

Dear Supporters,

It might be February already, but we would still like to wish you a Happy New Year!

The year of 2015 was a big time of change in the life of the Brighton and Hove City Mission and, with no doubt, you will have noticed many of the changes. The rebranding of all of our publicity, new website, streamlining of our teams, and new staff coming on board has excited us to get stuck into 2016 with our new look and new team. Our job vacancies have now been filled, and there are no new vacancies in the pipe line, so here is a picture of the City Mission team of 2016!



Left to right:

Bev (RH), Luana (LS), Sara (FB), Emma (S), Tony (FB), Becky (HO), Julian (HO), Erica (HO/FB), Kerry (S), Lloyd (HO/S)

Ways to support our growing City Mission...

In this newsletter we want to focus on ways that our supporters can support our growing City Mission. We are so thankful for the increase in staff and volunteers in the last year. We have grown from 8 to 10 members of staff, and have seen an increase in volunteers from 30 to 40. New churches have heard about our City Mission and we now have over 100 local churches supporting our work. Individual supporters, who receive our newsletter, have risen by 200, and Facebook and Twitter followers have increased beyond all of our expectations. For all of this increased support, we stand back and praise God, we are so encouraged by you, are supporters, and we want to thank you for all that you do.

We have enclosed a **NEW LEAFLET** on volunteering for you to read and find out more about what opportunities arise in the City Mission. We would not exist, in the same capacity as we do today, without all the generous time given by our volunteers. Please consider if there is an area that you can volunteer in. We want to reach out to this city for Christ, and we would warmly welcome more people joining our team. Obviously we will try and match your skills and passion to a current area of need, and we trust something in this leaflet will catch your eye.



Another way of supporting the City Mission is by coming to our *Taste & See* event on Saturday 9th April 2016 at 7pm. It will be held at Bishop Hannington Memorial Church and will be an evening of peoples stories of God at work in our city, through our teams and their close relationship with the surrounding churches. There will be refreshments, including cake, team presentations, and testimonies of our work. Every guest will also be the first to receive a free copy of our new 2016 Yearbook. Please see the invitation enclosed.

The third way we would like you to consider supporting the City Mission, is through **REGULAR GIVING**. This is a subject that we raise once a year to draw attention to the financial needs of our charity. We are hoping to raise the amount of money that we receive through monthly giving in order to keep up with the cost of our much needed growth that enables us to reach more lives across our city. We say this with respect and thankfulness for those that already give so generously, and we just ask that each of you prayerfully consider if you can support the City Mission regularly for the first time, continue giving on a regular basis, or increase your current regular giving. It costs on average £18,000 a month to keep all the current work of the City Mission going, which current giving leaves a deficit on average of £6000 every month. We have a small amount of financial reserve, however, we cannot continue to rely on using this for a second year. Please find enclosed, for your consideration, a standing order form from Stewardship, a Christian organisation that focuses on managing financial donations for charities just like us. We have also enclosed a contact card, which you can fill out to send us a one off gift directly. Here's a few ways that your donations will be used to help those across our city:

£5 WILL PAY FOR A STAFF MEMBER TO PRESENT ONE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

£10 WILL PAY FOR A STAFF MEMBER TO VISIT ONE REST HOME FOR ONE HOUR

£20 WILL FEED ONE CLIENT IN THE FOOD BANK FOR ONE WEEK

£40 WILL PROVIDE A BURSARY FOR ONE CLIENT TO ATTEND A LIFE STREAM RETREAT

£50 WILL PROVIDE A CLIENT WITH A START UP HOME PACK

Whether you choose to donate regularly or on a one off basis, it is very much appreciated. We are happy to answer any questions you have around giving, please just give us a call or send us an e-mail, details can be found at the bottom of this page.

Finally your prayer support the most vital way that you can support the City Mission, here are a few reasons to praise God:

HEAD OFFICE: We rejoice in a new fundraiser working with local businesses and trusts.

SCHOOLS: We rejoice in a new team leader and member, and new volunteers, alongside fresh openings into schools.

FOOD BANK: We rejoice in increased Gospel opportunities with clients.

REST HOMES: We rejoice in a new team leader and new volunteers, alongside fresh openings into rest homes.

LIFE STREAM: We rejoice in 2 people being baptised and joining the church.

Thank you for your prayer and support, we look forward to seeing you at *Taste & See!*



Julian Haddow
Mission Director