

IGNITING A MOVEMENT OF MISSION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH



LONDON CITY MISSION
IMPACT REPORT 2025

TO PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS

LCM have been supporting local churches to host and build friendships with guests at Webber Street Centre.

A SNAPSHOT OF CHURCHES
LCM HAS HELPED TO SHARE
THE GOSPEL.



104 CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS LONDON



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All Nations Church
Barkingside & Clayhall
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All Saints Church Islington
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All Souls Langham Place
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Asha
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Bethany House Southall
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Brixton Baptist Church
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Calvary Church Of God In Christ
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Camrose Baptist Church
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Chinese Church In London
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Christ Church Mayfair
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Christ Church Peckham
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Christ Church Roxeth
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Church Of New Canaan Pinner
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City Of Peace
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CRM Agape House
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St Peters Barge
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Stanmore Chapel
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Stockwell Baptist Church
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Strangers Rest Evangelical Church
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Stratford Methodist
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The Globe Church
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Thornton Heath
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Tottenham Baptist Church
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Trinity Road Chapel
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Waterloo Road Church Hillingdon
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Zion House Stratford

MAKING JESUS KNOWN ACROSS LONDON

LCM SUPPORTS CHURCHES TO REACH PEOPLE AROUND THEM WITH THE LIFE-SAVING NEWS OF JESUS.

Since launching this partnership approach, we have supported over 100 churches across the city.

Through your support, our missionaries helped churches make a total of **20,241 new connections** with people last year. For the average church we've supported, the impact is significant.

THE AVERAGE IMPACT ON A CHURCH

18+ ENGAGED IN OUTREACH
People from the church engaged in gospel outreach to the local community – and doing this every two weeks, as part of the life and rhythm of the church.

250+ LASTING CONNECTIONS
Made between Christians from the church with people in the local community.

100+ GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS
As part of these connections, where Christians have sensitively shared their faith.

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE HELPING CHURCHES TO SHARE JESUS ACROSS LONDON. LIFT FOR IMPACT.

THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR.

Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)

190 YEARS OF SHARING JESUS WITH PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS

LONDON IS MAGNETIC. IT PULLS IN PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. IT WAS THE SAME IN 1835 WHEN DAVID NASMITH FOUNDED THE MISSION – AND IT'S NEVER BEEN TRUER THAN TODAY.

The result is a vibrant, multi-sensory city like no other.

But it's also a broken city.

The Londoners David Nasmith and fellow missionaries went out to meet lived in horrific conditions, scourged by cholera and other diseases.

Today, poverty is less obvious, but still pervasive. Next door to the high modern skyline and old heritage-listed buildings, are people whose everyday experience is one of rejection, helplessness and often shame. You'll meet some of them in the pages that follow.

God's heart is for the poor – to bind up the broken-hearted, to comfort all who mourn. (Isaiah 61). Tragically, just as it was back then, they are still the ones least likely to hear the gospel.

And so, this is where we continue to go out to – to meet people in their need and hopelessness, and to offer true hope.

THE REAL STORY IN LONDON

But in the midst of both the beauty and the brokenness of this global city, sits the most significant, the most exciting reality.

The local church.

To the outside world it can look unremarkable. But it's here, in and through the local church, that God is doing his eternal work in this city. It is the church that carries the only message that lasts forever. And it is the church which is called to reach out with the good news to people on the margins.

So, it is the church that we serve to fulfil its purpose – igniting a movement of mission to people on the margins.

In the pages that follow, you will see Christians as they're supported by LCM missionaries, stepping out to lovingly share the hope of Jesus. And by God's grace, you'll meet men and women joyfully following him.

And excitingly, these stories are just a glimpse of what God is doing across this city every day.

Thank you for playing your vital part in it!



Graham Miller
Chief Executive, London City Mission.

BRINGING HOPE TO THE HIGH STREET

Holy Trinity Hounslow have been going out on the local high street with LCM missionaries, starting conversations about Jesus. And men and women from the local community are turning to follow Jesus.

LCM missionary Brother Mann supports volunteers from HTH to set up a book table on Hounslow high street

IT WAS AN UNREMARKABLE DAY ON HOUNSLOW HIGH STREET WHEN KISHOR SHAH NOTICED A TABLE SET UP ON THE FOOTPATH, WITH A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE STANDING BY IT GREETING PEOPLE AS THEY PASSED.

"I was just walking by," he recalls. "I saw people standing there and thought, let me go and ask what this is about."

That simple decision changed his life.

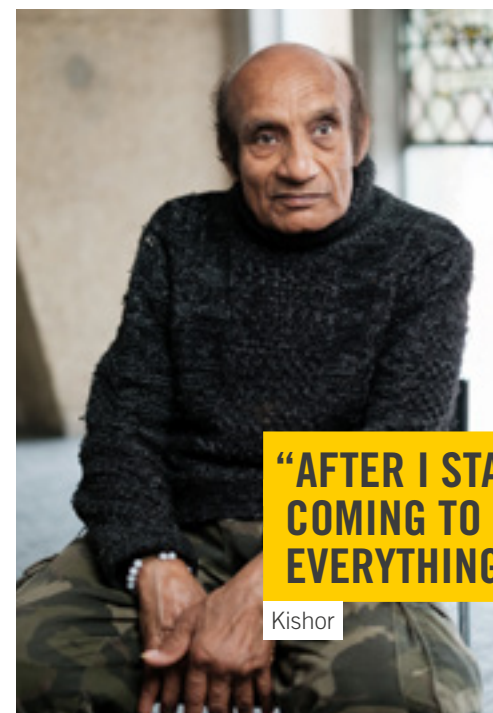
Recently widowed, Kishor was struggling with grief and loneliness. A Hindu all his life, he felt like he was being visited by spirits.

