

Dear Supporters,

We have had overwhelming support regarding all the new publicity and our new image. Thank you for all your kind words of encouragement, we trust this will encourage prayer and support well into the future.

The future growth of the City Mission and its funding comes from various sources that can be split into four areas, you - our partners, churches, trusts, and legacies. Once a year we like to draw your attention to legacies and the part they can play in the life of the City Mission. Legacies are an integral part in funding the future of the City Mission. It is right that your first priority is to make provision for your loved ones. Over and above that, leaving a gift in your will to a charity, like the Brighton and Hove City Mission, is an amazing opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. Supporting the Brighton and Hove City Mission will impact our city for the Kingdom of God for years to come. A generous legacy of 10% of the value of your estate could be the spring board we need to launch a new ministry. Financial support is an integral part of any charity, and legacies have historically contributed almost a quarter of our annual giving. Please do read the enclosed leaflet and consider if you could leave a lasting legacy.



The Schools team have been busy touring schools with their assembly on Noah, looking at the theme of moving on and how at times things can be puzzling, but God is always in control and has a great plan for your life. One child was very enthusiastic at the arrival of the team, and was heard saying, 'Yes! It's them again!'

After interviewing for a new Schools Team Leader, we are pleased to announce that Kerry Evans will be joining our Schools team in the Autumn.



Our focus between September and December will be delivering our two assemblies, one on harvest, and the other celebrating Jesus' Birthday. During this time we will be inducting Kerry, and Linda will be handing over the leadership to her. We will also run prayer spaces in some of our schools during this time. As laid out in our Yearbook we will then be able to focus on how the ministry develops and how soon we can get a Christian schools work training centre off the ground. Watch this space and please pray for this big transitional period in the life of our Schools team.



Our Food Bank team is growing and we would love you to join the team either as a staff member or volunteer. Every year the number of clients that need our help increases, and with the current financial climate that is not about to change! Would you consider becoming a volunteer with the City Mission? It could be a short term commitment, helping us in October with our Harvest collection and sorting, or a regular commitment working in the Food Bank and helping clients. We also have a job opportunity working one day a week in the Food Bank as a missionary meeting clients, sorting food, and liaising with agencies. Please contact office@bhcm.org.uk for more information regarding the role.



HARVEST IS COMING!

We give thanks for individuals and churches that give all year round, and we particularly look forward to Harvest when many churches and schools have extra special collections for us. If you are part of a church or community group that regularly collect at Harvest time for us, then please let us know when you are having your collection and when you plan to deliver the items. We need to plan for the many deliveries, so please don't leave it till the week before you intend to collect food on our behalf. Thank you so much for your generosity at this time of year, it is very much appreciated.





Our Rest Homes team has expanded as planned to offer one-to-one pastoral visitation into the rest homes. This has been well received in two homes and we are looking for fresh openings. Can we help serve your church? If you know of someone in a home in Brighton and Hove that needs a friendly pastoral visit, please do let us know and we will try and help.

We are pleased to have started our monthly services in two new rest homes, taking the total up to 20 homes we visit every month. In Conifer Lodge we had a group of five enthusiastic ladies in the lounge, which was very encouraging.

Please give thanks for the many Christian staff working in our rest homes, they are so encouraging and welcoming.

Colleen and her 11 volunteers had a retreat day on Friday 24th July, please pray for continued fellowship, prayer and inspiration for the team.



Our Life Stream team were very excited to invite women and their children from across Brighton and Hove to their retreat on the last weekend of July. In some cases this was an opportunity to get respite, away from circumstances, through a short break away from the city. These weekends are designed to nurture ladies in the Christian faith in a loving environment, whilst relaxing and having fun. 'Our God is a great big God', full of love and healing, and we love to see him at work, restoring lives, on these retreats. Please pray for Luana as she leads these retreats and for the women and children who attend.

Would you like to volunteer for Life Stream? If you would like to help on one of our weekend retreats please let us know. Luana, her volunteer and the women and children would really appreciate a cook on their retreat, just to cook one evening meal, or for as much time as they can give to volunteer.

In our Summer Newsletter we advertised a position to join us at Head Office and become our Missionary Fundraiser. The closing date for that came and went and no suitable person was found, so we have reopened our application process. Would you like to come and work for us? Applying for grants from trusts and networking with local businesses to gain support, enabling our mission to grow and develop into the future. This is a very exciting time in the life of the City Mission and a great time to join our Head Office team.



DEPUTATION

We would love to come and speak at your church. All staff are trained to deliver a presentation on the City Mission and would enjoy visiting a church near you. Please ask your church leader and book a deputation.

SWITCHING TO EMAIL

We would like to remind you that you can switch from our quarterly postal mail out to our monthly e-mail and receive monthly updates and a more detailed monthly prayer diary from us. Please e-mail comms@bhcm.org.uk with your name and contact details, indicating that you would like to switch to e-mail.

FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Please also take time to find us on Facebook and Twitter. By liking and following us, you will receive daily updates on the City Mission and morning prayer requests.

Thank you. once again. for all your prayer and support.

Julian Haddow



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