

# WHITECHAPEL METHODIST MISSION

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# THE TOUCH OF JESUS



To make men whole – is the message of Jesus. Wholeness is part of the Gospel message in physical as well as mental and spiritual terms.

Our task lies in seeking to share Christ's task.

As Free Church Chaplain of the London Hospital, the Superintendent Minister shares in the Chaplaincy team to those who are sick from all races and creeds. To him have been allotted not only Free Church patients but Sikhs, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus. Here is the Missionary task on our doorsteps; to speak the word of healing and of peace to those of all cultures.

The task of wholeness is not easy to those who are homeless and are deprived of ordinary human necessities but healing is urgently needed by the men and women of 'no fixed abode'. We have joined a worthy Christian succession in seeking to give physical and medical care. The Lord Jesus gave it; John Wesley had his clinic in more than one place and Thomas Jackson (founder of the Whitechapel Mission) also had a clinic in the Mission. We continue this tradition – as a doctor and a hospital sister attend to the ulcers, the lice and the various ailments of those who have no roof over their heads or are 'sleeping rough' in derelict places. We want to extend this work – to provide a more adequate room for medical care. It will mean

transforming a platform into a clinic but it is still a vital necessity in these days.

Wholeness of body is a part expression of Christ's love. "Cleanliness comes next to Godliness" – so after a bath, a man needs often a whole new outfit of clothes – a fresh start for another week's journey through life. We thank all those who have sent men's clothing to provide for these men. Then a good meal – possibly the best in the week, is part of our programme. More than a hundred each Sunday receive your help. Then all share in an act of worship. Many are listless or too tired to take in very much, yet from time to time a response comes from waiting hearts, and for this we are thankful.

It is by divine prompting and divine compassion, that the work of God is possible here. The message of God's love lies in every relationship in our work, so in prayer, in sacrament, in the spoken word and in acts of love, we proclaim the Lord of Life who calls us all to serve Him.

The work of making people whole can take so many forms.

Windyridge Farm Home continues to care for young men on probation (and some on bail) – to give supervision and to assist them to have fresh standards of life in the community. It is not easy in these days but the Principal and his wife and the Windyridge staff work nobly to help the young men in their charge.

The Thomas Jackson Memorial Hostel is to open shortly under the auspices of the National Children's Home. It is to be a Community Home for young people from this part of London who need protection and care. They will value your prayers in this new venture.

The life of the Mission has kept close to the vision of those who have worked in this area – William Booth, Dr. Barnardo, Dr. Stephenson and Thomas Jackson. It is by divine grace, by your prayers and your gifts, that the work has gone forward. We believe that you will continue to sustain the staff here and enable us to care for the men and women, boys and girls – in Christ's name.

May God be with you.

JOHN H. CHAMBERLAYNE

Superintendent



We wish all our friends and generous helpers every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

## A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

Once again, I am making my annual appeal to our generous supporters – and to those who would like to become new supporters this year! We still need money – everything costs so much more these days, yet the need for the work to continue remains as desperate as ever. We have a wonderful team of dedicated people here in Whitechapel, and it would be sad to see them let down for lack of tangible help.

I shall be pleased to advise and supply new Deeds of Covenant – every £1 given to the Mission in this way means an additional 54p at present rates of tax. We are also always grateful for lump sums, gifts and legacies, especially as so many of our older supporters have passed on.

Our colleague, Fred Yelland, who has served the Mission faithfully as Treasurer for many years, has recently undergone another serious operation. Our prayers and best wishes are offered to him for a speedy recovery – coupled with our grateful thanks for all he has done.

Sincerely yours,

LESLIE MOLE

## Our Deaconess writes . . . .

“Come quickly Sister, there’s water coming under the bathroom door”. Just one of the little problems in learning to use the Medic bath. Nevertheless it has been a boon. One lady, who has had a stroke, thanks God for it. We thank all of you who made the bath installation possible especially The Woolnoth Society and Mr. Caton. It has also helped our medical work. Let the doctor speak for himself.

The Medical work was started nearly 5 years ago when I was still a medical student and in those days our equipment consisted of a few rags in a biscuit tin. Clinics are run on Sunday evenings, and over the years things have become more sophisticated. We are now seeing about 1,000 patients a year. The common things we see are chest troubles, leg ulcers, foot troubles and infestation with lice. The Medic bath has been a great help with the latter. The vast majority of patients are treated here, only about 5% being referred to hospitals or clinics, usually for tuberculosis or alcoholism.

