

2018 – Q2



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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.

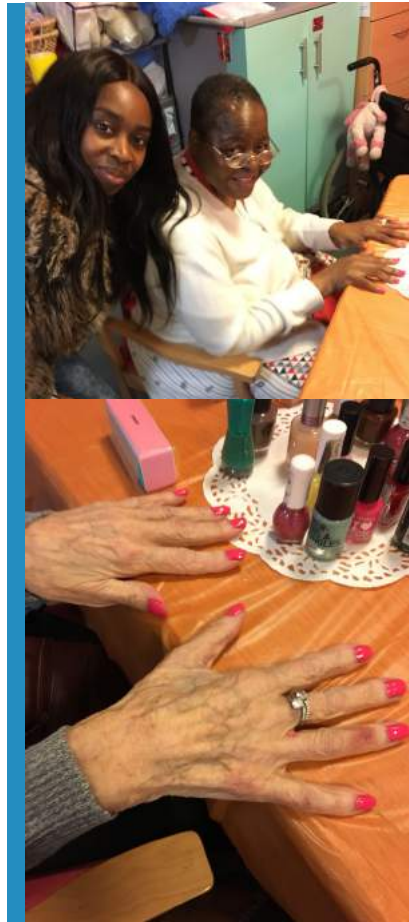
Our mission is to preach Christ at all times and only if necessary, use words!

Street Mission

We've had great sessions this quarter on the Street Mission. For starters, the weather has been good, which is a nice contrast to the snow we experienced in the last quarter!

One of the testimonies we had came in the form of a drunken man that was causing a lot of disorder during our outreach. We were approached to pray for him and when we went back the following month, we received word that there had a reduction in the chaos since then and that the gentleman in question was no longer starting fights.

We pray to see a completion in his life, where he doesn't turn to alcohol and he gets off the street.



Elderly People Project

The elderly project this quarter has been challenging in some areas as we have struggled with having enough personnel available to attend the monthly visits and plan activities.

However, as always, the team at hand have been incredible as we've rallied together to ensure the residents do not miss out.

Despite our numbers being low, we were able to hold an incredible Mother's Day pampering session for all the women at the home, showering them with gifts, hand massages and nail painting which they really loved.

Food Bank

This year the Food Bank Team launched TIN TUESDAYS!

The brand new concept sees members of Flowing Rivers raid their cupboards at home every last Tuesday of the month on the hunt for tinned foods and other non-perishables foods such as cereals, rice, pasta, etc.

So far we have donated approximately 100kg worth of food. We'd like to take a moment to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who has been kind enough to donate. As we continue the monthly collections, we will also go back to volunteering on ground.

This year, we will partner with Rainham Food Bank where we will have the opportunity to have talks over tea with some of the recipients of the bank, which we anticipate will be a time where we can make further impact on lives in our community.



The Story Continues...



"So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage." Exodus 6:9 NKJV

In this edition of the story continues, I would like to expose to you the heart of why we do what we do! The context of the scripture above features Moses, having heard directly from God regarding the deliverance of the people of Israel, told the people that their prayers of hundreds of years had been answered. Moses demonstrated to them that God who sent him had the power to accomplish it and even though they HEARD him, they struggled to HEED him! It is one thing to hear what someone is saying and believe them, it quite another thing to heed the instructions given.

To heed is to act upon, to hear with a heart to DO and this scripture says that even though the people heard Moses, they were not unable or unwilling to act upon the good news he had declared to them because of two primary issues; (1) anguish of spirit and (2) cruel bondage. The message version puts it this way "...they were beaten down in spirit by the harsh slave conditions", whilst

the NLT puts it this way, "...they had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery". Often times the physical conditions and circumstances of people affect their ability to embrace the message of a loving Father, when their life and experiences resemble that of vagabond!

Our desire and mission at Flowing Rivers is to see souls saved, rescued and delivered, but we realise that if we do nothing about the cruel conditions that people find themselves in, then, we may experience the same situation that Moses encountered. This is why we emphasise on meeting the physical, psychological, relational, medical as well as other needs of those whom we are called to serve, and in the midst of that service, we present the good news of God's salvation through Jesus. Luke, in his writing of the book of acts draws our attention to this fact as the modus operandi of Jesus;

"The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach," Acts 1:1 NKJV

This is why we continue to feed and clothe the homeless on the streets of London and now in partnership with UCL (University College London) we will be able to cater for 70-100 rough sleepers twice a month. This is why we are in collaboration with the Rainham food bank to provide groceries, clothing, etc., for

hundreds of working families below the poverty line. This is why we provide a listening ear, genuine fellowship and activities for old people in care homes. This is why we connect with those who have been incarcerated and offer them mentorship and job opportunities upon release. This is why we sponsor hundreds of orphans in South Africa, Nakuru, and Borneo to aid their education, boarding and feeding.

We do all of the above to address the cruel bondage of poverty, hunger, homelessness, loneliness, stigmatisation, so that when the good news is presented in ALL these settings, the people will not only hear it, but also be able to HEED it!

Finally, this is why your continued support is not only appreciated; it is welcomed and rejoiced over. God bless you as you make the greatest investment in life, which is the investment in a life!

In His Service,
Pastor Samson Baptist

To get involved in any capacity, please 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:

www.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.