other 6 are sponsored by members and friends of Flowing Rivers)

For the children in South Africa, we sponsor a total of 44 children @ £72 per year per child (10 of which are directly sponsored by Flowing Rivers, the other 34 are sponsored by members and friends of Flowing Rivers)

The Story Continues...



Annual Spend



The pie chart above illustrates how much we have been able to give back to humanity, with the help of our supporters worldwide; we look forward to doing even more!

Looking back at 2017 I am humbled to see what God has done with and through us, not even mentioning those things, which he did FOR us.

I am excited therefore to look forward to 2018 and how much more we can become in Him. The path of the righteous continues to shine brighter and brighter even until it is bright enough to give light to those who are around them. This is what I see in 2018 for us; a season of bringing light and life to the places where we are called to serve.

Our street missions team will be reaching new communities from different boroughs in this year by the grace of God. The ministry to the elderly will be expanding its scope this year hosting Community nights for vulnerable people who often feel lonely. We will also be looking to take trips to spread joy into the hearts of the

residents that we serve. The Food bank support will grow to not just supporting food banks but starting our own food bank to tackle what we have identified as in-work-poverty.

Your generosity has helped us to serve orphans in 3 countries (see the missions report) and organise leadership strategic seminars to help manage the systems that we, through your giving, have been able to implement.

This is our year of the Passover, and I believe that our story (which includes you) is about to change incredibly. So, I encourage you to get your skates on, stay ready and enjoy this journey.

As I always say, "the greatest investment in life, is the investment in a life".

To get involved in one way or another, please email us at info@flowingriversfoundation.org where we can provide further information and answers to any enquiries you may have.

Additionally, if you would like to contribute financially towards any of our projects, please use our online donating system, which can be found on our Giving Page:

www.flowingriversfoundation.org/giving

Thank you and look forward to your continued support this year.

