



Glasgow Street Pastors

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Someone has made a sign (I think its in the Charing Cross area) that says *Glasgow Endures*; if you do a search of that in You Tube you will see a range of photos of *Glasgow* with an accompanying song. The song's message is about us pulling through together. I loved seeing the places around the city I have not seen for a while. One thing, of course, was missing - the people!

I have a picture of *GSP* continuing to build ourselves up as we move towards the next stage as a city, as a country as *GSP* together when the streets of *Glasgow* will step by step come alive again.

Keeping in touch,
supporting one another.

Meeting as teams
together.

Praying for our city
esp homeless people.

Seeking God's will for
our next steps.

Being uplifted by seeing the
team in Central Station on TV.

Discussing possibilities
for us as we move on.

Keeping business of *GSP*
going eg contacts, finances.

Supporting *GSP* by
regular giving.

As we continue to build ourselves up as *GSP*, we do so in the knowledge that Jesus is our cornerstone. *In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his spirit. Ephesians 2: 19-22*



Regular giving: continued thanks to all who give to *GSP* on a monthly basis or as one-off gifts. Our finances are only being used just now to cover our financial commitments. As with other charities, our donations have gone right down. If you are in a position to give to *GSP*, that would help as we move forward. This can be set up easily: bank details and gift aid information are available from Willie. (willie.henry@gsp.scot)

God bless you as you to stay at home, work in your own setting and continue to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

And from Stuart

- A co-ordinator's meeting took place on Mon 18 May by Zoom with the CEO, Chris Jewell. Eleven initiatives were represented. One of the discussion items was Looking Beyond Lockdown. All present were in agreement that a return to night-time patrolling would not be likely for some considerable time and that daytime 'activity' could be considered as restrictions are lifted.
- The Scottish government is being urged to build on the progress that's been achieved addressing the needs of the homeless.
- A group of charities - allied under the "Everyone Home" banner - will present a plan designed to make Scotland the first nation in the UK to eliminate rough sleeping and ensure there's no return to the "old normal" once this virus has passed.
- Charles Maasz CEO of GCM. <https://www.scottishhousingnews.com/article/everyone-home-charles-maasz-chief-executive-at-glasgow-city-mission>
- This is a difficult time for vulnerable young people. Help is available through the Simon Community 'Nightstop' service. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAmUkGBKdOY>
- A training module, 'Showing and Sharing Jesus after Lockdown' is being developed by AT to prepare Street Pastors for engaging with questions arising from these challenging times.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6: 18

PRAY

Please pray for Lorna and Stuart as they continue to work from home.

'Please see the prayer points from Willie

And finally,

Please be in touch if GSP can be of support to you: please do not be stuck. As a family, we are here for one another.

Linda Burke
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Context for prayer

- It is increasingly becoming apparent that life after lockdown as it gradually unfolds, will be very different for all of us, including street pastors. In the meantime, we are continuing to try to support one another and meet together as teams on Zoom or equivalent and continuing to pray for our city and its needs. We also continue to seek God's will for GSP as we move forward.
- As we know, the Lord works for good in every situation and the coronavirus crisis has enabled the homeless people of Glasgow to be taken off the streets and accommodated in hotels. The problem is what to do when we come out of lockdown. Can the Scottish Government build on this progress?
- The BBC Scotland programme on Central Station, which featured GSP was really excellent. If you haven't seen it, have a look on BBC iPlayer. Derek was given the opportunity to speak at length to camera and did so very clearly with no clichés or cringe factor! Sheena and John were also filmed in action and we could see Mark in the background.

Please pray:

- That we will continue to support one another in teams and that we grow close together during this time of separation. Pray that we will not retreat into ourselves but support one another with prayers, WhatsApp messages and in other ways, so that the bond we have together in the Lord's work will deepen. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless our work with personnel as well as financially in this time of shutdown.
- That the Lord will give wisdom (and the will) to the Government as they try to take steps that will bring permanent improvement to the lot of homeless people. Pray that, with the help and support of the charities operating under the "Everyone Home" banner, the Government may be able make the eradication of homelessness a reality rather than a hope.
- That those who saw the programme will now have a positive view of street pastors in Glasgow and the work that we are doing, realising that the Gospel is not an "otherworldly" religious experience but has real practical impact where there is need. Pray also that Christians seeing the programme may be prompted to get involved with GSP.