



## Southampton Street Pastors

# Stories from the Streets 2024

*"An afternoon team met a man in the underpass, who asked if we were from the church. He had some initial questions, which he'd been wondering about... the Bible, creation, salvation, the cross... **He's been thinking about faith increasingly**, and also shared that he has some spooky things going on in his house. There were objects moving around, strange noises in the night etc. He wondered what to do about all this. The Street Pastors had a wide-open opportunity to share the Gospel, and the authority believers have by the Word of God, the Blood of Jesus and the name of Jesus. They **led him in a prayer of commitment**, and left him with a tract. He was encouraged to come to a local church on Sunday, and he said he would."*

*"A homeless person said he was awaiting blood tests as he wasn't well. A Street Pastor offered to pray with him, and he accepted. Another man watched as this happened, then quickly approached asking if he could be prayed for too. He took his hat off and held it in his hand. He believed in Jesus and in that moment as the team prayed, **he received the gift of the Holy Spirit**. He was very moved, and with lots of tears, he wouldn't stop hugging the Street Pastor. A third man then also came to join in the prayer time. The Holy Spirit was clearly at work! Then a member of the public came along and gave everyone hot dogs."*

*"The team met a couple who were coming out of a venue one evening. One of them had been DJ-ing earlier in the evening, and he was with his partner who was heavily pregnant. She was offered prayer. Taking a female Street Pastor's hand, she put it on her stomach as she replied, 'Yes'. She was very happy, and said **the baby leaped while being prayed for!** While praying, she joined in and prayed 'God, save the children'." This reminded us of Luke 1:41 - When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!*

*"As the team walked past a café one night, the team leader smiled in and caught the eye of a lady sitting at a window table. The lady came out to speak to the team. She explained she had been driving home but needed to eat, had seen the cafe and decided to stop to get a takeaway meal. Not knowing the area and its reputation after dark, she had found a parking place off the main road. While walking from her car to the cafe she had been approached by a man thinking she was a street worker. Once she made it to the cafe, **she felt trapped and afraid to return to her car**, so she asked the team for help. The team escorted her back to her car and saw her safely off on her journey. Once again on this patrol, we saw the kind hand of a God who cares about all of His creation!" She later wrote in to say, "I can't say thank you enough to the Street Pastors who were with me last night. I really appreciated you being there and **don't know what I would have done without you...**"*

*"On a daytime patrol in Thornhill, the team met a middle-aged man, who expressed how he wanted to move away from the area. He had struggles with alcohol, and those living in the nearby flats would encourage him to drink when he really doesn't want to. He mentioned how his flat was in a very bad state of disrepair. The team were able to **connect him to two different church-based support groups**, who could help him with his addiction and give him advice with the issues at his flat."*

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