



The ups and downs of 2011.

As we begin a new year we would like to take a moment to look back at 2011.

In January we had a commissioning service for newly trained Street Pastors at which the Governor General honoured us with her presence.

On the streets there have been a number of notable moments:

- In particular lots of conversations in May following the prophesy predicting the rapture on the 11th of May.
- On a couple of occasions there were a number of good discussions with bus drivers and passengers at the bus station.
- One team stayed with a very drunk man who was being stalked by a alleged thief until the police arrived and took the drunken man home.
- A number of people have given their life to the Lord.
- A distraught widower was taken across the island to his family.
- There were four teams out over the Carnival weekend with 36 contacts in total.

As with everything there have been some things that were not as good as might have be hoped for.

- The recruitment of new Street Pastors has not been as good as in the past and some training had to be cancelled because of insufficient interest.
- We had hoped to run two summer events, one helping to train teachers and the other to assist the police with a summer camp for youngsters. We were involved in the police camp but in a more limited way than we had hoped for.

An odd occurrence was the weekend when we cancelled all teams because of a threatened tropical storm. The storm hung off the west coast of the island then turned north without touching land resulting in one of the quietest calmest weekends all year. Ah well God has a sense of humour and we must always be grateful for avoided storms.

Carol singing.

For the fourth year running Street Pastors went carol singing in downtown St. John's the capital of Antigua.



A group of 21 Street Pastors and friends sang in a number of shops, in Subway, in two casinos, in the west bus station, in the Five Star bar, by Kennedy's and on the street. (Subway gives us a donation of food every Friday to take out on the streets to the needy.)



We were well received and everybody had a really good time. There were no musicians with us but we were still able to make a joyful sound

unto the Lord.

We distributed sweeties as we went and we also had collecting jars with us. However the main objective had not been to raise funds but to share something of the "reason for the season".



It was great to see all sorts of people in the bars, clubs and on the street joining in with the singing.

A number of people said that they had looked forward to our coming out to sing.

New Street Pastor Training

The next training will take place in the Street Pastor office in St. John's in February. This comprises six evenings over two weeks (Monday the 27th, Tuesday the 28th, and Wednesday the 29th of February plus Monday the 5th, Tuesday the 6th and Wednesday the 7th of March) from 5pm to 9pm each evening. This is followed by a further sessions of one evening per month for ten months.

The core topics covered in the first six evenings are:
Roles and Responsibilities of Street Pastors.

Police: Community Policing, Drug Enforcement, Crime Stoppers, Weapons.

Drugs and Alcohol: Effects, Abuse, Treatment, Rehabilitation. First Aid. Listening Skills. The Listening Ministry of Jesus. Knowing Your Community.

The extension topics covered over the remaining ten months will be:

Sociology

Mental Health

Gender Based Violence

Youth Culture

HIV/AIDS

Human Trafficking

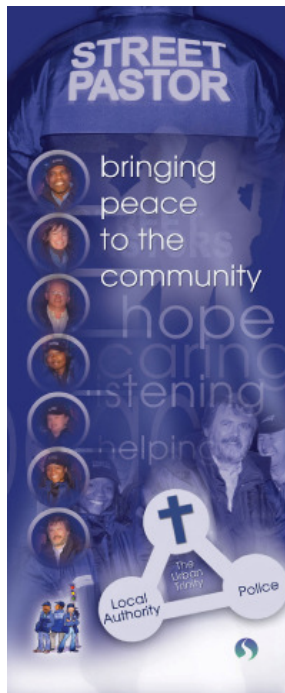
Immigration

Education and Children's Welfare

Probation and the Justice System

Mentoring and Good News: Principles for living a Kingdom Life.

The core topics will be covered in at least two sessions over the year, and we hope that the extension topics will also be offered twice through the year.



Team reports

In the final period of the year from October to the end of December 2011 teams have visited all the usual areas in downtown St. John's and the suburbs. Teams also went to All Saints, Liberta and English Harbour on a couple of occasions. With the start of the sailing season there has been more activity down at English Harbour. Whilst on patrol the teams spoke to people about a wide range of issues including drug and alcohol addiction, unemployment and homelessness. They shared words of encouragement and prayed with a number of people.



They had a total of 149 contacts and distributed Subs and cookies to a total of 120 people, the food is donated every Friday by the St John's branch of Subway. Subway have been supporting the work with these donations since March of 2008. There were a total of 16 team patrols over the three months.

There have been a couple of visitors to the office seeking assistance. A number of Street Pastors have come and used the spare computers in the office.

Annual Overview

Problem	Annual total
Counselling	23
Drug abuse	7
Alcohol abuse	17
Domestic violence	1
Homelessness	5
Family feuds	5
Unemployment	19
Social problems	38
Other	34
Statistic	
Food given out	486
Total number of contacts	863
Total number of Street Pastors out.	399
Total number of patrols	78

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Greetings

To all those Street Pastors from Antigua who have moved either into a different ministry or to another country.

To all the Street Pastors in Britain or other parts of the world who take an interest in the work here.

Also to anyone else who is reading this.

May God bless you all