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Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you. **Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies so that God will be glorified through Jesus Christ—to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

1 Peter 4:11



Thank you for our new radios

Thanks to generous support from Willesborough Baptist Church, Ashford Borough Council and Tesco Bags of Help, we have been able to install a brand new communication system that works very well. The Prayer Pastors at base can clearly transmit and receive messages from both the Street Pastors on patrol around the town and other users on TownNet, regardless of the weather conditions or time of day. In addition, the Street Pastors can now also directly hear updates on TownNet, which has improved efficiency when liaising over situations.

Initial testing of the range of the new system has shown that it can be used effectively as far as Kennington, Stanhope and even Brook! With more volunteers, we could expand the number of patrols and the areas that we cover.

We are always looking to share our passions for the vulnerable in our local community and enjoy giving talks in local churches.

If you'd like to find out more then please email Lita using ashford@streetpastors.org.uk or ring 07511 816 621.

Ashford Street Pastors



Ashford Street Pastors help others

One night the patrol met Dave, who looked lost – no bag, no thick coat just a light weight jacket. He was planning on walking around all night to keep warm. He was unemployed due to an injury; his benefits had been changed and his money delayed. His landlord had told him he could not allowed back into his room until he could pay his rent. He wasn't allowed to take any of his possessions. He was hoping that his benefits would arrive the following day and it would all be sorted.

The patrol gave him a bottle of water, some biscuits and a few lollipops. Then one Street Pastor asked him when he had last eaten. It was the previous morning – nearly 2 days ago. We never give money but we have good relationships with several of the fast food places in the town centre so we were given a burger and chips for a much-reduced price. Dave got a good meal for which he was very thankful. When the patrol met him again a few hours later, he said that 'it was the best meal he had ever eaten'.

We don't know if he was a Christian with the promise of Eternal life but we do know that people who don't acknowledge God can still be thankful for his intervention in their lives. Glory to God forever and ever.

Friends of Ashford Street Pastors

Becoming part of 'Friends of Ashford Street Pastors' is a simple way to partner us, but it is also a very effective way of keeping the streets of Ashford safer on the nights we are out by setting up a standing order for a set monthly donation.

We are looking for 100 people to give £5 to £10 each month.

£5 = 400 lollipops
£5 = 30 bottles of water
£5 = 5 pairs of flip-flops

If you'd like a form, please email Lita using ashford@streetpastors.org.uk or ring 07511 816 621.

A few statistics...

Thanks to your support and donations, since January we have:

- completed 33 patrols, over 750 hours with Street Pastors on patrol supported by over 480 hours of prayer from Prayer Pastors;
- engaged with more than 1300 people and assisted more than 180 people in vulnerable situations;
- removed 314 bottles and 50 glasses from the streets;
- handed out 138 bottles of water, 16 foil blankets, 56 pairs of flip flops and 795 lollipops.