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Clear Call

Director's Bit

Leadership expert, John Maxwell, tells the story of a man who wants to break a large rock into smaller pieces. He strikes the rock with his hammer. Nothing seems to happen. He strikes it again with the same result. He continues this strategy until he has struck the rock 100 times with no apparent results. Then, on the one hundred and first time of striking, the rock cracks open.

This is often the way in Christian work. We do what we do over and over again with little sign of a result, then out of nowhere the rock breaks open.

It would be easy to connect the final result with the final blow, as though all the other strikes were ineffective; but no, each hammer blow made its own contribution to the end result. Persistence and perseverance were needed.

Paul writes to the Corinthian Church:

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

'PERSISTENCE & PERSEVERANCE WERE NEEDED'



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This issue of Clear Call is all about the impact of our partnership in The Gospel and the difference MCM is able to make through the generosity of our supporters.

The Difference We Make



Insight

Insight: equipping the saints



The Narrowgate
Next Stage Housing

Next Stage Housing: supporting those in housing need



Nourish

Nourish: combating food poverty



Operation Joy

Operation Joy: taking the Gospel onto the streets



Threshold Coaching

Threshold: serving those in ministry



Seven:Nine

Seven-Nine: Churches taking the Gospel to their Muslim neighbours and friends



On The Wing

On The Wing: taking the Gospel into the prisons

Equipping the Saints

“Equipping Christians to serve is one of my greatest joys and an amazing privilege.”
- Terry Durose.

Training and personal development have been a passion of Mission Director Terry Durose since the 1980s when he became one of the first people in the country to receive the Youth Trainers Award. Early in his pastoral ministry he put together training programs on Church life, Evangelism and Cell Church Leadership.

Later, during his time as Head of UK Missions for 'On the Move' he would train up to 200 volunteers at a time for each short-term mission project he led. “By then I was hooked”, Terry told us.

“I arranged for our mission teams, including street evangelists and homeless outreach team, at !Audacious Church to attend the MCM course ‘resonate’ this year and found it to be an excellent training course to help us excel in our mandate to take the Gospel into our city. The course covered a well-thought-out overview of evangelism, especially within the context of acts of compassion and outreaches to the marginalised.



Insight

It was insightful and contained lots of takeaways to implement better practices along with plenty of wisdom to apply to various scenarios”.

I highly recommend the course to anyone looking to develop evangelistic mission in any context.” - Paul Nadin.

'MCM has amassed a wealth of experience and knowledge over the years. By sharing this with others we increase the impact we can make.'

Terry carried this passion with him when he became MCM Director over 20 years ago. 'Resonate', MCM's evangelism course is now in its seventeenth year and is just as relevant as ever.

Terry also developed and delivered the course 'Working with HoPe' as a way of preparing volunteers to work in what was the Narrowgate Shelter. It was during an early delivery of 'Working with HoPe' that Terry met Louise McCabe who was a volunteer in the shelter. Louise now serves MCM as Assistant Director.

Terry said, "Louise is a great example of how volunteering at MCM can be the start of an amazing personal development journey. We are currently looking into the kind of training opportunities that our volunteers would find helpful".

In 2023 Terry received his Level Seven Diploma in Leadership Coaching and Mentoring and is now in the process of developing 'Threshold', a coaching ministry aimed at supporting and developing anyone in Christian Ministry.



Threshold Coaching

Every Story has a Number...

...and every number has a story

Mark Twain popularised the saying that there are three kinds of lies; "lies, damn lies and statistics". Nevertheless, statistics are everywhere. City Missions have long been fascinated by the numbers associated with the work as can be seen from the yearly figures extracted from the April 1861 edition of the Manchester City Mission Magazine.

We still maintain records of our activities, sometimes called outcomes, but we're also interested in their impact.

For instance, Nourish fed 489 households from November to March,

providing more than just food. The impact includes improved health, well-being and reduced anxiety. Children learned better because they didn't go to school hungry. Communities benefited from social integration and increased social capital. Most importantly, six people accepted Christ through the food club during that period.

Think also of each of the 209 conversations that Paul has with street people each month! Given that

chronic ostracism can lead to feelings of alienation, unworthiness, depression, and helplessness, the impact of these compassion-filled conversations can be immense.

Reported April 1861

Total number of visits: 4,474

Tracts circulated: 6,816

Open Air Meetings held: 44

Persons induced to attend places of worship: 34

Persons brought to a saving knowledge of the truth: 27

People conversed with: 13,537

'Of course, when someone truly accepts Jesus the impact lasts for eternity!'

