



Christmas 2011



FAITH Christian Group

Working among the homeless, poor and needy of Reading



A very Happy Christmas to all our supporters



As I write this we have just completed collecting all the generous donations of harvest food from various schools across Berkshire and Hampshire.



ReadiFood Reading's Food Bank Food Parcels for those in Need

Demand for parcels has doubled in about two years to an average 35 per week. That is a very large amount of food and we will struggle in 2012 to have enough for all in need.



Christmas

We are again grateful to Blessed Hugh Faringdon School for doing a special Christmas food collection.

That, along with some of the donations from around 20 Schools at Harvest time, means that we will be able to deliver around 100 special Christmas Hampers to people in real need in the Reading area.



If you can help with daytime deliveries or evening sorting and packing, do contact ... **Alison Peyton** 0793 684 5303 readifood@fcg.org.uk



"ReadiStreet"



We still serve up to 70 people night by night on the streets. This is a huge commitment from our volunteers, for whom we are very thankful. Some have faithfully served for many years now. If you know anyone who might love to get out on the streets to help, do contact ...

Tony Henson 0793 684 5301 readistreet@fcg.org.uk



Reading Festival



FAITH once again had a presence at **Reading Festival**. It is such a fantastic opportunity to share the love of Jesus with a large number of mainly young people who might otherwise have little or no positive contact with Christians. It is a valuable outreach, but expensive to run. We are particularly thankful to one individual who personally financed this and the next two years' outreaches to festival-goers. If you would like to help us at the festival in August 2012 do contact Tony.



Stepping Stones Housing the Homeless



2011 has seen us retain the same three people in our Stepping Stone house. This has enabled them to find a good deal of stability in their lives. With the ever present temptation to slip back into old ways of living, the support from Staff and Volunteers is vital. The house is not entirely self-financing and FAITH have to subsidise the work there.

We are looking to buy more houses through the scheme with Green Pastures. However that will rely on new money coming forward. Existing levels of giving will not support it. If you are able to offer pastoral type support and are willing to commit yourself to something emotionally demanding, please contact ...

Richard Caldicott 0793 684 5302 steppingstones@fcg.org.uk

We are all very grateful for all the support that FAITH receive from Churches, Schools, local businesses and individuals.

With the ongoing expansion of the work of FAITH we need a significant increase in funding. Monthly gift-aided payments help us to budget responsibly. One-off gifts enable us to invest in specific items such as **Stepping Stones** and **ReadiFood**.

GIVING



As you fill your Christmas stockings this year, do spare a thought for those less fortunate and help us to help them.

We are grateful to a number of commercial sponsors, especially **PRET A MANGER** and **PICNIC** (Buttermarket, Reading) for daily supplies of sandwiches.



Thanks also for support to **Curves**



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