"My wife passed away, and I couldn't sleep. I felt like ghosts were coming to my house," he says.

When he approached the book table, Kishor met London City Missionary Brother Mann and a couple of volunteers from Holy Trinity Hounslow. They took the time to hear Kishor's story and share Jesus with him – how he lived, how he died for people, and how he offers new life.

THE START OF A FRIENDSHIP

It was the start of a relationship. The team visited Kishor's home to pray for him and invited him to attend the Hindi Fellowship at Holy Trinity on Saturdays.



"AFTER I STARTED COMING TO CHURCH, EVERYTHING CHANGED."

Kishor

Kishor's journey to faith started when he met missionary Brother Mann and volunteers from Holy Trinity Hounslow at their book table.



"They explained everything," Kishor says.

"Before, I had a lot of problems. But after I started coming to church, everything changed. Jesus helped me.

"I waited one week, and then I decided. I wanted to be part of Jesus, part of Christianity. I thought, Jesus is better for me. I want to change."

"Now I tell my own family – this is a good place. Come to church."

Kishor's story is just one of many that begin at the Book Table Ministry – a simple but powerful outreach that takes place every Friday on Hounslow High Street.

A PRESENCE OF HOPE ON THE HIGH STREET

From 12 to 2 pm, a team of volunteers from Holy Trinity, supported by Brother Mann and other missionaries, sets up a table with Christian literature in multiple languages – Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Arabic – and a bright yellow banner that reads, "Believe in Jesus."

"Our desire isn't primarily to give out books and leaflets," says Brother Mann. "Our desire is to have as many conversations about Jesus as possible. It's a visible expression of our faith."

The need in Hounslow is great.

"There are many people like Kishor from different faith backgrounds who are searching for the truth but have no Christian friend who could invite them to church or share the gospel with them," says Brother Mann.

The sentiment is echoed by Pastor Immanuel, Associate Minister at Holy Trinity.

"There are so many people who pass through these streets who don't know about Jesus," says Pastor Immanuel.



Pastor Immanuel welcomes people to the church's Hindi service.

"ONCE WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO OVERCOME THEIR FEAR, PEOPLE ARE READY"

Pastor Immanuel

"There are financial struggles, drug issues, and poverty – but the biggest need is spiritual."

However, there are often internal barriers that prevent a Christian brother or sister from sharing the good news of Jesus Christ that need to be overcome.

"People have the heart to share the gospel, but because of fear, they don't have boldness. Once we encourage them to overcome their fear, people are ready."

"LCM has helped a lot," continues Pastor Immanuel.

"Not only supporting the evangelism that happens on the book table, but also by training people. We have different discipleship courses – how to reach Sikhs, how to reach Hindus, how to reach Muslims. With the help of LCM, we are encouraging the church to do evangelism."

A NEWFOUND BOLDNESS IN SHARING JESUS

For church volunteer, Vijay Kumar, who moved from India to London two years ago, the training he received from LCM has been invaluable.

"I had never helped at a book table before," he says. "But the experience is always powerful. It connects me directly with people. I was initially nervous about sharing Jesus with strangers, but after being trained by LCM, I now go out with boldness."

"What we're excited to see in the future is church volunteers running this ministry by themselves because they have become more confident in sharing the gospel with people on the high street," says Brother Mann.



"AFTER BEING TRAINED BY LCM, I NOW GO OUT WITH BOLDNESS"

Vijay has been sharing the gospel with newfound confidence at the book table.

A GROWING FAMILY OF NEW BELIEVERS

The impact of LCM support is undeniable.

Every Saturday at 3 pm, people gather from across Hounslow for a special fellowship. Unlike the service on Sundays, this Saturday service is entirely in Hindi – their mother tongue. Most of the people who we meet wouldn't be here if it weren't for the book table ministry.

"For the Hindi congregation, almost half of our members have come through the book table," says Pastor Immanuel.



"ALMOST HALF OUR MEMBERS HAVE COME THROUGH THE BOOK TABLE"

Pastor Immanuel

"I have nearly 80 contacts, and I message them every Saturday morning to invite them to the service. All these contacts have come from the book table."

Dalvinder Parmar is a Punjabi man from Delhi who regularly attends the Christian Hindi service.

"I met Brother Mann on the high street at the book table. He was extraordinary," Dalvinder says. "He convinced me to come to church. I found people here very polite, very helpful. There's no discrimination. I come every Saturday. I'm learning about Jesus, about how he sacrificed his life. It's wonderful."

For Brother Mann, the relationships built at the book table can have eternal significance.

"Someone's life transformation for eternity may be just one conversation away," he says. "We've seen it happen again and again."

The vision is clear: to take Jesus to the streets, to meet people where they are, and to invite them into a new life.

"We don't do this in our own power," says Vijay. "The Holy Spirit is with us. We just need to start the conversation – God will use it."

And so, every Friday, the table goes up. Every Saturday, the Hindi Fellowship gathers. And every week, lives are changed – not by grand gestures, but by the faithful presence of people who believe that Jesus is worth sharing.



"ETERNITY MAY BE JUST ONE CONVERSATION AWAY,"

Brother Mann



HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL ON YOUR HIGH STREET?

Are you inspired to meet people on your high street, like Kishor? Our how-to guide is a great way to start planning how you and your church could start a book table ministry.