Although conditions have improved enormously compared with when we started, we are very much looking forward to having a room specifically set aside for a surgery, and also the facility of a few beds where homeless people who are ill yet not in need of ‘hospital’ care, can be looked after for a few days. Dr. Peter Outen’.

Laughing, shouting, happy children. The first occasion was when we joined with three other Sunday Schools for our outing to Woburn Abbey. None of us could afford a coach alone but sharing has been our gain. We chose one of the hotter days to go to the Safari Park. With windows shut and perspiration streaming, one small boy said. “Please open the windows, I’m going to die. Let me be fed to the lions”. Air – wonderful air. How we take God’s gifts for granted.

*Women’s Outing to Hastings. (Sister Nora in front and Mrs Chamberlayne on her left)*



The second time was another joint occasion. We united for the Scripture Exam. Prize giving. At the end a small handful of our children gathered round the cup they had won for the best small school.

Answering the door bell, I discovered about 20 policemen – ‘Man on your roof’ they said, ‘We’ve got him.’ I investigated. ‘Hallo D--’ I said. ‘He was coming to visit you,’ they said. You will be glad to know that ex-hostel boys still pop in and visit us from time to time – usually in the conventional manner. Some are doing well, others still drifting, but they know they will find a welcome here.

Arriving downstairs one day I found a mannequin parade in full swing. A few hats and clothes had been put out for the women’s meeting and they were enjoying themselves! Our women have been so loyal over many years. Some remember our Founder, when they came to the Mission with no shoes and 1d. for a bun and a drink or some soup. 70 years later people (not children now) are still coming to the Mission with shoes dropping off their feet, trousers that have seen better days, for tea and soup and all that we can offer in the name of Jesus.

SISTER NORA

# HELP!!!

If you were to follow the Whitechapel Road through to Aldgate you would pass Middlesex Street, the home of the famous Petticoat Lane market;— farther on are one or two more famous landmarks, — the Bank of England and Mansion House; past Billingsgate Fish Market and Pudding Lane, where the great Fire began its course. Then you would come to Victoria Embankment, where in front of you, is one of the most famous and impressive sights in London — the Houses of Parliament. The most 'striking' feature of this landmark is Big Ben, the chimes of which have sounded all over the world. Hundreds of people each day set their watches by this magnificent edifice. Very rarely does anything go wrong, but if it should stop or gain, hundreds of people are thrown into confusion, which proves that time is a very important part of our lives.

My span of two years at Whitechapel, has had an effect on my life-style. All the comforts that were taken for granted become very much 'Prayers of Thanksgiving'. I am continually thanking God for the fact of being able to cope, but many people are not so fortunate, they do not have this built-in 'copeability'. Such people are afraid of the demands that life makes upon them, they are unable to come to terms with themselves and their problems.

Unfortunately, many find short term release in a bottle, be it wine, cider or meths, also there are many people who do not drink but who are unable to face up to these demands, and for



*Sunday School Outing to Woburn, June 33rd,  
with Pastor Malcolm and Sister Nora*

some of these people their answer is to run away, hoping that the problem will remain in the place they have left.

Let me tell of Bert:—

Bert is in his early sixties and for a number of years he worked at the Post Office. He retired and has a pension. For some years he lived at the Salvation Army Hostel, and then one day the opportunity arose for him to vacate the Salvation Army and take up residence in a flat. Here Bert would be free to come and go as he wished, he would be able to care for himself — cook, wash and so on. It was all arranged that Bert should enter the flat on Monday morning, then suddenly Bert was missing, and we did not see him for two weeks. Eventually we made contact, and the reason he gave for not coming to see us and for not moving into his flat was — that he had to pay two weeks rent! Of course, he was wrong, and we were able to put his

mind at rest and help him to move. There are many people like Bert, unable to meet new situations, lacking understanding and the ability to help themselves. They have to be urged into action, and gradually they win through — surprised at their own efforts.

We, at Whitechapel Mission, try and do whatever we can, whenever we can, for whoever we can. The two Day Centres, on Tuesday and Thursday are going well. At these Centres, the men can come and keep warm; wash their clothes; have a shave, even a much needed bath. From January until the present time we have served over two thousand dinners, and that does not include suppers on Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings. In all that we do, be it giving out clothes, food, sitting and chatting, visiting them in hospital or prison, we try to make people aware of their own potentiality, for Jesus said:—

"I came that you might have life,  
and have it more abundantly."

