



## Further Outlook

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#### **Faithful Friends - Thank You!**

Steve Buck gives his heartfelt thanks to everybody who has been supporting this ministry - Further Outlook. It has been a very exciting journey over the months of 2011 and it is your fellowship, prayers and partnership that has enabled the lives of a number of people transformed for the good.

Further Outlook connects with people that would not usually feel comfortable attending the Sunday Services and outreach events. It involves engagement with many people from addictive lifestyle, socially exclusion and other faith backgrounds. Further Outlook also forms part of support networks for people that have been involved with the asylum and criminal justice system thereby working with statutory agencies like the police, probation service and social services. Further Outlook believes that rehabilitation and restoration is the heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The ministry works in collaboration and partnership with Churches and faith projects in the Black Country, Birmingham and beyond. The focus of the ministry is Jesus Christ, believing that it is the purpose and plan of God the Father for all people to share in the resurrection life of his Son! However, the expression of the gospel is emphasised mainly through the alternative Christian lifestyle that provides a basis of opportunity and platform to share the good news to those who ask! See 1 Peter 3: 8 – 16; Romans 12: 9 – 21.

#### **Faith Connections**

#### **Food Bank Replenish**

An important outworking of Steve's work with Further Outlook is Food Bank Replenish in Stourbridge. Regular contact is made with the service users who visit St John's Church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Many of those attending St Johns have issues of homelessness,

addiction, debt and mental health issues. Steve is present assisting the other Food Bank Replenish volunteers who offer support. Those service users who wish to do so, can request to build a mentoring relationship with Steve or another member of the Further Outlook team.

### **Hope Centre, Halesowen**

Steve continues to have close and regular involvement with the Hope Centre, Halesowen, connecting with families and individuals who need advocacy, befriending and spiritual help. A new Alpha course, requested by one of regular visitors, is planned for the autumn 2011.

### **Restore, Birmingham**

Restore is the Churches Together in Birmingham asylum arm. Steve continues to be a volunteer with Restore and has ongoing friendship and involvement with GM, and asylum seeker from Iran.

### **Further Outlook - Testimonies**

Here are just two of so many encouraging stories of how God has worked in people's lives in 2011.

**Peter Wamzee** is an asylum seeker from Somalia, who experienced homelessness and destitution in June 2011. He faced the prospect of returning to his place of birth, a region ravaged by famine and terrorism. As a Muslim background believer, his future would be uncertain should he be forced to return to his country of origin. Please read his story by accessing the Further Outlook website.

**Mark Taylor** was originally contacted through Food Bank Replenish three years ago having been a long term homeless rough sleeper and alcohol dependant. He has made good progress in 2011, engaging with people of the faith community. His appreciation of support received and heart for the homeless is demonstrated by hosting a Curry Night at Chawn Hill Church, Stourbridge, in October 2011. The purpose is to be a fund raising exercise for Food Bank Replenish. Again, you can read his story on the Further Outlook website.

**Please contact Steve Buck on any of the contact numbers should you want to know more about Further Outlook Ministry.**

### **Supporting "Further Outlook"**

**Further Outlook is a faith ministry. We thank God for people's generosity and all donations and gifts. For those interested more in giving on a regular basis, two options are available:**

#### **Stewardship**

**It is possible to support Further Outlook Ministry through Stewardship – transforming generosity. See [www.stewardship.org.uk](http://www.stewardship.org.uk). The Further Outlook account number is 20112131**

#### **Chawn Hill Foundation**

**Some people have chosen to support Further Outlook through the registered charity Chawn Hill Foundation. This is a local charity independent of any Church and established for support for Christian Workers. If you be interested in giving by this means, a Standing Order and Gift Aid form is available from Steve Buck.**

**Very many thanks!**