Download for free at lcm.org.uk/highstreet



FROM HUNGER TO HOPE A FOOD BANK WITH A MISSION

Through training and support from LCM, a church in one of London's most deprived areas has transformed its food bank from a place of provision into a place of gospel encounter – leading to new faith, deeper relationships, and lives changed by Jesus.

Kevin is one of the team who have seen a shift in how guests are welcomed



EVERY FRIDAY MORNING, A QUEUE FORMS OUTSIDE REVIVAL HOUSE CHURCH LONG BEFORE THE DOORS OPEN.

The church is in Manor Park in the heart of Newham, one of London's most deprived boroughs.

One woman arrives an hour early. Her husband is battling cancer and is unable to work. She needs to collect food for her family before heading to her part-time job at a local school.

Another elderly man walks an hour from his home each week, not just for the food, but for the warmth of the community he finds there.

Even before the doors are open, volunteers from the church, including Kevin, are outside, speaking with guests.

Kevin is part of the team trained by LCM missionary Faith Edwards, in connecting with guests, having natural, yet intentional conversations – and sharing Jesus.



“WE’VE GONE FROM A TRANSACTIONAL MODEL TO A RELATIONAL ONE”

Kevin

“We’ve gone from a transactional model to a relational one,” Kevin explains.

“We challenged each other not to just give bags, but to take a few minutes and interact with the people queued outside. We offer prayer – and often people accept.”

Once they started having those conversations, Kevin noticed a significant change in how guests responded.

“People became more open. And once they’re more comfortable with you, you’re better placed to invite them to church. Some have come to the Sunday service.”

FROM ISOLATION TO INCLUSION

One of the local people the team from Revival House have come to know is Ash.

His story is slightly different to the others who have come through the church's doors on a Friday morning. He now serves as a volunteer alongside members of the church, filling bags and handing them to guests.

“I like helping. I paint. I garden. I help in all sorts of ways,” says Ash.

“There's a lot of isolation in this area,” explains Faith. “There are many practical needs, but even more so, people are longing for connection and belonging. Encouraging people to serve by using their gifts and befriending guests is a great way to address that.”



LCM Missionary Faith (right) has been supporting the food bank team to make connections with guests

“THE PEOPLE THERE SHOW KINDNESS AND OFTEN PRAY FOR PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY LOVE JESUS,”

Ash

In Ash's case, being profoundly deaf made him more vulnerable to isolation.

“Initially, I wasn't aware Ash was deaf,” says Jess*, one of the volunteers at the food bank.

“I thought he was just quiet. But when I realised he couldn't hear us, that I couldn't communicate with him or he couldn't communicate with me, I was like, okay, I'm going to learn BSL. Let me get into it.”

Soon, the whole team started learning sign language to communicate with Ash, and as he volunteered each week, conversations started to gather momentum.

Faith encouraged the team to learn their names in sign language. Ash gladly assessed them to see who had best completed the task.

When the team met to pray, this initially presented a barrier. So, they began to voice-type the prayer, and from this Ash was able to read it and started asking questions.

“We saw it as an opportunity to share our faith with him,” explains Faith.

SOMETHING DISTINCTIVE

Like many people in Manor Park, Ash is from a Muslim background – but his involvement in the Food Bank provided a chance to get to know Christians for the first time. And he noticed something different about them.

“The people there show kindness and often pray for people because they love Jesus,” Ash signs.

As Ash continues to speak, he shares something unexpected with Faith and the team that takes their breath away.

Ash signs that he has given his life to Jesus.

His eyes light up with joy. A huge smile spreads across his face as he shares his news for the first time.

Faith offers him a copy of the gospel of John to read at home. Ash is delighted. He accepts the offer and rushes off to pick up his children from school.

It's early days, but Ash is being supported by the church and Faith is helping him get connected with other Christians from the deaf community.

A CULTURE SHIFT

For Pastor Boniface, Ash's story is fruit of the change in culture which he has seen in the church in recent months.



“Through LCM's training, we've become more confident in sharing the gospel,” he says. **“They've helped us move from just giving out food to building genuine relationships.** We praise God for what he has done through us in Ash's life.”

The food bank is just one of the ways LCM have been supporting the church to connect with people from different backgrounds and cultures. This includes some of the area's most marginalised groups.



“WE'VE BECOME MORE CONFIDENT IN SHARING THE GOSPEL”

Pastor Boniface

“We also didn't know how to reach vulnerable women in the community. Since our partnership with LCM, we have held a couple of pampering events where we shared the gospel while offering free haircuts and other treatments. Three women said they wanted to believe in Jesus at the last event.”

Pastor Boniface's vision for the church is to go beyond its walls.

“It is our desire to see young and old, find new life in Christ,” he says. “And we're using any way possible to go to where they are, as opposed to waiting for them to come to us.”

INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU'VE READ?

Why not listen to our **Everyday Evangelism** podcast episode on how we can intentionally share the gospel in our church's social outreach.

Watch or listen at lcm.org.uk/outreach



REPLICATING A SPACE OF REAL HOPE

Equipped and trained through years of serving with LCM at Webber Street, a team from All Souls is now running their own ministry – offering help, friendship, and the hope of Jesus to people experiencing homelessness in their local area.

Volunteer, Liz, prays with a guest.

Volunteers spend time getting to know guests over breakfast at the Brunch Club at the Clubhouse

IT'S A BUSY SATURDAY MORNING AT THE BRUNCH CLUB AT THE CLUBHOUSE – A COMMUNITY SPACE RUN BY ALL SOULS, LANGHAM PLACE – A TEN-MINUTE WALK DOWN THE ROAD.

