



## Update June 2015

Well after a busy couple of weeks with application forms, emails, phone calls we have some exciting news on the progress of Operation Christmas Child in our area.

As some of you are aware a number of people have applied for voluntary positions within an Area Team.

I am pleased to tell you that I have accepted the role of Area Coordinator for the Wigan area which is quite a big area as it is anywhere with a WN postcode so Skelmesdale to Leigh and everything in between and Sue has accepted the role of Church Relations Coordinator.

There are still roles to fill which include;

**Church Relations** – This involves building relations with other churches in the area to come on board with OCC. If Churches are already involved we then aim to give support and again help them grow in their involvement with OCC and Samaritan's Purse and pray that this will lead to the area team growing.

**Community Relations** – This is like Church relations but in schools, businesses and local groups in the area. We are aiming to not only help the Area Team grow but also Beacon Church: Beebies; Beacon Kids; Youth Club and Ignite.

**Media Relations** – This would involve contacting local radio, newspapers and social media to promote OCC and the work that Samaritan's Purse do and possibly use these channels to fundraise either in the form of monetary donations to send shoeboxes or items to go into the shoeboxes.

**Logistics Team** – Organising and arranging vehicles and drivers for collections from schools, churches etc.

**Prayer Relations** – Giving support by prayer by asking for prayer for individuals, churches and the various aspects of OCC. The more relations we build up with other churches the bigger the prayer chain.

**Administrative Support** – Assisting the Area coordinator to provide organisation and communication.

Each of these areas will have a coordinator and a team working with them.

The above need to be applied for on the **Team Application Form**

**Warehouse Team** – This will include

**People to check the shoeboxes.**

**Drivers**

**Treasury Team.**

**First Aider**

These positions are for people who want to help but don't feel they can go out and talk to groups about OCC and Samaritan's Purse and are applied for on the **General Help Application Form.**



**BEACONCHURCH**

**Ministry Team** - We are looking at having a quiet time every day when the checking starts which will involve someone coming and giving a short talk while people are having a drink and cake. This is something as a team we would like to do as we want to use this opportunity to grow relations within the community and share the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ with them.

If you would like to know more about Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child please feel free to speak to me.

Please continue to pray for this venture and for me and the growing team that we can share the gospel with people in our community and children and their families around the world through the gift of a shoebox. Thank you.

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