
Festival Manchester

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THE IMPACT OF YOUR
Partnership

MORE THAN 300
PARTNERING CHURCHES

1,100
VOLUNTEERS

41 EVANGELISTIC
EVENTS

3-DAY
CULMINATION FESTIVAL

MORE THAN
65,000 PEOPLE
REACHED IN PERSON WITH THE GOOD NEWS

195,000 PEOPLE
REACHED VIA THE SPANISH LIVESTREAM OF THE FESTIVAL

MORE THAN
4,800 PEOPLE
RESPONDED TO THE GOSPEL

THANK YOU

FROM ANDREW PALAU

Praise God for the work He accomplished through you during this campaign in Manchester, England!

Partnering with The Message Trust, more than 300 local churches, and thousands of local believers, our effort together proclaimed the Gospel on a massive scale, introducing thousands of people to Jesus Christ in Manchester and throughout the entire region.

This report is a celebration of how God moved through our time spent in Manchester. As you read it, I pray you experience the same excitement and joy that our whole team experienced as we witnessed this move of God. And He is still at work! He is using us—you and me—to proclaim His truth, serve those in need, and bring hope to the hopeless.

My prayer is this: as we continue to work together in beautiful Manchester, as well as reach out to other cities and regions throughout the world, we would be friends for life. I pray you would know that your ongoing partnership with the Luis Palau Association is helping millions of people hear the Good News of Jesus Christ on a daily basis. It is changing countless lives and bringing hope to a world in desperate need.

I thank God for you. For your passion for the lost...for helping spread the Word...and for giving generously to blanket the world with the Gospel. Thank you once again for your partnership in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to Manchester. Together, we saw God move in tremendous ways!

Andrew Palau // Psalm 126:3

**“THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US,
AND WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.”**

