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REPORT

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Home Missions is all about people – touching people with the love of God! It starts with everyday people who have found NEW LIFE in Christ sharing their faith, their testimony, their story with more people.

Why not start your own Home Mission!

We're always looking for leaders to run Home Missions.

If you have an idea, a project, a group of people in your local community that you would like to touch with God's love – let us know, or if you would like to run a Home Missions but don't know what to do, then we can help!

If you would like to know more about Home Missions or becoming a Home Mission leader contact the church offices, or email:
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Change

Change's mission is to “give a future and a hope” to this generation and to restore positive family values within the home, helping to change our community for the better.



September is a transition period for Change, as we come out from the summer holiday period of activities and into a new school year. This year we are looking to venture further afield, and we are on the verge of going into a major school in the Canterbury area. This is very exciting for us as a charity, and it goes alongside what the Lord has been showing us in prayer recently. We can also see God's timing in it, as one of the main schools we go into has changed from a PRU (Pupil Referral Unit) to a satellite of the Goldwyn School, which may change our working relationship with them.

Change is ever changing and adapting to the needs of the young people and families around it, and has to totally rely on the Lord for all things. Lately we have been receiving parental referrals, which happen as parents of an old student tell another parent in need of help about how we were able to help their child. This is great as the speed that help is got to the young person and family can be as quick as 24 hours - something that we are proud of being able to do.

“I AM – two of the most powerful words. For what you put after them shapes your reality.” This quote is in the very core of Change and who we are. We are here to help our young people, to give them a hope and a fresh vision of who they really are – and this can be literally life changing! The bible says, ‘Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.’ (Proverbs 29:18 NIV).

Change would like to thank Life Church for all the support, both materially and spiritually, that they freely give us. We also want to say thank you to Fresh

Start for their support, as well as the Changing Room, our charity shop, and the Manager Liz and staff there.

Please pray for Change - for greater influence in schools, colleges etc. in our area, and for more volunteers. If you would like any more information on the work of Change, or if you are interested in getting involved through prayer or practical volunteering, we would love to hear from you!



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Autumn Harvest

Sharing the love of Christ in the residential homes across Shepway through hymns, Bible readings, prayer, testimonies and fellowship.

Autumn Harvest has been visiting residential homes for the elderly in Shepway for over 10 years. Teams go together to



visit, talk, listen and share the love of Jesus with these precious people, in their final furlong of life on this earth. What an opportunity we have to be able to bring the Gospel to them before it's too late. As Carl F.H. Henry said, "The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time."

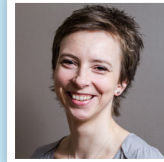
Residents and staff are always so pleased to see the teams when they visit. They love to join in the songs and when the Gospel is shared there are wonderful

moments when a face or two almost 'glows' with the revelation of Jesus Christ as God's Word is shared with them. Many of them remember the faith they had in their childhood or youth, or that of their parents, and are filled again with the peace and love of God.

It is a privilege to spend time with them, to talk with them and hear their wisdom and life stories, and of course to share Jesus with them.

Please pray for all those who are in residential homes in our area. Pray for God

to meet them where they are, supernaturally, powerfully, and to bring them to glorious salvation. Pray for their hearts to be open and receptive as the teams visit, and for the staff and residents to be forever impacted by God's great love. If possible join the teams, and see what God can do through you in reaching and ministering to these precious souls.



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Searching For Hope (Refugees in Calais)

The refugees in Calais are searching for hope, and our mission is to go and take hope to them – the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, and much needed food and clothing to these people who have nowhere to live.

The numbers of refugees in Calais is increasing, and we have been told that there are now about 2,000 that are known about, but in reality the figure may be much higher. As wars and trouble increases in the Middle East the numbers of refugees are becoming numerous across Europe.

Our most recent visits to Calais were on the 6th September 2014 and the 13th September 2014. On the 6th September, we met up with Dominic, who is an English man living there who has helped us make inroads with the locals and with the refugees over the years. He took us to a place where the men are camping on the outskirts of Calais. When we arrived at the camp we gave out

bread, fruit, cheese, Christian tracts and Bibles. The refugees are being given one meal a day, which of course is not enough! It was a shocking scene to see men that we are talking to who are homeless, stateless and almost starving, with all hope daily ebbing away. Most of the men we spoke to were from Sudan and are Muslims.



On 13th September, we arrived at the Port of Dover and made up 40-50 bags of food with bread, cheese and fruit, ready to give out to the refugees. We planned to hand these bags out as the refugees left the building where clothes



are distributed to them, and to give out Christian literature, but found that the clothing centre was closed. There were lots of refugees around on the street, and some asked if we had food, so we decided to distribute it there and got the bags out. Within minutes a big crowd surged round the corner and pushed forward to grab food parcels. These were desperate people!! We gave out lots of literature and prayed for some people. There was a Syrian man and his 10 year old son, and lots of Sudanese and Eritreans.

One evening, as the team met together to pray for the upcoming trip, we could see a huge combine harvester through the window, working to harvest the field, and it reminded us of the urgency of bringing the harvest in at the right time of the year. It was getting dark as we talked and prayed, and in the field the combine-harvesters' headlights seemed to be getting extremely bright - it reminded us of how Christians will be a blazing light in these days and that the Lord will draw more and more lost souls to Himself as the world becomes darker.

If you are interested in joining the team that visit Calais on a Saturday, please contact me. We also need warm clothes for men and blankets, tins of food with ring pull tops, and supermarket carrier bags. And remember to pray for the refugees in Calais, and for us as we go to share hope with them.



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We have a mission...and that mission starts at HOME and reaches out all around the world. It's time to go and share the Good News. This is the will of God for every Christian – the mission in life we have all received – to share God's love with others.



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