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ANNUAL REPORT 1992



Revd. Thomas Jackson, founder of
Whitechapel Mission,
with his family

FAITH,
HOPE
and
CHARITY

THE METHODIST CHURCH
WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by the Revd Thomas Jackson, 1896)

FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

How quickly time seems to go by - it feels just like yesterday that I sat down to write my first annual report here at Whitechapel! Now it is time to let you know all that has happened in the past year, a year of feeling God's grace and presence in so many ways.

Christine's and my first full year has been interesting and stimulating, but sometimes difficult. The work is very intensive and demanding of emotions, finance, physical labour, prayer and relationships. One thing, however, stands out above everything else - the love, prayer and support that so many individuals, churches and other organisations provide us with throughout the year. We feel the presence of God in our midst portrayed in the faith of those who share with us.

The year really has been a time of learning about the needs of our friends of the street community and what facilities are needed by them. We have been able to offer more specialist services, in that we now have a chiropodist and an optician providing their services to us. Placed alongside the work of the doctors and social workers that the HHELP team provide us with, we feel that we are able to cater for a great number of needs of the body emotional, physical and spiritual.



Sadly, the numbers of our friends of the street community have grown, and, given the present economic climate, look set to keep growing. But, praise God, the numbers of our supporters also keep growing! I have spent the year moving around Methodism, and other denominations, bringing the needs of our the Whitechapel family to people's attention. Some have been shocked, but many have supported us in various ways. Some examples are as follows. Firstly, we realised that our kitchen would have to be rebuilt to comply with the Food Safety Act and, when an appeal was made, various City livery companies, charities, churches, youth organisations and individuals responded with grants and donations which allowed us to have the work done and completed in around three months. As a result of this wonderful care and support, we now have a modern kitchen capable, if needed, of providing a thousand hot meals a day. I trust that we shall never reach this amount of need, but believe that we must be prepared. Now our staff and volunteers are able to provide nourishing, freshly cooked meals and, of course, " a cuppa " for those who rely on us so much.



' The kitchen starts to shape up. '

Secondly, after many years of faithful service our Bedford van was, to say the least, beginning to look a little tired. An appeal to British Telecom, through the good offices of a great friend of the Mission, brought the gift of a brand new Ford Transit, for which we are all very grateful. Very soon after the Transit arrived, the Royal London Hospital then offered us a Bedford disabled personnel carrier at a very reasonable price. After some deliberation, the vehicle was purchased and duly joined the Whitechapel family.

A legacy enabled us to spend some money on the three vehicles. We had the original Bedford van repaired and resprayed, and all three vehicles signwritten. It seemed right to give each vehicle a name, so the original Bedford van was named Faith, the Bedford disabled personnel carrier was named Hope and the Ford Transit Charity. These names, which you will appreciate are scriptural (1 Corinthians Chapter 13, verse 13.), are proudly displayed on the bonnets of the vehicles.

Faith is a cornerstone of our lives and of all the work we are called to do here. We believe that what we are doing is not just by Whitechapel but on behalf of all God's church everywhere, and the fact that I quite often get called 'Vicar' or 'Father', portrays the church traditions from which some of our brothers and sisters come. One thing is certain, faith is a very much needed attribute when one is confronted with some of the problems in the lives of those God sends to us.

Hope When you are sleeping rough - or skippering as our friends call it - it is not easy to have hope and, yet, we know through being able to be part of the family of Whitechapel, our brothers and sisters of the street community receive hope of better things as they hear the Good News of Jesus. When one is on the receiving end of so much neglect and marginalisation, hope is a precious commodity to have and the growing numbers at our evening worship, right at the heart of our Care Unit, give proof of this.