FESTIVAL MANCHESTER

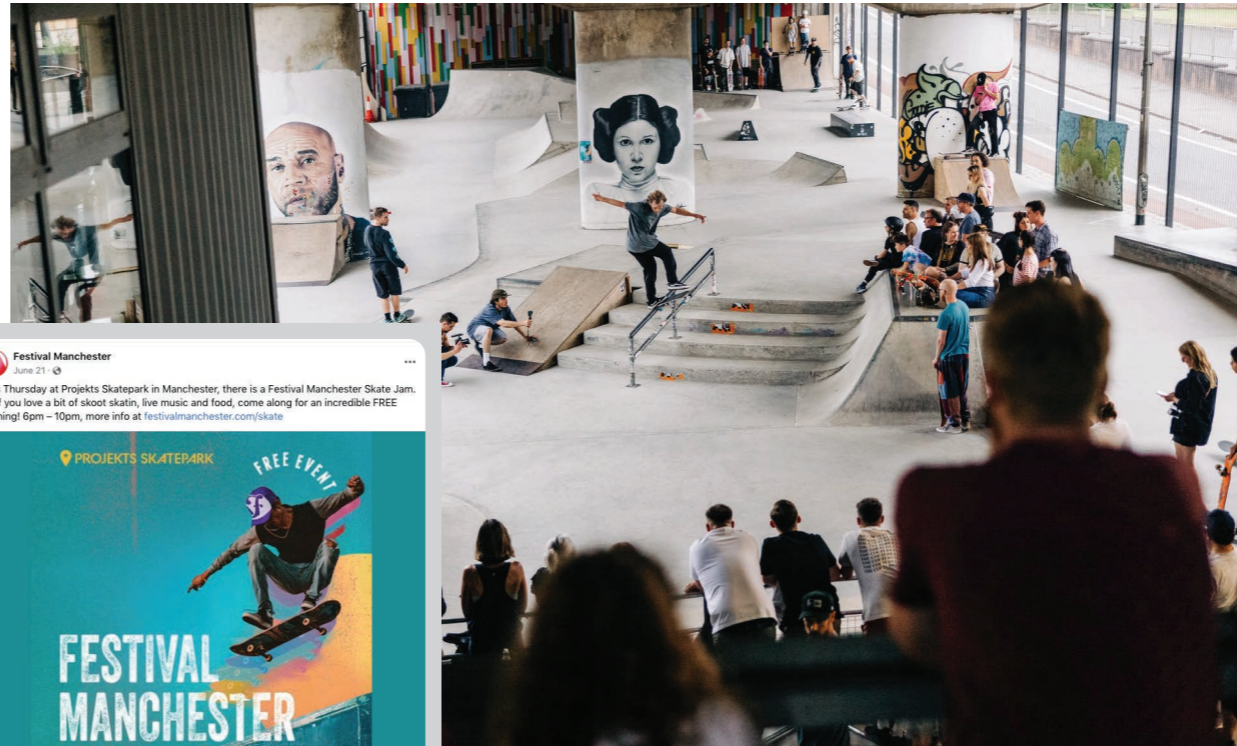
A POWERFUL INITIATIVE

This evangelistic campaign and region-wide service initiative couldn't have happened without friends like you. You helped reach Manchester with the Gospel in powerful and tangible ways.

In addition to the major evangelistic festival at Wythenshawe Park on July 1-3, this campaign included dozens of initiatives reaching key groups throughout the region.

Outreaches included events such as a skate night for youth, banquets for the homeless, a women's dinner, a business and civic leaders' dinner, a Latin outreach, prison ministry, and the festival itself. And over the past several months we have seen the Lord move through our school tours and youth work, our Friendship Evangelism Training, "Love Where U Live" outreaches, and so much more.

Prison Outreach: On Sunday, the team of sports evangelists joined Andrew during a prison outreach event. We were unable to take photos, but Andrew and Vic had the opportunity to lead the chapel service, share the Gospel, and minister to many of the men who joined them for the service.



SKATE OUTREACH: AN EVENING OF FREESTYLE SKATE SESSIONS, PLENTY OF PIZZA AND DRINKS, AND LIVE MUSIC LED TO ONE OF THE BAND MEMBERS SHARING HIS TESTIMONY ABOUT THE TRUE AND LASTING HOPE THAT JESUS OFFERS TO THE GROUP OF ABOUT 75 PEOPLE WHO HAD GATHERED.

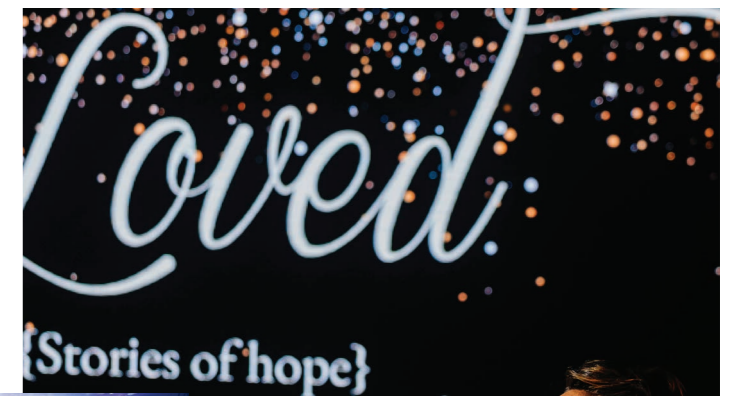


HOMELESS OUTREACHES: WE HELD 3 BANQUETS FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND ONE FOR WOMEN IN THE SEX INDUSTRY. AT EACH EVENT, THE GOSPEL WAS PRESENTED BY EITHER WENDY OR ANDREW, AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER FOLLOWED. OF THE 22 SEX WORKERS WHO CAME ALONG, 15 REQUESTED PRAYER AT THE END, AND ONE CAME TO CHURCH THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND AND GAVE HER LIFE TO JESUS.



STREET PARTY: HOSTED BY THE MESSAGE TRUST, THE EVENING LED TO OLYMPIAN ABIGAIL IROZURU SHARING HER TESTIMONY, IN PARTICULAR ABOUT HOW FOLLOWING JESUS IMPACTS HER APPROACH TO TRAINING AND COMPETING, AND WENDY SHARING THE GOSPEL, WHERE MANY WOMEN RESPONDED TO THE GOOD NEWS.