An average of 19 inmates attend Nick's Bible groups in prison.

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Paul always remembers the birthdays of those he meets on the streets. They feel valued when they receive a card and a gift.

Two food club members were led to the Lord in one afternoon.

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Two inmates have confirmed their conversion to Christianity.

A troubled man walked into our food club looking for 'something'. He found Jesus and has joined a local church.



Facts about Manchester City Mission

1. We have been a relevant charity within Greater Manchester since 1837.
2. We will never exaggerate our results.
3. Our Executive pay is comparable to a Baptist Minister or starting salary for a classroom teacher.
4. We remain true to traditional Biblical values on sexuality and marriage.
5. All our projects are Gospel based.
6. We subscribe to the Evangelical Alliance's Basis of Faith.
7. We are financially transparent.

The Joy of Giving

In Spring of 2025,
two important reports were published.

Focusing on Christian giving, the Stewardship 'Generosity Report', published in February this year, shows an increase in giving of two whole percentage points on what was reported in the previous year's research.

Committed Christians give an average of £314 a month. This is £249 more than the UK average presented in the CAF report, which is encouraging.

Those with a deeper Christian practice are more likely to channel all their giving through church, which at face value is again encouraging. However, for Christian charities such as MCM, the number of churches that have closed down in the last 10 years has had a directly detrimental impact on income.

MCM Administrator, Janet Durose, said "Each time we do a mailshot we get a worrying number of 'not known at this address' type replies from churches that no longer exist".

Here at Manchester City Mission, we remain truly grateful for the number of individual households that pray for us and give regularly.

The most encouraging news in the Generosity report is this, "25% of Committed Christians were inspired by what a Christian charity had planned for the future, or what they had done in the past."

This report also states that Committed Christians experience the most joy from their generosity and concludes that "greater generosity leads to greater joy".

The UK Giving Report 2025

The 'UK Giving Report 2025', published in March by the Charities Aid Foundation, makes for more sobering reading, especially for those who are engaged in the third sector.

Some of the more disturbing facts presented include:

- Fewer people than ever are giving to charity.
- 3.9 million people cancelled a regular charity payment last year.
- 19% of those surveyed don't trust charities to spend their money wisely.

Niel Heslop OBE CEO of the Charities Aid Foundations commented:

"...the challenging economic environment continues to place significant strain on charities... charities are helping a growing number of people in need, but with less funding available and higher costs to cover."

Here at MCM we can certainly identify with that!



MCM has served the people of Manchester and Salford for 188 years with solid Gospel projects. Agility, it seems, is key to maintaining a portfolio of valuable relevant projects! Watch this space!

At MCM we rejoice that God's faithfulness is very frequently revealed through the generosity of our supporters.

We wish you Joy!

Legacy Giving

Over the years Manchester City Mission has benefited countless times from legacy donations which have enabled us to continue offering the services that our clients so desperately need.

In the UK around 31% of those with a will have included a legacy donation to a charity.

A study by 'Remember A Charity' shows that legacy donations now make up around 30% of all donations received by Charities. The same study suggests that legacy giving is on the rise.

There are several benefits to leaving a part of your estate to a charity:

Firstly, there is that personal satisfaction that you have made a difference, even after your passing.

There is also that sense that you have continued to support a cause that has mattered to you.

Legacy giving leaves a good example to the next generation while ensuring that your values are reflected in your will.

There may even be some tax benefits if you leave at least 10% of your estate to charity.



A 'Thumbs Up'

from our Volunteers

As we entered into 2025, Assistant Director Louise McCabe conducted a survey amongst our volunteers.

Here's what our volunteers told us:

100% say they are very satisfied and are very likely to continue volunteering this year!

64% said that fellowship, support & recognition contributed to their satisfaction.

50% would like training/coaching and development.

60% would recommend a friend to volunteer with us.



MCM increases its impact by enlisting and empowering volunteers. Without their support we would be far more limited in what we can achieve.

However there is significant evidence that the blessings run on a two way street. The high levels of satisfaction experienced and reported by our volunteers is astounding, but also reflects the personal benefits reaped by those who offer their time in service of others.

The Royal Voluntary Service suggests the following benefits to volunteering:

- New skills & valuable work experience.
- Making new friends and improving confidence.
- Better physical & mental health and wellbeing.
- Sense of giving something back and a connection to others in the community.

This research suggests that as well as making a difference for our clients, we also have a positive impact on our volunteers!

We thank God for the volunteer support that we receive. It is a great encouragement to all the team.



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