

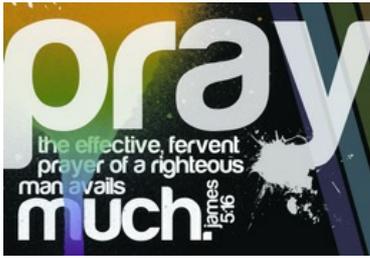
# ABERDEEN STREET PASTORS

## Newsletter - Summer 2015



## Prayer works! ASP Are Going Deeper

Aberdeen Street Pastors are digging deeper! We believe that prayer is essential and undergirds our ministry. In recent months we've made the effort to pray for our city and it seems as we pray God blesses our teams and we become more effective and engaging. We shouldn't be surprised!



Over the next few months we are seeking to emphasise the work of prayer. We are aiming to initiate prayer cells in homes when teams are out or for prayer partners to join the team for two hours at the beginning of a shift. We are encouraging folks to pray at home or on Safe Space between 10.30pm and 12.30am each Friday and Saturday night. We want to turn up in the right places at the right time and serve those that find themselves in vulnerable situations. We want to be more sensitive to the needs that people have, prayer helps us do that!

In March of this year the teams began to pray in shifts and we had thirty four significant spiritual conversations and prayed with fourteen people. In April we saw spiritual conversations increase to seventy nine and prayed with twenty two others. This is a significant increase.

Please contact the office if you want to join a prayer team on Safe Space or are interested in joining a prayer cell from a home.

### TRAINING DATES FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

- 19th Sept
- 26th Sept
- 3rd Oct
- 24th Oct
- 31st Oct
- 7th Nov
- 14th Nov

### John Caie - Meeting Needs with Healing



Within two minutes of meeting my new pastor at Elim Church he had challenged me as to why I wasn't a Street Pastor! That was last September and I haven't looked back. I have really enjoyed every moment of training and as a result I have grown in confidence when speaking to and meeting new people. When I am on the street with my team members I love speaking to those we meet and listening to their story.

One evening we were approached by a gentlemen on Windmill Brae who said he didn't believe in God. While the other Street Pastors chatted, I quietly prayed for him. Afterwards I turned round and noticed his friend holding his knee and leaning against the wall. I asked what was wrong, he said, "I've hurt my knee and I'm finding it difficult to walk". I asked if he would like me to pray for his knee but he said, "I don't believe in God, I'll put ice on it when I get home". I responded "I believe" and asked if I could I put my hand on his shoulder and pray for him. After praying for healing I asked him how it was and he said it was much better! After about 5 minutes I asked him again and he said "the pain has gone and it doesn't hurt any more" Praise the Lord! Later that evening I caught up with him on Safe Space. The gentleman said he was still pain free.

*-John Caie, Street Pastor. Friday Team 1.*

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# ABERDEEN STREET PASTORS SUMMER NEWS



**2nd of September**  
**7:30pm**  
**City Church**  
**49 Gilcomston Park**



Our vision night is an opportunity to hear about our ministry and catch up with what's been happening with our Street, Retail and School Pastors. On September 19th we will be starting another phase of training. The aim of this evening is to inform those who may be interested in joining our teams. Please make a date in your diary to come along and encourage those you know who may be interested in becoming a volunteer.

We are excited to have this opportunity to share some stories of how God has been using our teams to make a difference in the heart of our city. Being part of one of our schemes creates opportunities to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus and to talk about His Good News. We are looking for more volunteers to boost our teams, especially on the street and in the Retail sector.

Gerry Bowyer (General Manager)

## NEW TEAM, NEW TIME, NEW PLACE.



In September, Aberdeen Street Pastors, working in partnership with Union Square, begin a new project with a team of volunteers to connect with the younger generation. We will have a team present in Union Square every Friday night from 6.30 - 9pm.

Three new volunteers have come from Kings Community Church. Leanne Seal, their Youth Worker says 'After hearing from the Police almost two years ago about the issues with young people in Union Square, we are excited to be working with this new Street Pastors project. We believe this project will not only help the teenagers that frequent Union Square but will have a positive impact on the shopping centre.'

## SCHOOL PASTORS UPDATE

During the end of term award ceremony at St Machars Academy the head teacher praised the work of our School Pastors. This was also reflected in something she recently wrote, "The work of our School Pastors is incredibly important to us as we try hard to get it right for every child. We have a team of very committed people who work sensitively and proactively with a significant number of our young people. They engage with some of the hard to reach young people we have in our inner city school and genuinely help them to cope better. Support offered to pupils during the adolescent years makes a real difference as to whether they reach a positive destination on leaving school or not. The quiet, thoughtful and important work undertaken by our team of School Pastors is much appreciated in our school and they are held in very high regard by pupils, staff and parents. We consider ourselves privileged to have them in our school." Please join us in thanking God for the work and commitment of our volunteers who continue bring the influence of the Kingdom to this school.