Anne, one of the team of volunteers, has just finished a short talk, explaining the gospel and why it's good news, before the guests are served breakfast.

Sitting at one of the tables is David.*

"I am five weeks old," he declares cryptically.

"I was reborn five weeks ago, and now I'm planning my baptism," he clarifies.

A STORY OF REBIRTH

David shares how his journey to faith started when he was approached by a group from All Souls church when he was sleeping rough over the winter. The team included Petra Zimmermann – one of the missionaries who have been supporting All Souls to reach out to people who are homeless.

"They invited me here for breakfast. They gave me a whole new set of clothes. And I got talking to people here..." David continues.

What followed was a chain of encounters with Christians in different places – including at LCM's Webber Street Centre – all contributing to David's growing understanding of the gospel.



**"IT'S ALMOST IDENTICAL
TO WHAT WE WERE DOING
AT WEBBER STREET"**

Ian Campbell



"I grew up an atheist. I didn't know anything about the Bible," shares David.

"But now, I'm reading every day. I've just read John 9 about Jesus restoring the man's sight. As someone legally blind this was really special to me."

A FLOURISHING NEW MINISTRY

David is one of around thirty guests welcomed into the Brunch Club that Saturday morning.

"It's almost identical to what we were doing at Webber Street," explains Ian Campbell, who oversees this new ministry, as co-lead of All Souls Local Action Network (ASLAN).

For over ten years, a team from All Souls was serving every Saturday morning at LCM's Webber Street Centre in Waterloo.

Webber Street provided the church's volunteers with the space and the structure to host and serve guests – mirroring the experience they receive through the rest of the week. LCM missionaries gave training on areas like safeguarding and connecting with guests whilst maintaining healthy boundaries.

It was when Webber Street closed temporarily for renovations that the team from All Souls were prompted to consider how they could use their own premises.

“We had a team and a structure that worked, and then essentially, we just moved house. That time at Webber Street really gave us the confidence to do what we’re doing now at our own church building.”

What has been especially significant is the location.

“It’s a lot easier for us to invite guests to church, because it’s just down the road. And increasingly we’re seeing guests like David coming along on Sundays, and welcomed by the church members they’ve met here.”

A GROWING FRIENDSHIP

LCM missionaries from Webber Street continue to provide key support to the new ministry, often modelling pastoral care for guests – including Tim.

“I’ve got a really difficult neighbour who’s making my life a nightmare. I have to sleep with my headphones on, because of all the noise,” Tim shares.

Tim says he’s spending less and less time at his flat.

“Homelessness isn’t black and white,” says Marcin, another one of the team. “A lot of the guests we get to know, they’re in complicated living conditions.”

Marcin and staff from Webber Street, which Tim also visits during the week, have been helping him find a solution to his housing situation.

“They calmed me down. I reached a point where I was going to take matters into my own hands,” reflects Tim. “They give me good advice. They bring the Bible into the conversation without bashing you over the head with it.”

And it’s not just practical support that Tim is receiving.

“It’s a real friendship,” says Marcin. “We started meeting up for coffee and it’s developed from there. We talk about housing but also just daily life.”

The conversation sometimes touches on faith. Marcin has shared his testimony and together with one of the volunteers from the Brunch Club, they have done a Bible study.

Tim doesn’t profess a faith in Jesus, but through discussions with Marcin and others, he’s started to look more into Christianity.

“I’ve never read the Bible. I’ve heard bits and bobs. But I’ve been looking into it on YouTube,” shares Tim.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

At a table by the window, volunteer Liz, who was part of the team serving at Webber Street, is praying with another one of the guests.



“THEY BRING THE BIBLE INTO THE CONVERSATION WITHOUT BASHING YOU OVER THE HEAD WITH IT.”

Tim

A friendship has built between Tim (left) and Marcin (right)



Lan (centre) with the brunch club volunteer team at the Clubhouse

“THAT TIME AT WEBBER STREET REALLY GAVE US THE CONFIDENCE TO DO WHAT WE’RE DOING NOW AT OUR OWN CHURCH BUILDING.”

Lan Campbell

“One of the things guests loved about Webber Street is that it’s a place of safety, where they can be prayed for. And that’s what we’re trying to replicate here,” she reflects.

Supported by LCM missionaries, including Petra, Liz started a Bible study for guests she came to know, which continued every Monday for five years.

“It started over COVID, outside Webber Street, when we were restricted to giving meals to guests at the doorstep. I offered to pray for one particular gentleman – which led to Petra and I meeting him in a park to read the Bible, and it grew from there!”

One of the main ways Petra has impacted Liz has been around prayer. Liz recalls one especially memorable experience.

“Petra and I had popped into a café together, and she got into conversation with the man behind the counter and I heard her ask, ‘Can I pray for you?’ When the man said yes, Petra prayed for the man out loud right then and there. I’ve tried to follow her example!”

**Name has been changed*

REPLICATING GOSPEL IMPACT

For lan, what’s happening at the Clubhouse is a realisation of its original purpose.

“John Stott (a previous minister) bought the building with a view to serving the local community. And it’s amazing to see what’s happening,” shares lan. “LCM has had a massive impact. Without them, I don’t know if we would have had this ministry now.”

For LCM, enabling churches to flourish in their own ministry is central to making Jesus known to many more men and women, especially on the margins, across the city.

