



How to: Community Outreach

As we look to fulfil Jesus commission to 'go into all the world and make disciples', the place the church often starts (and rightly so) is in their local community and immediate vicinity.

Although the church is one body, it is made up of many members, in which some often feel afraid of 'evangelising', preferring to leave it to the evangelists. However, we are all called and can play our part in reaching out, using all the giftings and ministries within the body such as hospitality, intercessors and musicians alongside the evangelists.

Teams:

Door Knockers
Intercessors in the Gazebo
Hospitality
Offering Drinks
Musicians
Prayer Walkers

Equipment:

Gazebo
Chairs
Drinks / Flasks
Tracts
Small Speaker / Microphone
(If available)
Church Info

One of the smaller outreach ways we have found successful is our 'Gazebo' model. We find an area, often near some local shops where people are passing, and pop up our Gazebo. We have a banner on it offering Prayer and a few chairs inside. This is where the intercessors are based praying for the door knockers and the area and ready to welcome anybody coming into the Gazebo for prayer or a chat. We have found it useful to have hot or cold drinks to offer passing people.



Set a few feet away from the Gazebo, we usually have someone / a team of people proclaiming scripture, playing worship songs, singing or drumming. Obviously, these are far enough away not to drown out the chats going on in the Gazebo. We have found it useful not to overcrowd the Gazebo as it may deter people coming in. If you have any people spare, they can prayer walk the immediate area, offering up vital prayer cover. One or two confident people can be on hand to either start conversations with passing people and offer prayer or brews and point people into the Gazebo for prayer or a further chat.



Gazebo for prayer or a further chat. If you are likely to have lots of young people around it could be useful to have a youth worker to chat with them, offer a game of football, etc.

At the same time as the Gazebo outreach, have a few teams knocking on doors, offering prayer and giving out good quality tracts. If you have an upcoming event or special service you could take leaflets for this as well. We have also found it useful that the intercessors in the Gazebo have the door knockers' mobile numbers to offer any specific prayer or words of knowledge they have received. We finish the outreach with everyone coming back together to encourage each other with testimonies and prayer.

**How Can
We Pray for
You
Today?**



Reaching out this way can be done with as many or as few people as available and is a great way to get the whole church involved. We are usually out for about 1 1/2 - 2 hours but can be done alongside other church events such as a fun day etc.

We have found that we often follow one of these Gazebo events with an evangelical healing service either on the nighttime or the Sunday service. However, the important thing is just to get out there and start...God works with small beginnings and we are always either planting, watering or reaping seed – He is the Lord of the Harvest.

Mini-Mission Idea

FRIDAY:

Prayer / Encounter Evening

SATURDAY:

Street Work, Gazebo, Door Knocking

SATURDAY / SUNDAY MORNING:

Gospel and Healing Service