Charity is, perhaps, a word that causes some people distress and maybe even a sense of lack of dignity, especially in regard to being given hand-me-downs or other people's left-offs. When our new van was delivered one of our brothers was sleeping in the car park and woke when the vehicle was being reversed in. When told that this beautiful gift was ours, his reply was:

"Do you mean we are getting something new for a change and not somebody else's left-offs?" For me that was both a thrilling and sad time. We obviously rely on charity to be able to carry on the work but, in all honesty, it is about portraying God's love and, in return, receiving so much from our friends that it almost reduces one to tears. Paul, writing those words to the church at Corinth, could not have realised that something written for that time would have so much relevance throughout history.



'Faith Hope and Charity'

But Whitechapel is not all about things physical. It is about the love of God in the lives of people. It is also about change and growth in the family of believers. So, reflecting this, we need to share our changing, growing family.

We have said goodbye to Simon Dixon and Myles Thomas, who have returned to their respective homes to take up new employment. David Gallimore has gone to Birmingham to commence his training for the diaconate, whilst Robin Waugh is in theological college in Belfast

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 1992

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>
ASSETS		
<u>Investment</u>		
Central Finance Board Mixed Fund Units	2,200	2,200
<u>Short Term Deposits</u>		
Methodist Church Central Finance Board	16,343	38,631
<u>Other Current Assets</u>		
Debtors and Prepayments	9,207	4,063
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7,046	11,167
	<u>16,253</u>	<u>15,230</u>
	34,796	56,061
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	4,680	3,688
Due to Thrift Club	1,005	1,720
	<u>5,685</u>	<u>5,408</u>
	£29,211	£50,653
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<u>Represented By:</u>		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Legacies Reserve	34,231	26,431
Manse Repair Reserve	3,255	2,736
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	6,554	5,400
	<u>44,084</u>	<u>34,567</u>
General Fund	(14,873)	16,086
	<u>£29,211</u>	<u>£50,653</u>
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NOTE : A copy of the full accounts may be obtained on application to the Mission.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1992

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>
INCOME		
Donations and Collections	46,988	60,593
Rents	22,082	17,898
Other Income	5,375	8,726
	<u>74,445</u>	<u>87,217</u>
Less EXPENDITURE		
Circuit Assessments	21,000	14,700
Salaries and National Insurance	20,874	17,812
Telephone and Office Expenses	15,733	17,290
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates	15,454	13,685
Repairs and Renewals	49,985	25,617
Motor Expenses and Travel	3,268	5,434
Provisions	476	710
Social Work	2,533	6,818
Audit Fee	1,216	1,104
Legal and Professional Charges	428	1,571
Time for God donations	4,525	2,400
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve	563	-
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	1,154	1,500
Sundries	406	476
	<u>137,715</u>	<u>109,117</u>
Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes	25,898	-
	<u>111,817</u>	<u>109,117</u>
(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR	(37,372)	(21,900)
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS		
Cost of vehicles purchased	(13,346)	-
Less earmarked donation	13,000	-
Cost of Telephone Equipment	(4,250)	-
	<u>(4,596)</u>	<u>-</u>
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE Legacies Reserve Account	11,009	8,123
(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR, CARRIED FORWARD	£(30,959)	£(13,777)
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training to be a Methodist minister in the Irish Conference. We had hoped that Nick Jones would remain with us for another year whilst he candidated for the Methodist ministry, but he is now lay pastor at Bow Road Methodist Church. We are indebted to all these brothers for the faith, hope and charity that they shared with us whilst part of our family and we wish them well in the future.

Tony Miller and Jean Painter continue their work here, being the longest serving members of the Whitechapel family - nine and ten years respectively - and they have been joined by Christine Treadwell who comes to us from Cliff College, Kerri Wright who comes from Bart's Hospital, and Tim Wadsworth who has just completed a university course - and we look forward to a happy year of sharing together.

We are indebted to the countless number of churches and volunteers who either come and work in the units at the Mission, or spend so much time gathering clothing, food, money and other items to send to us. We look forward to that sharing carrying on in the years to come, please be sure that we really appreciate all you do for and with us. Perhaps the joy of the photograph below, taken on the trip to Brighton, paid for by the Haywards Heath Methodist Church folk, is a way of our saying thank you!