PASTOR MALCOLM



## WINDYRIDGE FARM HOME

*Windyridge Open Day*

During the past twelve months emphasis has been placed on the improvement and consolidation of social relationships in our area and I am pleased to report that this has been achieved to a very noticeable degree. The local community in this very lovely area have in both their individual and collective ways played a substantial part in the life of Windyridge. They have helped to make our young men feel accepted in the area from both the employment situation and from social acceptability. If it had not been for a number of our local Farmer friends who have offered full time employment to a larger number of young men than is normal; it is certainly very doubtful, in these days of high unemployment, if, in fact, some of our residents would have benefited from any working out experience which is so vital a part of their learning programme.

A very successful Open Day was held during the summer and the funds raised at this function – and others to be arranged in the future – we hope will be used to provide a Swimming Pool of our own at some future date.

During the year a number of residents have left us and others have arrived to join the family; and here it is most pleasing and gratifying to know that several residents who have left have shown every sign of making a success of their future. Some, as we must expect, have not done so well and proved themselves unable to cope with the demands that life makes upon them.

The training offered is still geared to meet the needs of the individual and is designed to stimulate self-control, initiative and self-reliance; the necessity for this is abundantly borne out by close observation of small groups who go for camping week-ends during the summer months as part of a varied programme of social training. This training works hand in hand with remedial classes for the semi-illiterate whose numbers appear to be growing alarmingly but whose needs are being ably catered for.

As the concept of residential care continues to change and expand it is a fervent hope that the Staff will be able to keep abreast with all modern thought and training involved. To this end it is hoped that during the coming year certain special courses will be available for Assistant Staff.



*The Drama Group*

## The New Medical Room

The need for adequate medical care for homeless people has become an increasing concern for us. To enable us to adapt part of our premises for better medical use, we hope to raise £2,000 during this year. Your help with this special project will assist us to increase our care in this field.

## The Clothing Store

The clothing you have sent has been very helpful for men and women in dire circumstances. Some men, who are badly loused up, have needed an entire change of clothing, so we need particularly, men's clothing, spectacles and razors. The cost of sending clothing by post is high, so if you know of someone travelling to London by car from your church or neighbourhood, they might be willing to bring it with them.

Thank you for all your assistance.

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Our friends will recognize that it has become necessary because of the rising cost of postage, to acknowledge gifts only when requested.

*Some of the  
Whitechapel  
Sunday School  
children ready for  
the Nativity Play*



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### FORM OF BEQUEST BY WILL

**For the guidance of friends who may desire to make bequests for the general work of the Whitechapel Mission, we append the following form of bequest.**

*I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to the Superintendent for the time being of the Whitechapel Methodist Mission, 212 Whitechapel Road, London, E.1., 1BJ. for the use of the said Mission, the legacy or sum of £ (free of duty), and direct the said last mentioned legacy or sum to be paid within twelve months after my decease from the proceeds of my real and personal estate, but primarily out of my personal estate, and the receipt of the Superintendent shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.*

NOTE—The Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1891, enables Testators to give by Will for the benefit of any charitable use not only pecuniary Legacies, but also tenements and hereditaments of any tenure. The Will must be signed by the Testator at the foot or end thereof in the presence of two independent witnesses, who must sign their names, and addresses, and occupations, at the same time, in his presence and the presence of each other.

If you have already made your Will, kindly add a Codicil directing a legacy to the Whitechapel Mission.

## OUR THANKS TO:-

All our helpers in so many ways and so many places

- all who give so much
- our various committees and officials
- all helpers from the local hospitals. Our Sunday workers including the lady who bakes cakes and those who assist us during the week
- Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Reynolds our organist and pianist
- our solicitors, auditors, bankers and printers
- our friends at the Home Office and the Woolnoth Society.

**YOU can help  
our work by ..**

*Praying for our work  
and workers*

*Sending a donation now*

*Having a collecting box  
in your home*

*Covenanting your gift  
(Details on request)*

*Making a Legacy in  
your Will*

*Arranging a Gift Service  
or Carol Party in  
your church*

*Sending clothing  
parcels*

*Asking for a Mission  
speaker for one of  
your meetings*

## **THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION** FOUNDED 1896

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**(Entrance Maples Place)**

### **ALL GIFTS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

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