

Releasing Captives International Annual Report – year ending 31 March 2019

A key feature in the past year 2018-19 is that we have enjoyed a significant growth in terms of volunteers.

As last year, we have had significant increase in volunteers from London based churches assisting us on a weekly basis. Several of these have now expressed interest in partnering with us on a longer-term basis. These churches have been linked with us through our connections with Rev Gavin Jacobs and Churches in Communities International (CIC).

CIC itself continues to grow, and like-wise our networking and relationships within the Prison/ Detention Centre apparatus does too. This ensures that our reputation and access to an increasing amount of facilities is enhanced!

In terms of our weekly services we have continued to see amazing results within both the ladies and men's establishments. Actual attendance figures have been lower by a surprising 400+ people this year due to the centres themselves having fewer residents. However, the results in terms of people responding to the Christian Gospel and being saved, healed and delivered are on par with what we have seen over the past couple of years for which we praise God!

Furthermore, significant testimonies have fuelled an increased joy and excitement within the core RCI team which, in turn has encouraged the group and enhanced our expectation that God desires to do much more through us.

Our new website is up and running. This enables the many former, at least 35,000 individuals, and even current detainees to maintain a regular connection and access to us. We have noticed that the impact RCI has on past detainee's is so significant that they invariably wish to maintain regular contact because of the life-changing experience they have had. Given the nature of what we do, exact figures and detailed information is not provided. The Web site is however key in maintaining relationships, offering spiritual material, giving testimonies and providing potentially sermons

What have been the highlights in the Ministry this past year?

As stated, highlights have included significant responses from both inmates/detainees and team members alike. Exciting testimonies have become more apparent during this past year. This includes former detainees/inmates sharing their spiritual journey with us from places such as India, Ghana, Nigeria, Nepal, and Uganda.

What have been the challenges faced by the Ministry this past year?

Challenges have included more stringent time constraints upon us within the prison environment. Including increased security and control measures being imposed due to heightened tensions. The departure of some gifted and appreciated team members has also placed increased pressure on the overall team. This continues to make it difficult to expand the ministry beyond its current level.

Is there anything the Ministry needs?

RCI is currently well able to exist and continue at its current level. There is a great deal of room for expansion, however, this requires a greater level of commitment from the existing team members...and/or a significant increase in willing personnel with time available.

Financial and prayer support has been key to the growth and development of this ministry. We believe that God is taking us to a new level which is very exciting. Our core membership has been enhanced which helps ensure the ministry's longevity.

We are pleased to see the way RCI has assisted the well being of detainee's whilst they remain in detention, and also how we have been able to prepare them for their future lives either in the UK or their home countries.

Financial details:-

income and expenditure for April 2018 to March 2019

income: £3436.90

expenditure: £4089.93

Accounts for the period april 2018 - mar 2019

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Income	
£	4,089.93
Expenses	
£	3,436.90
£	653.03