'Brighton, here we come!'

WINDYRIDGE REPORT

It is just a year since I first came to Windyridge. I expected a challenge and have not been disappointed. The value of our work here is undisputed in that we offer a genuine opportunity for damaged young people to start their lives afresh. Needless to say, despite an extremely committed and caring staff group, working with up to thirty young people in a residential setting is fraught with difficulties. Most of our residents come from inner city areas where problems of violence, alcohol and drug abuse are widespread, and it is perhaps not surprising that these issues are part of our every day work. Despite this, the hostel aims to provide a caring and constructive environment in which residents can develop a regular work pattern, greater independence and self control, and a strategy for curtailing their offending. An example may help to understand what we do. Malcolm (name changed) is a 17 year old who came to Windyridge following a conviction of indecent exposure. He had been abused as a child and had little understanding of the effect of his offending on his victims. A lack of confidence and a speech impediment added to his problems. At Windyridge, Malcolm worked regularly on the farm and took part in an intensive programme aimed at avoiding further offending. After 7 months he was discharged, having grown in confidence and with much greater control over his behaviour. Sadly, not all of our residents are as successful, but those that are give us confidence to continue our efforts. On a lighter note, Windyridge is not all hard work as the photograph of sports day show!

Peter Jones - Warden



The Treasurer's Word

The past year has been a difficult one for our finances. We were staggered during the year when we were told that under the new Food Safety Act the kitchen from which we serve our 'clients' was not up to standard and a complete renewal was required. This was in spite of extensive alterations carried out only a few years ago.

Work started early and for the next three months chaos reigned with everyone eating dust and everything out of place. However, the end result could grace a palace - but cost has been £57,000.

Through the generosity of several businesses, Trusts, livery companies, churches and individuals, we have been able to pay for this without having to draw on our reserves, and some pledged support for some years in the future.

This is not the end of the story, however, as we now find that our toilets do not conform to Health and Safety regulations and our hardworking plumber is already drawing up plans to get these rebuilt, in another place, which is estimated to cost £40,000. We have also had trouble with rain coming through the windows of Thomas Jackson House and the ones which were most vulnerable have been replaced at a cost of £15,000. The rest will need replacing when funds are available, but this is going to cost at least £120,000.

During the year we have also carpeted the corridors to match that which the Probation Officers laid when they took over from Crisis. One piece of good news is that we were donated a new van by British Telecom through the good offices of one of our influential supporters.

You will realise from all this that we will still need to go round with the begging bowl for some time to come and we pray that you will be able to continue your support even though the recession is hitting everybody hard.

Thank you for all you have done for us up to now and we look forward to your support in the future.

Eric Warner

YOU CAN HELP OUR WORK BY

Praying for our work and our workers

Sending a donation now

Having a collecting-box in your home

Covenanting your gift (explanatory leaflet available on request)

Undertaking a special project on behalf of the Mission

Making a legacy in your Will

Arranging a Gift Service or Carol Party from your church

Sending or delivering men's clothing

Asking for a Mission Speaker for one of your meetings

Visiting the Mission

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 Treasurers for the time being of the Whitechapel Methodist Mission, 212 Whitechapel Road, London. E1 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 Treasurers shall be sufficient discharge to my executors

NOTE: The Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1981, 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, you might add a codicil directing a legacy to the Whitechapel Methodist Mission.

METHODS OF GIVING

Deeds of Covenant:

Since the Methodist Church is a registered charity, the Whitechapel Mission especially welcomes gifts by Deed of Covenant. As payments may be spread over a convenient period, as little now as four years, many donors can give more than would be possible by a single gift and, with income tax at the basic rate of 25%, the value of each covenanted gift is increased considerably.

Other Ways of Giving:

If you are not in a position to enter into a covenant we hope that you may be able to contribute in one of the following ways:

by completing a Banker's Order for payments on a regular basis

by pledging a regular contribution over a specified number of years