The brunch club is run by All Souls Serve the City, the local mission arm of All Souls that offers holistic gospel-centred ministry to those who are isolated, overlooked and exploited. Find out more at asstc.org.uk

AN ANCHOR OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS

London City Mission, in partnership with Kings Cross Church (KXC) and The Message Trust, runs a weekly Bible study for prison leavers. For many participants, it's a highlight of their week as they share their battles and blessings while being nourished by God's word.

Duncan (right) has been trained and mentored by Luke (left)



"THEY READ THE BIBLE LIKE IT'S OXYGEN"

Duncan

TUCKED AWAY AT THE BACK OF A CAFE IN COVENT GARDEN, A GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN SIT AROUND A CLUSTER OF PUSHED-TOGETHER TABLES, WITH A PILE OF BIBLES IN THE MIDDLE.

Some have been recently released from prison, others have been out for a long time but are still navigating life outside its walls.

For Duncan Reese, a volunteer from Kings Cross Church (KXC), this Bible study, established by London City Mission (LCM) in partnership with The Message Trust, is one of the highlights of his week.

"The people who come to us want to change. They've reached a point in their lives where they are honest with themselves."

SHARING BATTLES AND BLESSINGS

The study begins with "battles and blessings".

One person shares their health problems. Another shares the difficulties of finding long-term employment. However, there's also hope and gratitude.

Many have experienced rejection, addiction, and violence. So, this weekly café Bible study is informal, welcoming, raw, and honest. One man who found Jesus in prison has been sharing the gospel with his family and has begun bringing his son.

Luke Carson, London City Missionary, opens the Bible to start the study. As the passage from John 6 is read aloud, the room leans in.

Voices overlap as one after another recounts their experiences and how Jesus is speaking into their lives through the passage.

"Being in prison, I was spiritually dead. I knew I needed Jesus as desperately as I needed food," says one man reflecting on Jesus saying that he is the bread of life.

Another man who was recently released shares that "When I found Jesus, it felt like I had put on glasses and was seeing the world clearly for the first time."

"They read the Bible like it's oxygen," reflects Duncan. "Because for them, it is."

A SAFE SPACE OF COMPASSION AND ACCEPTANCE

Through partnerships with churches like KXC and organisations like The Message Trust, LCM has created a space where former prisoners can continue their faith journey outside the prison walls.

"A lot of people who come to Jesus in prison struggle to settle into church when they leave. This study is a way for them to still be in fellowship with other Christians. We're not trying to replace church, but this Friday study is an anchor point in the week for many who know what people have been through," says Luke.

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REGULARLY
STUDYING THE
BIBLE

"It initially began with us meeting one person. Now it's grown to about **20 people** who meet regularly to study God's word."

Luke and the prisons and resettlement team at London City Mission have been training volunteers like Duncan to run the Bible study themselves.

For Duncan, this ministry to prisoners and prison leavers has changed everything.



Duncan (right) speaks with one of the men at the Bible study

“MY CHRISTIAN LIFE HAS BEEN REVOLUTIONISED THROUGH THIS LCM-SUPPORTED MINISTRY.”

Duncan

“I thought I was going in to help them,” he says. “But they’ve helped me. They’ve taught me what real faith looks like.”

“Luke trained me for this ministry. He mentored me. By being with him, watching what he did, I learned how best to communicate the gospel. It gave me the confidence and tools to lead Bible studies and journey with these men.”

“My Christian life has been revolutionised through this LCM-supported ministry.”

THE RESULT OF RELENTLESS LOVE AND HONESTY

Central to the ministry is honesty.

“You’re dealing with men who can spot a lie a mile away,” says Duncan.

“They’ve spent their lives around dishonesty. But what they see in this ministry is something real. It’s not salesmanship. It’s not about conversion tactics. It’s just an introduction to the Father.”

Many of those who gather at the Bible study have encountered Jesus for the first time through Luke and his team as they visit men and women in prison, alongside church volunteers. They have seen lives changed inside the prison walls.

But as this Bible study shows, the journey doesn’t end at release. Luke and his team walk alongside these people as they rebuild their lives, offering consistent care and spiritual support.

Throughout the week, the team meets regularly with individuals for one-on-one pastoral sessions. On Thursday afternoons, a smaller group gathers at KXC for Bible study, continuing to grow in faith and community.

The team also ensures each person remains connected to a local church leader or designated point of contact, nurturing a sense of belonging and accountability.

THE IMPACT OF A CHRISTIAN FRIEND

For Luke, volunteers like Duncan are vital to this ministry.

“Duncan isn’t just a Bible study leader – he’s a consistent, caring Christian friend. That kind of friendship is so important for people rebuilding their lives,” Luke explains.

“He also represents the local church becoming mobilised to step into ministries like this. We need the church to do that. London City Mission can’t do it alone.”

“Our aim is to train more church volunteers and church partners to minister to Christians who found Jesus while they were in prison and have Bible studies like this scattered throughout London.”

By God’s grace, this ministry is not only changing lives – it’s building a model of true hope and restoration.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

In one of Croydon’s most diverse and high needs communities, LCM is helping believers from Thornton Heath Evangelical Church build genuine friendships – where conversations about Jesus grow naturally.

Eewei is part of a growing team that go out every Friday to meet local residents.

“I ALMOST COULDN’T BREATHE WHEN I WAS SPEAKING WITH HIM,” SAYS EEWAI, WALKING SLOWLY DOWN THE RESIDENTIAL STREET. “I WAS SO NERVOUS. I JUST KNOW I COULDN’T HAVE SAID ANY OF THOSE THINGS WITHOUT GOD GIVING ME THE WORDS.”