LATIN UNITY EVENT: OUR UNITY EVENT GEARED TOWARD SPANISH SPEAKERS BROUGHT TOGETHER LEADERS OF CHURCHES FROM THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES IN MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, AND BIRMINGHAM. THE LOCAL PASTORS WERE PASSIONATE AND IN AGREEMENT ABOUT THE NEED FOR UNITY ACROSS THE CHURCH AND FULL OF FAITH, TRUSTING A MOVE OF GOD ON THE HORIZON.



WOMEN'S DINNER: HUNDREDS OF WOMEN GATHERED FOR AN EVENING WHERE MANY COMMITTED THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST AFTER ACTRESS SALLY CARMAN SHARED HER TESTIMONY AND WENDY SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH A CLEAR INVITATION FROM THE FRONT TO ACCEPT JESUS.

CHANGED LIVES

We saw God move in mighty ways throughout our time in Manchester. One story paints the picture of how amazing God is at bringing in the harvest. At the Business and Civic Leader's dinner, Andrew had the opportunity to speak to a man named Ian. Inquiring if he had heard the Good News before, Ian shared that he never had. That night, he responded to the Gospel and was so happy to have encountered Jesus at this event.

When asked about what moved him to say yes to Jesus, Ian shared, "That's easy, the plane crash," referencing Andrew's testimony that he shared that night underneath the wings of Concorde, which included the encouragement that God never promises tomorrow, but He has a purpose for our lives today.

"God saved you for a purpose, and I always felt that God had saved me for a purpose," he told Andrew, revealing the cuts on his wrists, and explaining that he was saved from death when he had cut himself previously. He knew that someday, somehow, for some reason, God saved him that day. Yet, he had always wondered why he didn't die... "Now I know what my purpose is." His purpose was to meet Jesus and be saved, which we had the pleasure of witnessing at this outreach event.

**THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL.
PEOPLE ARE LONGING FOR THE GOOD NEWS. BE ENCOURAGED,
YOUR EFFORTS ARE YIELDING FRUIT!**



AS PART OF THE BUSINESS & CIVIC GALA, ANDREW SHARED ABOUT AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 331, WHICH CRASHED IN JAMAICA ON DECEMBER 22, 2009. ANDREW, ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY AND 149 OTHER PASSENGERS, WERE ON BOARD. ANDREW WRITES ABOUT THIS EVENT IN HIS BOOK, "THE SECRET LIFE OF A FOOL."



SO THERE WAS

great joy

IN
THAT CITY.

ACTS 8:8



KEY ELEMENTS

A MULTIFACETED APPROACH

LOVE WHERE U LIVE // Love Where U Live projects were five-day social action projects for local communities. Partnering with local churches, public and third sector organisations, businesses, and the civic community in the area, volunteers delivered various physical improvements to houses and public spaces, restoring pride and hope to residents and building relationships. For those experiencing homelessness, we worked to connect them to support services. These missional projects allowed us to pray for residents and hold numerous conversations about faith, opening many to the idea of beginning a life with Jesus. We delivered 41 Love Where U Live projects across the boroughs of Greater Manchester in the lead-up to Festival Manchester.

SOUL CHILDREN // Working in partnership with The Message Trust, Chip Kendall, and Soul Children Ministries, Festival Manchester helped launch an ongoing community choir concept drawing thousands of young people together around music and faith. Using the festival as the catalyst, the team worked with local schools and churches to set up a community choir in each borough throughout the city. Not only did this create an ongoing network for kids to engage with the local church, but it also resulted in a 300-piece children's choir that performed at the festival each night.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS // The local church is at the heart of everything that we do. We believe that partnerships among churches are vital to help best meet the needs of the local community and ensure a thriving, sustainable, evangelistic culture in the region. Before the festival, our team equipped God's people to pray and share the Gospel with friends, family, and neighbours. Believers gathered monthly to pray for the festival, and locals committed to praying for every street in Greater Manchester prior to the festival. We partnered with over 300 local churches, ensuring that everyone who responded to the Good News of Jesus during Festival Manchester was adequately followed up with by a local church and was offered help to strengthen their faith through ongoing discipleship.



