

URBAN MISSIONAIRES BASED IN ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Ben & Anni need to raise \$63,492.52 per year in order to run Streetlight. 73% of this goes directly to paying Ben's wages whilst 27% of this goes to other costs such as superannuation, administration, ministry costs and the like. The graph below gives a rough breakdown of the areas of Ben's role.



STREETLIGHT PARTNERSHIP

We currently have an account set up through our denomination through which we will receive wages from money fundraised, assisting us with accountability and transparency. We are seeking partnerships with ministry organisations to assist us with governance, management & support.



1 HOUR OF YOUR TIME

What might it look like to partner with Streetlight for 1 hour of your week?

PRAY

Pray for Ben, Anni and their children Zahra (3 yrs) & Obadiah (9 mth). Pray for our Volunteers. Pray for the young people we interact with.

GIVE


Commit to financially supporting the work of Streetlight. This ministry relies on the generous donations of everyday people.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer for Streetlight through connecting with young people, assisting with admin or providing other skills.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER
REGULARLY PARTNERING WITH US FINANCIALLY



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A form is also available. Please email anneka@streetlightcommunity.org



SUPPORTING BEN & ANNI ROWE

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TO SEE A TRANSFORMED COMMUNITY
WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EMPOWERED
TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL



STREETLIGHT

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WHAT IS STREETLIGHT?

In 2017, God opened the door for Ben to start connecting with young people at a large shopping centre in a low socio-economic area, just around the corner from the church he ministered in (Elizabeth, SA). In 2017, he saw that young people didn't come to the shopping centre to shop necessarily, but some for a sense of community – to see one and another and do life together. Often with nothing to do, some young people started engaging in stealing, fighting and other destructive behaviours.

Starting with just a hacksack and a few nail polishes, Ben and his wife Anni started building relationships one by one with troubled teens between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Focused on seeing Christian volunteers from local churches walk alongside these young people present in community, Streetlight became not only a 'hang out' for young people, but became a community. Streetlight seeks to see the church in community – journeying alongside young people where they are at.

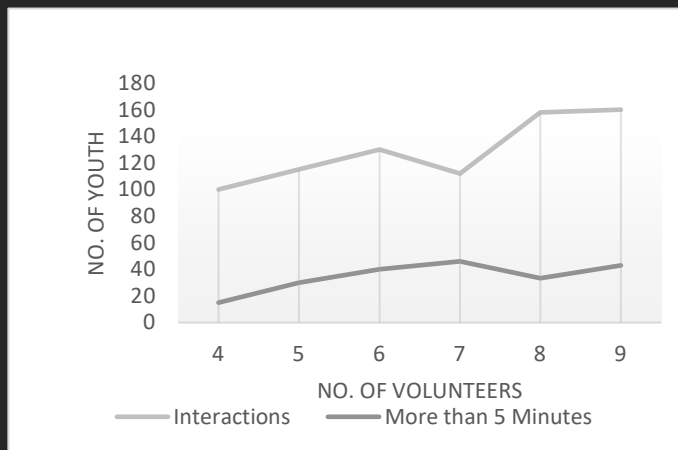
'... building relationships, developing trust and discovering the potential that lies deep within the heart of each young person we encounter.'

WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING TO YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY?

In Elizabeth, South Australia, currently only 27% of young people finish year 12 (compared with 51% nationwide.) And the unemployment rate in Elizabeth is 22% (compared with 6.9% nationwide). One statistic that stood out was that over 50% of families in Elizabeth are single parents. Streetlight seeks to meet these young people right where they are, journeying alongside them, calling out the potential within.

WHAT WE BELIEVE WE CAN DO

Young people tend to hang out in public spaces to see one another and do life together in community. We're joining them – and they love it. Together with 5 local churches, we interact with an average of 110 young people during Thursday's late night trading hours with approximately 40 conversations being more than 5 minutes. The graph below shows that the more volunteers we have present, the more interactions which lead into longer conversations.



Last year, Ben alone saw 10 young people from Streetlight attend the youth group he was leading and 4 attend youth camp.

We believe Jesus displayed an awesome model of discipleship. When he could have chosen 100, he chose just 12 people to journey & do life with, empowering them & helping them to discover their potential.

'WE WANT TO SEE 20 STREETLIGHT VOLUNTEERS JOURNEY WITH 3 YOUNG PEOPLE EACH'

This could mean supporting a young person through adolescent struggles such as bullying and abuse. It could mean encouraging a young person to finish high school or enrol in university when their families are not. It could also mean seeing a young person attend a local youth group, seeing their life transformed and allowing Jesus to guide their path.

"Streetlight has brought people together. Having streetlight around has got me out of trouble like fights, stealing....hanging around people at streetlight has been a good influence on my life" – Laura

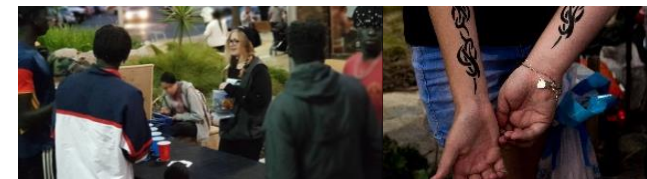
Laura met us in 2017, and completed year 12 in 2018



#STREETLIGHTHANGS

Through creating a fun, safe and welcoming environment, in a local area, relationship opportunities increase. We encourage young people to engage in FREE activities such as nail painting, henna, spray tattooing, water pong (adapted from beer pong) and other games. In the winter months when the nights get cool, we add a patio heater, some hand knitted blankets and hot chocolates. And on hot summer nights, we bring out the misting fan, cold water & zooper doopers. All materials are donated and supplied by local churches.

We have had opportunities to operate Streetlight at council events, school open days and church events. Our vision is to see the local church involved in ministering to young people in an authentic, relatable way in community; where young people are. Therefore, into the future we can see Streetlight present at many different locations.



STREETLIGHT SURVEY

After surveying some young people at Streetlight one night, we found that many knew of local services, but responded that they wouldn't use them. Majority responded that they liked being with other youth in a positive environment at Streetlight. Bullying was experienced by almost everyone with mental health also being quite common. We believe these young people need someone to journey with them,