

STEPPING OUT WITH THE GOSPEL

This month London City Mission (LCM) marks 180 years of gospel ministry to the least reached in London.

LCM was founded on 16 May, 1835, at a time when the mortality rate amongst cholera sufferers was rising and many charitable organisations were leaving the slums. Its mandate was to 'extend the knowledge of the gospel among the inhabitants of London (especially the poor), without any reference to denominational distinctions'.

Today, LCM continues to reach out and share the gospel with the city's least reached – the poor, the marginalised and the immigrant communities. With its calling to go to those who would not come to church, LCM and its ministry has never been needed more!

They share the good news of Jesus Christ with people like 64 year old Salvatore in Battersea. Salvatore was in contact with LCM missionaries for 30 years before he accepted Jesus to be his Lord and saviour last year.

Chief Executive, Graham Miller, said: "Praise God for the way he used our missionaries to patiently, sensitively and individually share the gospel with Salvatore, year in year out, until the Holy Spirit convicted Salvatore of his need for Christ. It's not easy and our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will equip our workers with the word of truth to bring more people like Salvatore to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

In partnership with The Bridge church in Battersea, LCM missionaries continue to meet regularly with Salvatore to help encourage and support him as he lives out his new faith.

On Sunday 17 May, churches across the UK and Ireland will join together for Mission Sunday. This is a time to remember all that God has done and is doing through London City Mission. It particularly focuses on the story of Salvatore and how he came to faith.

LCM has prepared a pack to help churches participate in this anniversary Sunday. Copies can be requested from Andrew Down (020 7234 3590 or churches@lcm.org.uk) or by visiting LCM's website www.lcm.org.uk/mission-sunday.

LCM continues to step out into new communities. Recently they commissioned five missionaries to work in new ministries in St Elisabeth's Dagenham, St Paul's Harold Hill, Kings Cross, Grove Chapel Camberwell, and New Life Church Croydon.

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Note to Editors:



1. The London City Mission exists to serve the church of London in sharing the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ with the least reached of London. We do this because London needs Jesus.
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3. The attached photos can be used solely in conjunction with this press release, but please credit them to London City Mission.

Captions:

- Missionary Phil Moore (left) with Salvatore.
- The original minutes from the inaugural meeting of London City Mission.