He’s just left a doorstep conversation with Rikhil* – a young man in his twenties, blind since childhood, who recently lost his father. The two had spoken briefly once before. At the time, Rikhil had said he didn’t think he’d be able to have the same kinds of conversations that his dad had shared with Eewai.

“But that’s literally what just happened,” says Eewai.

Before his death, Rikhil’s father had come to know Eewai. They had developed a warm friendship over time and often spoke about faith. Since his passing, Rikhil had remained on Eewai’s heart.

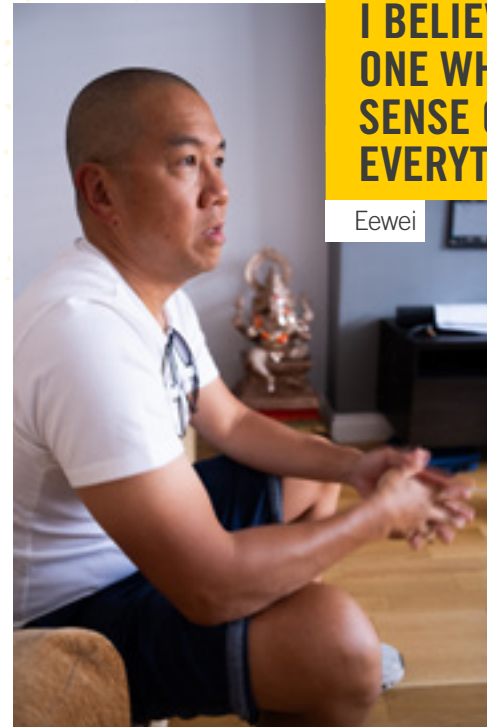
“I remember the things you shared with my dad,” Rikhil told him.

They talked about life since COVID, about the difficulty of finding work, and about his father. Rikhil said he prays to Jesus, alongside the other gods of his Hindu faith.

Eewai listened and responded: “Jesus is really important to me. I believe he’s the one who makes sense of everything.”

Before leaving, Eewai asked if he could pray. Rikhil agreed.

“I’ve wanted to speak with him ever since his dad passed,” says Eewai. “And now we’ve been able to talk.”



Eewai

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Church member Eewai sits with Khetan and Bhavana who he’s been building a friendship with.

A WARM WELCOME

A few doors down, Eewai rings another doorbell.

Ketan* opens the door wearing a T-shirt pulled over a hospital gown. He greets Eewai with a smile and ushers him inside.

Ketan is awaiting major surgery early next year. A hospital bed has been set up in the living room, where he now spends most of his time. Eewai sits down on the sofa beside a statue of Ganesha – the elephant-headed Hindu god. Over many visits, conversations about faith have become a normal part of their time together.

That day, the talk turns to Ketan’s daughter’s upcoming wedding. He shares how he’s been working hard to lose weight so he could be well enough to attend. Ketan’s wife, Bhavna, joins them in the living room.

Throughout the conversation, when challenges or concerns came up, Eewai responds with gentle encouragement: “We’ll pray about that.”

Toward the end of the visit, Eewai pulls a small book from his bag – a gospel of John.

“I’ve marked some parts that I thought might be helpful,” he says. “Especially with the things we’ve talked about before – who Jesus is, and why he matters.”

“I’m not much into reading,” Bhavna added.

“Would it be easier to listen to it?” asked Eewai. “There’s a version in Gujarati. I could help you find it.”

They nod appreciatively.

As always, before leaving, Eewai prays – for the wedding, for Ketan’s health, and for clarity as they continue to explore the words of Jesus. When he finishes both Ketan and Bhavna echo “Amen.”

“You bring us hope,” Ketan says with a quiet smile.

A HEART FOR THIS ROAD

“There’s such trust now,” says Eewai. “We can talk about anything. We laugh, we share everyday life – but we also talk about spiritual things. That’s always been part of the friendship.”

Eewai is one of a missional team supported by LCM missionaries Rob Bridges and Simon Knightly. They have trained the members from the church on how to bring their faith into conversations. They have also been going out with Eewai and others to meet the people around them – to intentionally build relationships.

“I remember when I first started going door-to-door with Rob,” Eewai continues. “I used to think, how does he know what to say? But slowly, as I spent more time out with him, that confidence started to rub off on me.”

Now, Rob sees the impact clearly.

“Eewai has really taken ownership of this road,” he says. “He’s got a wonderful heart for the people here – and he’s been given the opportunity to share it with them.”

For Steve Ridgeway, the pastor of Thornton Heath Evangelical Church, Eewai’s journey has been a clear result of the support from LCM.

“The thing that we really value from the LCM team is their approach to building bridges. Rather than doing a one-time visit, they’ve shown us the impact of building trusted friendships where the gospel is shared naturally.”



CHURCH MEMBERS REGULARLY MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS

“People from the church have started going door-to-door who would never have considered themselves evangelists. Now, we’re seeing up to **10 people going out each time**. Momentum is really building, and I can’t wait to see what God will do in the next year.”



Eewai

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Missionary Rob Bridges (left) has been training Eewai and others from the church to share their faith.

A growing team of members from the church are praying before going out to meet people on their doorsteps.

FROM TRAINING TO TRANSFORMATION

As well as going out with churches in mission, LCM equips believers through training rooted in frontline experience. For St Lawrence Church in Morden, attending a Practical Evangelism Training (PET) day became the spark for a flourishing outreach ministry.

It was a Saturday morning in spring when two women from St Lawrence Church in Morden knocked on Estelle's* door – an elderly woman who lived locally.

