## What we've given away



The early church are described in the book of Acts as being together and having everything in common.



They sold property and possessions to release finance and give to anyone who had need. The result of which was that "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2.42-47)

This is an amazing picture of a rapidly growing church, where people who had just received the generous gift of God (forgiveness for sin, a new begining in life and a new power enabling them to live as God intended), responded very practically with generous giving. Immediately, those who were able to do so began to give with a new-found generosity, desiring to help those in need and see people lifted out of poverty.

The early church gave to help the poor; start new churches and strengthen existing churches (Acts 13:1-3; 16:1-5; 1 Corinthians 8:1-14).

This is why every year we give away a proportion of our income (from regular giving and gift days). It is because of the generous giving of the church family at King's in 2016-17, we've been able to give away over £115,000! "Where to?", I'm sure you're wanting to ask. Well, here's some of the highlights for the year...

## Some of the ways we've helped start, support and strengthen local and international churches

We gave: £10,106.00 to Life Church Sheringham to help finish their building; £12,125.00 to Kingsgate Church, Great Yarmouth, to release ministry to serve the church, helping them step into a new season; £500 to Grace Because of the generous giving of the church family at King's in 2016-17, we've been able to give away over £115,000!

Church Stockholm, to cover flights for some of their students and 20s to attend the 'Sent' conference; over £16,000 to Relational Mission to support all we're doing together in starting and strengthening churches across the world.

Some of the ways we've given emergency aid & empowered the poor in our city and the nations

We gave: £3000.00 to Norwich foodbank; £6,414.58 to help refugees coming to live in Norwich; £1000 to an orphanage in Peru; £23,399.00 to our friends in Kenya. This has helped provide education, essential training and investing in infrastructure, enabling people to be empowered to walk free from poverty; we also gave £34,715.00 to help feed families in Kenya affected by one of the worst droughts East Africa has seen in decades.

I'm so grateful to be part of a church family that is so generous and is learning together to "excel in the grace of giving" (2Corinthians 8:7).

Together we're able to make a huge difference in the lives of many people, thank you!

#### Stuart Jones & Toby Skipper

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