

Dear Friends,

Many thanks indeed for the hard work of faith-filled intercession, the most essential element in the advancement of the Kingdom of God advances and in the driving back of the powers of darkness. This week I have had to stand outside our youth clubs as a look out as a precaution against knife attack. (See below)

Last Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb during our young offenders' club session a car pulled up in the darkness and youths armed with knives and a machete jumped out. Our youth club members who were sitting outside the youth club ran back inside and our amazing ex-young offender worker Grant moved like lightning to lock the doors.

Then on Tuesday a machete attack was carried out by a gang on a young man who was passing the back exit of one of our kids' clubs and one of our mums went his aid, supported by the kids' club leader. He died shortly afterwards from three wounds. The attackers appear to have been from the same gang that came to our youth club to attack our youths.

Praise God that 3 were arrested for this murder within days, including a gang leader notorious for punishment stabbings of drug delivery boys belonging to other drug gangs.

*Praise God for...*

- a. The swift assessment and rapid action by our ex-young offender turned youth support worker in keeping our youths safe from stabbing, and the people he already knows in the enemy gang
- b. No further threats to our youth clubs and the arrest of 3 of the murder suspects
- c. The compassion and courage of the Superkidz mother who went to the aid of the victim until the ambulance arrived.
- d. The leadership and initiative of a mum of 10 who suffered severe domestic violence and is now working for Superkidz. She is supporting both the mum who came to the aid of the victim and the victim's family.
- e. Growing faith and enthusiasm in our youth church
- f. Successful restarting of our Middle Park Stay n Play mothers' and Toddlers' group, with great attendance
- g. Wonderful increase in numbers at our Tuesday kids' club
- h. Wonderful joy and happiness in both our kids' clubs, with excellent support work for parents and carers
- i. The warmth of relationships with our young offenders' group

*Please pray for...*

- a. The family of the murder victim
- b. The mum who helped the victim. She is related to one of the attackers and has been accused by some gossips in the community of collusion with him
- c. A change of heart in the attackers. We have known one of them for a long time as a hero who saved the life of a stab victim 4 years ago, before he became heavily involved in a drug gang.
- d. Resilience for our whole team following these events
- e. Plans to reach out to the enemy gang
- f. The spread of faith among workers and beneficiaries, who are mainly without faith, or are Muslims (at Tuesday kids club)

- g. Growth in St. Saviour's church congregation
- h. A mum who is in severe debt and also very spiritually troubled and inclined to consult mediums, but who is also reading the Bible
- i. A team to enable us to restart our vulnerable adults' group
- j. A way forward for our Horn Park Stay n Play group – probably as a forest school on an allotment - now that we have been excluded from the community hall there because they are hosting a fee-paying nursery.
- k. A boy whose father is an alcoholic and can be violent towards him, and for social services as they work with the family
- l. Our efforts to persuade boys out of drug delivery work and young people in that group out of drug abuse
- m. Effective ways of communicating the gospel to young offenders and at risk girls with a short attention span, limited vocabulary, harsh experiences of life, little experience of love, and a cultural bias against religion.
- n. Guidance and inspiration for our informal family church