They introduced themselves as members of the church and offered an invitation.

"We'd love to invite you to our free lunch this coming Thursday."

To everyone's delight, Estelle walked through the church doors later that week.

During lunch, she shared the significance of that knock.

"I'd been praying to God for help because I'd been feeling depressed... and then you knocked on the door almost straight afterwards."



A DAY THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

The story of that knock started much earlier – with Ken, another member of St Lawrence, who had attended one of LCM's Practical Evangelism Training (PET) days.

"Things started about two years ago," Ken explains. "I began mentioning to my church that I thought we should go out door-to-door."

A small group gave it a try. "But after about three sessions, it just kind of faded away," he says. "So when my pastor mentioned LCM's PET day, I decided to give it a go."

Run by experienced LCM missionaries, the training included practical guidance on how to start conversations, how to bring in the gospel naturally, and how to shape a sustainable outreach rhythm as a church. There were stories, roleplays, and space to ask honest questions.

"The training itself was excellent," Ken says. "What struck me most was the realism – the idea that this is long-term, and that the same people should be visiting the same doors. That was kind of new for us."

TURNING TRAINING INTO MISSION

After the PET day, Ken spoke with his pastor.

"He was excited about the idea of getting people to go out again," Ken says. "So we agreed on a system."

They started praying for the door-to-door ministry during their monthly church prayer meeting. Then, on the Saturday that followed, they'd head out together – inviting people to Thursday's 'lunch stop' and simply getting to know their neighbours.

"I think it's the training that was the spark," Ken reflects. "It gave me the confidence to say to the pastor, 'We can do this.'"

This time, something clicked. In the three Saturdays following the PET day, **17 people from St Lawrence have taken part**. A few older members stayed in the church centre to pray for the team that was out knocking on doors.

"It's really encouraging to know they're praying," Kenneth says. "Over those three Saturdays, **we've had 63 meaningful contacts with people in our area**. I just think that's kind of incredible, isn't it?"



RELEASE YOUR POTENTIAL FOR SHARING JESUS

Why not take a look at which training events are upcoming at lcm.org.uk/training

"WE'VE HAD 63 MEANINGFUL CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR AREA."

Ken



Ken attended the PET day with a group from St. Lawrence church

His hope is that other churches in the parish will catch the vision.

"This ministry isn't just for evangelists or outgoing people," he says. "You can relax and just be yourself."

Ken's experience is just one example of the impact LCM's training is having across the city and beyond – helping churches move from good intentions to sustained outreach.

In the past year, **over 500 people have received training through LCM**. These are Christians from churches across the UK, many of whom are stepping into evangelism for the first time – or finding renewed confidence to continue.

Behind every statistic are stories like Ken's – of churches who are finding their voice, stepping out in faith, and meeting their neighbours with the hope of Christ.



LCM, in partnership with *Counties*, is helping churches across London build lasting connections with local schools through *The Life exhibition*. And children – many for the first time – are hearing who Christians believe he is.

FROM THE SCHOOL GATES TO THE CHURCH DOORS

Children interact with materials at *The Life Exhibition* (example photo provided by *Counties*)

“I KNOW YOU! YOU’RE THE HALLOWEEN LADY!”

Charlie Macdonald paused, trying to place the boy’s face. Then it clicked. Each year, her church puts on an alternative community event on 31 October – handing out sweets, chatting to families, and sharing leaflets about church life. The boy had been there. And now, here he was, sitting on the floor of a local church in Tower Hamlets, with his classmates, watching a film about Jesus’ death and resurrection.

“It struck me,” says Charlie, who leads London City Mission’s schools team. “This is what we’re praying for – that children would know someone who follows Jesus. That they’d make that connection between the Christian they meet in real life and the person of Jesus they’re hearing about.”

Moments like this capture a big part of the vision behind the Life exhibition. It’s not just a one-off experience – it’s a chance for local believers to be seen, to be heard, and to build bridges between the church and the school gates. And to share who they believe Jesus is.

A GENERATION WITHOUT A CHRISTIAN FRIEND

“The RE syllabus varies a lot by borough,” explains Charlie. “Some will be really clear about who Jesus is and others less so. But many children still grow up never really hearing that Jesus is the Son of God who loves them and gave his life for them.”

That’s where the Life exhibition comes in. It’s an interactive, immersive experience for primary school children – hosted in church buildings, led by local believers, and designed to communicate the gospel clearly, respectfully, and engagingly.

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Charlie

A SCHOOL DAY LIKE NO OTHER

When a class arrives, they start with a video exploring what other children believe about Jesus. Then they rotate through three interactive zones – one looking at prophecies pointing to Jesus, another unpacking his miracles, and another exploring his teaching through the parable of the Good Samaritan. After that, they watch a film about Jesus’ death and resurrection, before finishing with a fun multiple-choice quiz in the “café tent.”

Partner charity *Counties* provides the materials and technical setup – LCM missionaries are there to serve the church: gathering and training a team, building relationships with local schools, and modelling how to share the gospel with care and clarity.

“There’s something powerful about hearing someone say, ‘This is who I believe Jesus is, and here’s how it’s changed my life,’” says Charlie. “That’s not something children often get to hear. Especially in communities where few would call themselves Christians.”

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Charlie



Charlie in one of the interactive pods where children get to explore who Jesus is.

REAL QUESTIONS.
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Sometimes, the impact is immediate.

“I remember a Muslim girl putting up her hand during the Q&A and asking, ‘Why did you choose to become a Christian?’” says Charlotte. “That was huge. She’d realised it was a choice. Not something you’re born into, but something you decide for yourself. And then she turned to another volunteer and asked, ‘Why did you become a Christian?’ She wanted to know our stories.”

