

The lads clearly enjoyed the experience of attending such a well organised and respected course that now opens doors of work experience and employment. Few people with their backgrounds and issues related to homelessness have successfully gained this accolade. They have overcome their circumstances and done themselves and the Street Soccer project proud.

What is even more impressive is that they are now practically using their new found qualifications and skills at localised coaching centres in the inner city working with marginalised children and acting as positive role models to them. It's incredibly encouraging to see these young men who once had crippling issues themselves now rehabilitated to a point where they can demonstrate hope to those less fortunate by investing into them through positive activity.

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**Simon writes:** Thank you to everyone who has helped make my transition from volunteer to shop manager so easy and enjoyable. I thank God everyday for getting me involved in such a wonderful charity and giving me the opportunity to help people less fortunate than myself.



We would like to express our gratitude for all your donations of clothing and bric-a-brac to the shop (please keep them coming) your donations are always gratefully received as we could not carry on our work without them. We are always looking for volunteers to help us, even if you prefer to be behind the scenes sorting donations and keeping the shop stocked and looking good. please call Simon on 0161 445 7744 or download an application from our website.



*And finally...we thank you and praise God for your ongoing support. We pray a blessing and much Joy to you this Christmas and ask that the New Year would bring an even greater awareness of God's amazing Love for YOU.*

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# Barnabus

Care, support, dignity...



*Newsletter, December 2009*



Greetings in the beautiful name of Jesus,  
Well friends lots of things have been happening since our last newsletter. There have been disappointments, and yet great gifts from God. Staff changes, but read on and I'll tell you all about them.

I am sure you guys have all heard of Charlie's Angels, well I'd like to introduce you to Peter's Chicks! Our dear sister Becca is now working in the Crown Court with the family support team, and her position has been filled by Carol, who has come from a background steeped in publicity. I feel sure that Carol will take us on from where Becca left off.

Our second angel is Caroline, she has recently taken over from Catriona (Catriona has recently told us the good news that her and her hubby Jake are expecting their first child in the New Year, Praise be to God, we will all pray that Catriona keeps well during her pregnancy and that Jake keeps sane and their child becomes yet another Manchester United fan). What can one say? Caroline is young in the Christian faith and has previously worked at Manchester City Mission Loaves & Fishes Project. She is a loving mum with three small children. Caroline's role will be to work alongside the young women, sex workers who roam our streets, and alongside Beryl in HMP Styal.

I would love all you guys to give the same prayerful support to our angels as you did to Becca and Catriona.

Also new to our staff is Simon, he has taken over the role of manager at the Barnabus Boutique. He is a young man with some exciting ideas for the future. If you get the chance to call in to our shop on Wilmslow Road, please make yourself known to Simon, preferably bring

along your credit card or purse, and bring a smile to Simon's face.

Our major disappointment has been the failure of the sale of the Beacon at 45 Bloom St, however our God is a big God and we will wait upon His time. The premises are still for sale, but in the meantime we have reopened, with one major change. We have now brought the soup kitchens in off the streets to operate from the Beacon, to enable the guys who come along to keep themselves warm.

Love and little fishes,  
**Peter and Beryl Green**

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**Caroline writes:** I took up my post as Women's Support Worker with Barnabus in mid - September but feel like I have been here for ever, everybody has been so welcoming and supportive it really feels like I've come home.



It has been an exciting 10 weeks, Red Light Outreach re-started at the end of September and it has been a privilege to meet and work with the women on the streets, all of them so special and beautiful in their own ways. We see many of the women regularly and as such the seeds of new relationships are starting to be sown between us, and I pray over time trusting relationships will develop.

I would just like to say a special thank you to the lovely Outreach volunteers who have been so unconditionally welcoming, accepting and supportive of me in my new role.

Work continues in Styal, Beryl and I are attending the weekly Drop-in sessions offering practical and emotional support and advice to prisoners who are due for release and also those who are going to be in prison for a longer length of time.

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**Adele from D.A. writes:** Hello to you all! Women's Direct Access a place which continues to dwell in God's presence, we know this as there have been



great relationships built with the staff and women there. I've been working for Barnabus at the D.A. for a year now and over that year I have seen God do some amazing things. We've had provision, he's healed a girl from smoking and I have seen three girls give their life to Jesus, how amazing is that! God has given me and the wonderful volunteers so many opportunities to witness about who Jesus is and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, inspiring the girls to go to church for themselves and enabling them to experience just how much God does love them.

It was really exciting to take some of the girls to Llandudno in July, they thoroughly enjoyed it and it was a real time of bonding and building even deeper relationships. Some of the women move on into accommodation and I often meet with them and keep in touch, one of the women has now got a new home and is volunteering a couple of days a week and attending a bible study, praise God! It is a real privilege and honour to serve God and the women at Direct Access.



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**Carol writes:** It's such an awesome privilege to take on the role of Development Manager and I'm full of excitement over what God has in store. It's so humbling to be involved in everything from raising our profile, finding new support to aid funding and spending time with our friends; whether it be down the allotment harvesting veggies, encouraging our friends at various Beacon sessions or supporting our Soccer lads as they try and explain to me the offside rule.

Alongside all of this my old clients and contacts have generously blessed us in the form of our Christmas Card and recently two large Horticultural Clients Westland and Unwins have agreed to give us as many bulbs, seeds and growing media as we need for our allotment project – how awesome is our God!



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**Andy from Street Soccer writes:** Street Soccer Manchester has seen some significant Developments over the past few weeks. Three Manchester based participants have recently successfully completed the FA Level 1 Coaching Award. This includes first aid certification, child protection policy understanding and basic football coaching qualification.