

LET'S PRAY

A PRAYER AND MISSION UPDATE

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THE COST OF LIVING

I think by now even the most detached person from daily news and politics will be familiar with the term 'Cost of Living Crisis' and the fact that we're in the midst of one.

And it is something that is affecting us all. I was in Boots at the weekend with my niece and as we were queuing she was commenting (or more complaining!) about the cost of the products she was buying which has increased by approx. £8 since she last purchased them.

It has been hard hearing stories from church leaders of how some of their people and even themselves have been impacted, especially as the colder months kick in and many church leaders are faced with soaring fuel bills for their buildings.

Jesus presents us with a cost of living (for Him!) crisis in Mark chapter 8. "*For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.*"

As we continue to come alongside churches to equip them and their people to be reaching out with the Good News of Jesus, pray that those they encounter will be encouraged, even in the midst of an economic cost of living crisis, that giving up their life to follow Jesus will reap eternal benefits that will last far beyond this current period of instability!

God is Love.

Adam Boycey Boyce †



TEAM HARINGEY

It's been a busy few months or so for the **Haringey team**. We have a new team member, **Johanna!** She's not new to the LCM family, working as the executive assistant to our Director of Ministries, Johanna felt the call to apply for the position in the Haringey team, and **got the job!**

Johanna grew up in **Haringey** and has a heart for equipping churches to reach out to people **living on council estates** across the borough. For the next two years, she'll be spending a day a week attending lectures at our headquarters learning about Mission, Theology, and Biblical Studies. The rest of the week will be putting into practice what she's learning with the rest of the team! Johanna has been doing **evangelism and outreach** in her own time for several years now, please pray for her as she settles into her new role!

Daniel has been doing amazing stuff with the folk at **St Cuthbert's, in Wood Green**. What started out as a team of two knocking on the doors of the area around the church **last July** has now grown to a team of **six!** Since last July they have knocked on approximately **1400 doors** and had around **700 conversations** with people, with some people coming to church for the **first time**, returning after time away, and/or attending the language classes and café run by the church during the week.

They have also begun doing a **book table** on Tuesday afternoons on the main road close to the church. This has been a great opportunity to get to know some of the **Turkish** and **Albanian** communities in the area, handing out bibles and other literature, but most importantly sharing the **Good News of Jesus** with those that don't know him!

Over at St Paul's, **Eat The Word** is still going strong, with **Katy**, the new full-time youth worker, taking over leading of the group.

Please be praying for us as a team as we continue to labour in the harvest field of Haringey. For physical and spiritual energy, and also for the church leaders we continue to get to know, that our work together will bear missional fruit for their churches and the people they are seeking to reach.

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SUMMER LINKUP 2022

On the first day of this summer's LiNKUP, we had team members going down with bugs, **37-degree heat**, and a broken dishwasher. But this didn't stop the team and I from having an AMAZING seven nights and eight days away in (too!) sunny Chingford with **55 teenagers!**

We spent the week taking a whistle-stop through **1 Corinthians**, looking at some really tough topics like Sex, relationships, and what it means to learn in and outside of school/college. It was **really encouraging** seeing the young people engaging more and more with **God's word** and the topics as the week went on. The magic always happens in the **small groups** at LiNKUP. Here we get to know each other better, and it's an opportunity for the young people to **ask questions**, some of which can be really challenging at times!

Three of the **young people** who spent most of their teenage years coming to LiNKUP as young people were **back this year** for the second time on the team **as leaders** themselves. It's a joy to see them **grow** both **spiritually** and in **leadership**. They helped to lead the young people's small groups and morning devotions, and were panelists on our **'RiSE Chat'** Q & A session, helping to tackle more of the young people's **tough questions!**

We couldn't have done this year's LiNKUP without the **prayers** and **practical support** of the churches we partner with and it is great to see the **relationships** that we're building with **churches** throughout the year benefit from the **LiNKUP** project.

Please be praying for the young people and their faith journeys, and for the team and me as we continue to plan for LiNKUP '23!



FAMILY TINGS

Asanté has finished her masters and has spent the last six months volunteering at several projects in and around Uretch, mainly working with refugee women and children. She is now preparing to move back home to the UK by the end of November, we can't wait!

Having completed his apprenticeship in Youth Outreach, **Jayden** went on to apply for a full time role with Haringey Council, and got the job! He is now five months in to his role as a Youth Outreach Officer, which he is really enjoying!

Denim is getting stuck into year two of her course and is gently starting to discern what life beyond college might look like.

As one child returns, another plans to fly the nest, as **Zakiyah** is busy preparing for a move to Canada for two years in February! She is nervously excited for the experience and what Canadian life will be like.

We are all looking forward to being together at Christmas for the first time in two years!

Please pray for Asanté as she prepares to finally move back home to London; Jayden as he continues to work with challenging young people in Haringey, and Zakiyah as she prepares for life in Canada!



SUPPORTING MY MINISTRY

I continue to thank God for your prayers and support for my ministry and family, they are much appreciated and heartfelt!

20:20 VISION

As with any mission organisation, part of my role as a Missionary is to raise financial support towards my **role and ministry**. I would be really grateful for any support you feel led to give.

I am looking for 20 people to prayerfully consider giving a £20 monthly gift **towards my ministry costs** (this is just a suggestion, smaller amounts would be appreciated too). Regular gifts are especially helpful as they keep ministry sustainable.

In Phillipians 4, Paul describes the church's financial partnership in mission as a '**beautiful fragrance**' and my hope is that any partnership will be a blessing to you. If you feel led to give, **please email or text me using the details below**.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please let me know how I can be praying for you. God is at work in our lives in so many different ways and I would love to be able to pray for you and anything you and yours might be going through. My contact details are below!

BOYCEY TALKS PODCAST

I've started to dabble in the world of podcasting! You'll find me rambling on about **life, faith, and other stuff**, speaking to some special people along the way. Search for '**Boycey Talks**' on your usual podcast app or go to **www.boyceytalks.com**.



LONDON CITY MISSION - NEW VISION, SAME GOSPEL!

The heart of London City Mission's work and vision has always been for people – especially those on the margins – to turn to the Lord Jesus.

One hundred or so missionaries working on their own cannot meet the urgent need of a city of millions of people who haven't heard the gospel.

Over three million people in London say they have no Christian friend to tell them about Jesus or invite them to church.

That's why London City Mission is now concentrating on working with churches, equipping ordinary Christians to share with confidence the good news of Jesus with the least reached in their own communities.

The impact of our new approach will be flourishing and growing churches on council estates and among minority ethnic communities, with diverse membership and leadership that is committed to evangelism to the least reached, and equipped to do it.

- Graham Miller, Chief Executive

For myself and my team here in Haringey, this means us now spending our time reaching out to and getting to know the churches in our area; who their leaders/workers are; how we can be praying for/with them, and seeking ways to come alongside them to encourage and equip them and their congregations to share the gospel with people in their area and everyday lives who are least likely to come into contact with a Christian.

Please pray for the London City Mission as we continue to adapt to this new way of working with the churches of London, and for many more people across the city to come to know Jesus as their Saviour!