In another tent, a boy listened closely to the story of the paralysed man. “Jesus forgives his sins first, and then heals him to prove he has authority,” Charlotte recalls. “The boy – again, from a Muslim background – said, ‘Well of course they were angry. Only God can forgive sins.’ And that’s exactly the point the story is making. You could see his mind ticking over.”

A GROWING GOSPEL IMPACT

This year, LCM supported churches to host six Life exhibitions, including two in brand new boroughs:



The Life Exhibition is delivered in partnership with Counties. You can find out more at countiesuk.org/lifeexpo

2,296 CHILDREN
AND 229 TEACHING STAFF
HEARD THE GOSPEL



The team from Manor Park Christian Centre interacting with children

In total, **2,296 children** and **229 teaching staff** heard the gospel in a way that was engaging, accessible and locally grounded.

In Romford, LCM helped churches follow up with all four visiting schools – through assemblies, RE lessons, and lunchtime clubs. In Lambeth, where schools outreach is more limited, a local school asked if Christians could come in and speak to the younger year groups too. Other churches have invited children and families back for pancake parties or Easter egg hunts – keeping the door open for more connection.

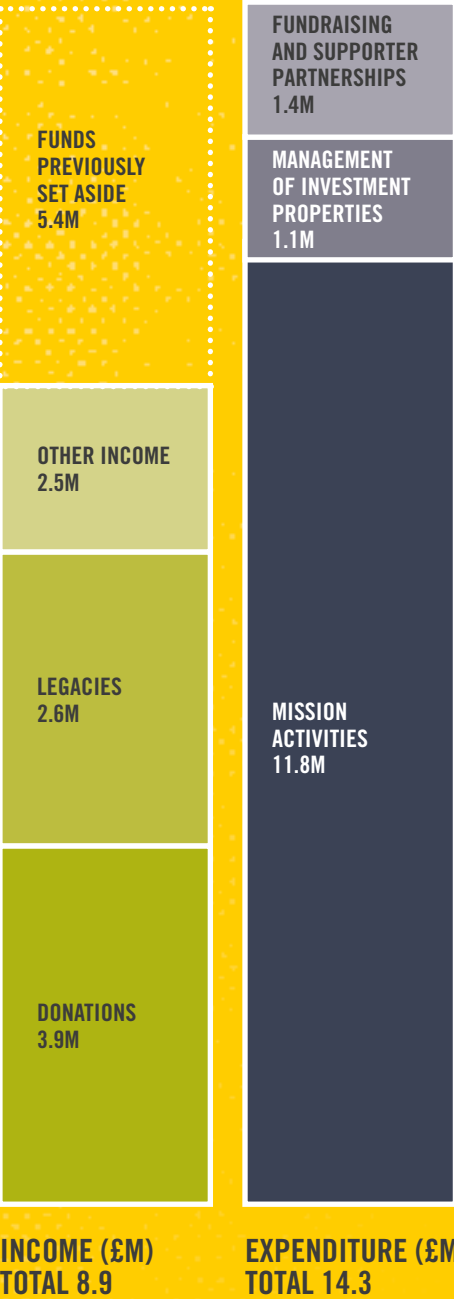
A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

At Manor Park Christian Centre in Newham, the Life exhibition has now run twice – and increasingly, it’s the church team themselves who are leading it. “The pastor told us the whole church caught a vision for mission,” says Charlie. “They want to run it every year now.”

The target is that by 2030, the Life exhibition would be running in every one of LCM’s 22 priority boroughs. Not as a one-off, but as a rhythm. And this is just part of LCM’s bigger vision to reach young people – from primary school to young adults – with the good news of Jesus.

MAKING MISSION POSSIBLE

THANKS TO PARTNERS LIKE YOU, THE KINGDOM OF GOD
IS BEING PROCLAIMED TO THOSE WITHOUT HOPE!



I hope you’ve been inspired and encouraged by the stories shared – to see just a glimpse of what the Lord is doing across London and beyond!

As we mark our 190th year, we thank the Lord for partners in the gospel, who have joined us in our mission to share the message of eternal hope. People like you, whose faithful prayers have been the foundation of what we do, and whose generous gifts have enabled missionaries to share the life-saving news of Jesus to the overlooked and the forgotten.

That same partnership continues today. In 2024, we were blessed with £3.9m in donations from a growing number of supporters, enabling us to sustain vital gospel ministry – including housing missionaries in the very communities they are reaching.

We are also humbled by the kindness of those who chose to leave a legacy gift, contributing £2.6m in support of the mission. These gifts make a critical difference as we train more missionaries to come alongside churches to share the gospel.

LCM has an expected cash shortfall every year, currently funded by sales of properties that are no longer needed to support our work. From these sales, LCM has also been able to set aside funds, helping us continue reaching out to the margins with the gospel.

This is not a long-term solution, and to keep ministry thriving in the future, we need to inspire more Christians to become gospel partners by giving regularly.

We are profoundly grateful to the Lord for His unwavering provision and to the growing number of people who partner with us in fulfilling His Great Commission.

Grey Msonthi
Interim Head of Fundraising

For a full financial summary, visit: lcm.org.uk/annualreport

Today, people across London urgently need to hear the gospel for the very first time. Your support can help build bridges into communities where Jesus Christ isn’t known, to lovingly share the hope we have in Christ. Your gifts make a difference and regular giving is particularly appreciated as it makes us more effective.

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