A Lasting Legacy

EMMA OWEN (PICTURED HERE SERVING AT THE FESTIVAL) GAVE HER LIFE TO CHRIST WHEN LUIS PREACHED THE GOSPEL AT QPR STADIUM IN LONDON IN 1984. NOW, 38 YEARS LATER, SHE WAS A KEY PART OF FESTIVAL MANCHESTER, NOT ONLY COUNSELLING OTHERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE GOOD NEWS AT THE FESTIVAL, BUT ALSO LEADING THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL WOMEN'S OUTREACH EVENT.

FESTIVAL FRIENDS // We recruited and trained believers to volunteer at all the festival events to have simple conversations with festival-goers about the Gospel. The goal was to ensure that anyone seeking Jesus, or wanting to know more about Him, could do so during Festival Manchester.



THE CULMINATING FESTIVAL

THREE DAYS OF OUTREACH

The evangelistic festival included a lineup of fantastic performers from the likes of Goodboys, Lecrae, Matt Redman, Guvna B, Kingdom Choir, LZ7, Soulbox, Philippa Hanna, Brightline, OTC, Amongst Wolves, Galactus Jack, Soul Children's Choir, Saintz, and Sovereign. Andrew Palau, Andy Hawthorne, and Ben Jack shared clear Gospel messages and challenged those in the crowd—and those who tuned in online—to give their lives to Jesus Christ. The three-day free festival also hosted a funfair, a Kids Zone, a skatepark, and multiple presentations of the Gospel.

WE ARE CELEBRATING ALL THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THIS CAMPAIGN AND THE MANY LIVES CHANGED FROM THIS EFFORT.

A Lasting Legacy

MATT REDMAN (PICTURED HERE AT THE MANCHESTER FESTIVAL IN 2022) ATTENDED THE 1984 MISSION TO LONDON, AND UPON HEARING THE GOOD NEWS FROM LUIS, GAVE HIS LIFE TO CHRIST. NOW A GRAMMY AWARD WINNING MUSICIAN, HE HAS MINISTERED WITH THE PALAU TEAM ON MANY OCCASIONS, INCLUDING FESTIVALS IN TIMES SQUARE AND CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK. HE ALSO LED WORSHIP AT LUIS PALAU'S MEMORIAL SERVICE IN 2021.



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A Lasting Legacy

PAULA (PICTURED HERE SERVING AT FESTIVAL MANCHESTER) DID NOT COME FROM A CHRISTIAN HOME BUT WAS INVOLVED IN A YOUTH GROUP. THE GROUP SHE ATTENDED INVITED HER TO THE 2003 MANCHESTER FESTIVAL. THERE, SHE RESPONDED TO THE GOSPEL AND DEDICATED HER LIFE TO CHRIST. 19 YEARS LATER, SHE WAS HERE AT FESTIVAL MANCHESTER, SERVING AS A LEADER IN THE KIDS' AREA. PRAISE GOD FOR LASTING FRUIT LIKE PAULA.



UNDER 18'S WERE GIVEN A AAA PASS WHERE THEY COULD ACCESS SIMPLE EVANGELISTIC TOOLS AND REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP

Praise God for the great harvest through Festival Manchester. And praise God for the work He will continue to do through the unity, partnership, and excitement initiated by this campaign.

Because of our work together, we were able to lift up the Gospel to the entire region and lay the groundwork for years to come. This was the largest citywide, evangelistic campaign in England in a generation, and we were able to touch and encourage Manchester in a powerful way. And your partnership helped make it all possible.

Continue to pray with us for the seeds planted at Festival Manchester. Pray that those who heard the Good News, but maybe did not respond at the festival, continue to seek the Lord and turn to Him. Pray also for those who made commitments to Jesus Christ through this effort, that they would continue to be led by the Lord and encouraged in their new-found faith.



“FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES” **ROMANS 1:16**



**"HE SAID TO THEM,
'GO INTO ALL THE WORLD
AND PREACH THE GOSPEL
TO ALL CREATION.'"**

MARK 16:15



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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