

2018 – Q1



STREAMS

Quarterly Report

Birthing life, wherever we flow.

Founded in 2010, Flowing Rivers has grown from a small team regularly gathering in an Essex living room to a large organisation now overseeing various projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

As you are a part of our journey and projects, our quarterly reports seek to provide an update on all we have going on from ministry to mission work.

We are passionate about equipping young adults with the tools needed to develop great values in leadership and servanthood in their local, national, and international communities.

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!



Elderly People Project

The Elderly people project is constantly finding ways to engage with the residents by keeping our activities fresh, and the start of this year was no different!

We introduced bingo as one of our regular games, which has proven to be a hit with the residents.

With much to be thankful for, last month we found out that another resident moved on to a better suited residential home for her needs, and as ever it proved to be a bittersweet moment.

However, we have since welcomed a lovely new member called Louisiana, who is a breath of fresh air and eagerly awaits our monthly visits.

An event we're super excited about hosting this year is a taking the elderly on a trip to the theatre. This will be one of our biggest projects as a team because we will be arranging funding, transport, organising personnel and much more.

Nevertheless, we cannot wait for our plans to be executed and we're excited to treat the residents to a day out.

Food Bank

This year the Food Bank struck a new partnership with Rainham Foodbank.

We will be serving here on a monthly basis throughout the year in a different capacity to how we did last year.

This year we will have a direct impact on the lives of the actual



donation recipients and we cannot wait to hear their testimonies.

Additionally, we have started a new initiative called Tin Tuesdays where we collect imperishable foods from members of our fellowship to donate to the food bank.

This gives those who are not on the food bank team an opportunity to also give back to the community.

The first Tin Tuesday proved to be a success as we collected over 40 items weighing a total of 22.4kg!

Street Mission

The Street Mission proved eventful due to the extreme weather conditions the UK grappled with in the last quarter.

We had days where it was raining, snowing and bitterly cold. But that did not dampen our mood, nor the mood of the people we feed; each visitor we had the pleasure of serving food to during the outreach gifted us with smiles and were filled with joy.

As a team, we've had to adapt to the cold weather and our interaction approach as the subzero temperatures meant that people were keen to collect their food and set-off to look for somewhere warm.

Understandably this saw the time for our usual post-distribution catch up reduce a little bit, so instead, we made an effort to build conversations prior to being served.

Check out the pictures to gauge an idea of what the team got up to out on the street.

The Story Continues...



The story truly continues as I took an "emergency" trip to the Sure24 Orphanage in Kenya towards the end of last month to witness the official opening of the bakery, SureHope – thanks to your donations!

During the inauguration service to dedicate the bakery I learnt that the Sure24 family had actually tried to run a bakery business before. The first attempt also appeared to be in better circumstances, due to a migrant community that settled in the vicinity, but for some reason it never succeeded.

When I initially approached Pastor Sammy Nawali with the idea of the bakery, he was not very hopeful because of the past failure but he, like the apostles of old, decided to take the stance of "at your word".

SureHope was born and like when the disciples, against their better judgement, heeded to Jesus' command and threw out their net to catch fish after a night of barren efforts, the bakery took off to an astronomical start.

SureHope's bread has more demand for its products than it can supply, and currently, the bakery is open for production 24/7!

To our joy, a mini transformation is also happening in the local area as SureHope is providing employment to 12 young men in the area. The long-term plan is to increase the capacity of the bakery to meet the current demands and expand the clientele to include a supermarket as well. We hope to employ in the region of 50 young people from the local area by

the end of the year.

Ultimately it would be great to get the orphanage in a position where it is self-sustained through the income generated by the bakery and other collaborative initiatives. The future's bright, brighter than orange!

In June, Flowing Rivers will be hosting former NBA player Bayward Forrest but before that we will be welcoming Ronny Heyboer from the Living Waters Village foundation in Borneo on Tuesday 17th April, 2018.

So be sure to make a note in your diary to be with us to hear more about what God is doing in these places where your seed is going out to be a blessing.

Until next time, please remember that the greatest investment in life is the investment in lives.

In His Service,
Pastor Samson Baptist

To get involved in any capacity, please feel free to email us at info@flowingriversfoundation.org our team are readily available to provide further information and respond to your queries.

To contribute financially towards any of our projects, please feel free to use our online donating system on our Giving Page:

flowingriversfoundation.org/giving

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



Flowing Rivers' Glossary

Child Sponsorship – We support orphaned children in Borneo and Kenya with the aim that children are upheld in prayers, contacted on a regular basis, and receive financial procurement through monthly sponsorship. This vision extends beyond just the members of our team as we also encourage those who are financially capable to invest in a child's life.

Conferences – A collection of seminars that inspire people to be current, relevant and influential in their generation. The impact series focuses on relationships, business, career, investments, personal development, healthy living, mental wellbeing and much more.

Elderly People Project – On the last Saturday of every month, a team of us visits a residential home and spends two hours with the elderly. We often plan fun activities varying from bingo to board games and on occasion even charades!

Food Bank – In collaboration with a number of food banks, we regularly donate non-perishable foods to our surrounding boroughs to assist members of society who are unable to afford food. Additionally, we offer assistance with the organisation and storage of the food, and we also host Tin Tuesdays every week to collect donations from the Flowing Rivers congregation.

International Missions – Through annual trips to Kenya, Flowing Rivers supports Sure24, an orphanage based in the Nakuru region, as well as Living Waters Village foundation located in a village within Borneo.

Just Church – Just Church is a campaign to get other churches and organisations to come together under the umbrella of simply "church", stripping down names and labels to take second place to the work given to the church body to do.

Prisons Ministry – Flowing Rivers recognises that the re-offending rate of inmates is on the increase. Therefore, with targeted training sessions to address self-esteem, failure, true success, gang life, among other things, we hope to minister God's love and comfort to those incarcerated.

Street Mission – We visit Lincoln's Inn Field in central London twice a month and provide food, drinks, prayer, amenities, and advice to those in need. We believe that faith without work is dead, and as such we recognise that we are God's hand extended in love, specifically to those who are homeless on the streets of London.

Universities – Flowing Rivers understands the relevance of the university institution, not merely as a hub for learning, but also the residence of potential leaders. Collaborating with other organisations, we host business seminars, industry specific talks, entrepreneurship boot camps, and so forth. These conferences consist of atmosphere changing worship, heart changing, love and life changing teachings.

Winter Giveaway – Launched in 2011 to cater to the needs of homeless people within London during the coldest months, every year our teams of volunteers assemble and distribute Love Bags to homeless people in the capital.